

**Faculty Senate Chair Report for December 2016 Senate Meeting**  
**Submitted 12.1.16 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown**

- **AAG Meeting** – AAG did NOT meet last month, and the only item to come our way was an issue concerning who would sit on the campus wide computer security committee. Rolfe and I both agreed this was Admin track, the first and second read on this was held at the UAC meeting earlier this month. Also, as noted in the last report, 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; this best done as the policy or rule change is sent to the AAG to avoid a delay later in the process. 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** – Final votes were held on “Recommendation regarding Proposal to revise Rule 7.20.42 - Faculty Care Leave” and “Recommendation regarding Proposed New Regents Policy 6.00 - Academic Matters.” Both items passed. First and second reads were held on “Recommendation regarding Proposal to revise Regents Policy 4.65 - Security Clearance” which passed, and the ALTA Core Values Statement that I sent to the Senate email list last month for input is moving along. I did not receive any input from Senators, so I sent in 5 items I thought were important, noting these were MY suggestions, and not the voice of the full Senate.
- **ADC meeting** – Owing to a curriculum review meeting called by the Associate Deans of Academics in A&S and ACES, I was not able to attend the 11.29.16 ADC meeting. Melissa Gwynn attended on my behalf, and she noted that a lively discussion occurred on decentralizing career placement, the Quality Initiative, and Assessment and Accreditation. No formal action was held. Melissa provided a Senate report on our behalf, but I have yet to digest the notes she took. Interested Senators are invited to contact me if interested in more detail on the meeting.
- **Regents meeting** – The next Regents meeting is the end of term meeting to be held on 12.9.16, and the agenda is not yet available. Regent Policy 6.00 that is part of the process of revising the Regents Policy Manual and that the Senate passed last meeting, will be heard, but I don’t know what else will be on the agenda.
- **Senate Chair and Vice Chair evaluations** – the Bylaws call for semiannual performance reviews of both the Chair and Vice Chair. The process in the Bylaws is very extensive and involves the SLC, all SC chairs, the Provost, and deans and DHs of the Chair and Vice Chair. I spoke with both Stuart Munson McGee and Provost Howard, and neither remember this policy being implemented as stated in the past 5 years. At Rolfe’s suggestion, we offered to provide the Provost short self-reports at the end of each term highlighting key areas of work and accomplishments, and the Provost accepted this proposal. Unless Rolfe or I hear to the contrary we will proceed accordingly, and I would also like to explore discussions about revising the bylaws in Spring term.
- **Other issues in the works** – Owing to discussions with the Provost and his staff, we can expect action on the following issues, all of which will require active faculty input via Senate action.

- **Centralized Academic Advising** – This idea came out of the presentations that Tim Rennick from Georgia State had made at NMSU in the last 6 months, and The Provost is leaning quite heavily towards a model of campus-wide centralized u/g advising. I invite interested Senators to engage with their DHs and Deans to insure their views are part of the discussion.
- **Experiential Learning** – The Regents Student Success Committee is discussing the merits and mechanics of students participating in both on and off campus experiential learning exercises. Discussions are in the earliest of stages, and we can expect to see a Regent that is on this committee to visit with us in the future.
- **General Education Revisions (GE)** - A Provost's Office GE TF has met for the last 10 months, and both they and the statewide TF are moving towards finalizing a draft of the changes that are being considered. I am working with the TF members to work out the best way to engage faculty outside the TF and the Senate, and I will be in touch as these discussions unfold.
- **Senate Chair Office Hours** - I continue to hold Senate Chair office hours in my office (Breland 149) from 1-2pm on Mondays and from 3-4pm on Wednesdays. I invite people to 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.