

Senate Chair's Report

October 3, 2013

Another month has come and gone, and here we are again. I'm pleased to welcome President Carruthers today.

Activities

Aside from meetings with the University Executive Committee, the Academic Deans Council and various and sundry other search committees and task committees, I've been doing the same things we all do: Preparing and teaching my classes and working with my research students.

In the course of these other meetings, I've learned that we need some Senate or faculty representatives. Particularly urgent needs at this time are the following:

1. We are short several Senators. The Colleges that are short have been notified and I look forward to meeting our new colleagues in November. We are also short two (I'm pretty sure the number is two) College-track Senators. As soon as that number is confirmed I will send out a call for nominations, along with requirements for nominees.
2. The Faculty Grievance Review Board election needs to be held this term. Look for the call for nominations next week.
3. The Alumni Association International Board of Directors needs a Senate representative. Under their by-laws the Senate must elect this representative.
4. The ASNMSU Publication and Review Board needs a faculty representative.

Meetings

I met with ADC and UEC. The "incentive" to get students into the stadium for Football games was proposed and discussed. The matter of the State's funding "formula" has been discussed, as has the matter of Massively Open Online Courses (a/k/a MOOCs). MOOCs are under discussion in other places as well. If the Senate feels a need to have a voice at this stage, please let me know.

Finally, the Regents of NMSU will be holding a special meeting on Saturday in Albuquerque. This meeting will be joint with the Regents of our sister institution in Albuquerque. There are no action items on the agendas. Matters to be discussed are: Funding Formulas, Capital Outlay, Lottery Scholarships, and Education Reform. I am unable to attend this meeting due to a prior University obligation I cannot change. Vice Chair Munson-McGee will be attending on behalf of the NMSU Faculty and Senate.

Issues for Academic Year 2013-14

The Senate's standing committees are continuing to investigate the issues assigned to them. I look forward to their reports and any legislation they deem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Chair 2013-14