

Faculty Senate Chair Report for November 2016 Senate Meeting
Submitted 11.2.16 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown

- **AAG Meeting** – Next meeting is 11.4.16, so I don't have updates on specific bills. That said, we have gotten some clarity on how matters that come out of the AAG for Academic track that are NOT put in play by faculty, will move to the Senate. As stated in ARP Rule 1.10, people moving policy or rules that are assigned to Academic Track must enlist a Senate Sponsor to introduce a bill to move the policy or rule. The Policy or Rule Sponsor can be on the Senate bill as a Senate co-sponsor, but the lead sponsor on the Senate Bill must be a Senator.
- **UAC meeting** – last meeting saw first read on bills on a new Rule for Faculty Credentials, a new Rule on intellectual property rights, revision of Policy related to the structure of Board of Regents, and repeal of Rule 4.40 on financial exigencies, as this is now handled elsewhere in the Policy Manual and ARP. We also took action/final read on bills to change the name of the Employee Health Center to Employee Assistance Program (passed), put forward new policy on how NMSU invests its “cash on hand,” (passed), and a Policy item to revise how the Athletics Department handles relevant matters (passed). A bill on Faculty Care Leave policy has coming to the Senate for informal comment, and I have asked Rolfe and the SLC to review the policy. We also had a lively discussion on the proposed NMSU Values Statement, and we were all reminded of the mandatory compliance training that ALL NMSU employees are required to take.
- **ADC meeting** – last meeting was on 10.25.26, and we saw first read on items to move SCHs on Public Health degree to 120 and a name change that would change Women's Studies to Gender Studies. Final read and action was taken a bill to develop a new concentration in the BS kinesiology degree proposed by Bob Wood, DH of Kinesiology and Dance (passed). We also discussed Rule 5.14 Faculty Credentials Required of NMSU Instructors of Record (Stovall) and Rule 11.05 Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization (Boberg). Both have important implications for faculty, and we will be seeing these items come to us formally via the mechanism advanced by the AAG.
- **Regents meeting** – I attended the 10.19.16 Regents meeting and reported out on new Senate business, old Senate business, and anticipated Senate business. Resolutions to honor staff on the Employee Council and the people that helped with the relocation of the NMSU ABQ Center were passed unanimously by the Board. Most of this unexpectedly long meeting was taken up with discussion of work advanced by the Regents Student Success Committee and long and detailed reports by the Provost on Student Success efforts and the Chancellor on efforts to restructure and streamline NMSU operations.
- **New bills in the works** – In the last month, I have been approached by faculty with an interest in moving bills related to the following;
 - reducing VWW credit requirement from 6 to 3 units for veteran and active duty military that have served overseas,
 - changes to the Student Code of Conduct related to maintaining a respectful environment in the classroom, especially with respect to electronic devices in class (this will happen in Spring 2017),

- policy related to tenure of interim DHs and the process by which they often transition to permanent DHs (nothing seen of late), and
 - efforts to change the classification of Department Heads to Department Chairs (introduced in 11.3.16 meeting).
- Senate Chair Office Hours - as noted in an email that Britney sent out, I am holding office hours as required in the Senate Bylaws, Section C.1.k. Barring other things taking me away from my office, I will be in my office (Breland 149) from 1-2pm on Mondays and from 3-4pm on Wednesdays for the rest of the term. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your concerns with me, and I am also willing to meet at other times, or in your offices/labs if you are not able to make these hours.