

Memorandum

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There are three topics currently making their way through ADAC of interest to Faculty Senate:

1. **Course Alignment** Associate Vice President and Deputy Provost Greg Fant has identified 36 classes that are taught on five of the NMSU campuses. The alignment process to ensure classes are the same across all campuses will begin with these. The courses are listed below:

ACCT221	CHEM111G	ENGL211G	MATH190G
ANTH125G	COMM265G	GOVT100G	MATH192G
ART101G	ECED115	GOVT150G	MATH210G
ART150	ECED255	HIST201G	PHYS215G
C EP110G	ECON251G	HIST202G	PHYS215GL
C J101G	EMD101	HNDS251	PSY201G
C J205	EMD250	MATH111	SOC101G
C J210	ENGL111G	MATH120	SOC201G
C S110	ENGL203G	MATH121G	SPAN111

Discussion on “aligning” these courses will begin sometime in the future. Once completed, other courses taught on more than one campus will be aligned as well.

2. **Course Renumbering** In conjunction with the course alignment, the process to renumber courses into the “business” model continues.
3. **Evaluation of undergraduate international transfer credits** There is a need to change the way in which undergraduate international transfer credits are evaluated to try to speed-up the process. The processes used by 14 peer institutes have been researched to see if there is a process that could be adapted to be suitable for NMSU. The initial favorite seems to be one modeled after that of Kansas State’s. The students have the option of sending their transcript to a credential service (and paying for it themselves) or directly to the university. Those sent to the credential service can/will be acted on more quickly by NMSU than those sent directly to NMSU. Discussions still continue.

Other topics and items being followed are:

1. Status of propositions 08-12/13 “A Memorial Requesting a Change in Policy Regarding Graduate Assistant Pay Schedule” and 09-12/13 “A Resolution Changing the Number of Credit Hours Required or Full Time Status of Graduate Students”. Both were passed by the Senate and signed by former Interim President Pacheco last year but have not been acted on.
2. Changing the undergraduate catalog phrase indicating satisfactory performance from “C or better” to “C- or better” to be consistent with Banner’s current implementation.
3. Status of teaching across state lines and how it will affect our programs.

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4. NMSU's evolving position on MOOCs.
5. ADAC response to the Huron report on distance education at NMSU.