

Report on the activities of the Vice-chair of the Faculty Senate January 2016

- Attended the ADAC meeting on 12-14-15.
 - There was discussion regarding Student Success Navigators. A workshop for faculty directly involved in student advising pertaining to the program on March 7 and March 31 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Dona Ana Room, 3rd floor, Corbett Center.
 - The midterm grading window was discussed to insure compliance with the associated Senate proposition.
 - The accreditation site visit was announced to be November 13-14, 2017.
 - Quality initiative was also discussed with efforts to meet with every department's faculty regarding emphasis on "Rethink Writing/Writing to Think."
 - HLC indicated a need to track student complaints and formation of a team to address issues at an institutional level with tracking down to the Department level.
 - A list of degree programs that could change their respective minimum number of required credit hours to 120 credits without negatively impacting the rigor or accreditation of those programs was presented, discussed, and the associated changes to the catalogue approved.
- Attended the Academic Deans Council, ADC.
 - A strong emphasis from the Board of Regents to reduce all programs to 120 hours was discussed, but assurances were made that those programs requiring more credit hours because of accreditation would not be expected to decrease degree requirements to that level.
 - The Masters of Engineering program proposal was presented for a first reading.
 - The General Education Summit was described and NMSU's role in that process.
 - The concept of meta-majors was presented as a mechanism to guide undecided students during their first few semesters.
- Attended the Naming Committee of the University Administrative Council
 - Recommendation was made to name a room in Aggie Memorial Stadium for Lori Paulson.
 - Enrollment figures were reported, to date, with a 1.2% decrease for Spring 2016 while applications are up 32% for Fall 2016.
 - State appropriations will likely not show an increase ("best hope" is to have no decrease).
 - Faculty who travel to Santa Fe for the legislative session are requested to contact Ricardo Real to help coordinate with University priorities.
 - Efforts to renew the University accreditation were discussed. Additionally, efforts pertaining to the general education summit, meta-majors, and the common core numbering system were mentioned.
 - Founders Day will be April 15, 2016 and will emphasize a tribute to the military and the 100th anniversary of the ROTC.