NMSU Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report
December 2019 Report, November 2019 Activity
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Attended President/ Provost/FS Leadership Update Meeting
- Cancelled

Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meetings
- See Chair Report

Attended Associate Deans Academic Council (ADAC) Meetings
I attended November 11 meeting, 1-3pm
- Common Course Numbering – crosswalk is being worked on
- First reads for Minors in Social Media Management and Strategic Communications; Chemistry MS and PhD Curriculum changes, Minor in Archeology
- Department Annual Reporting Processes discussed as there are many that often occur at the same time and there seems potential to align various reports and a vision for a common data set; noted that a central calendar for this would be nice.
- Goal Team 4 discussion noted regarding suggestions to improve efficiency and effectiveness and current conversations about issues of communications especially at the department head and administrative assistants level.
- Noted that external review team for diversity would be on campus the following week.

Attended NMSU Faculty Advisory Committee for Technology (FACT) Meeting
I am member-at-large for NMSU FACT, attended the November 8 meeting, some notes as follows:
- CIA Update; cia.nmsu.edu;
  - many workshops offered i.e. see https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Idviqybfo5CAregn6F9DY9jV2fdtfv2o/view
  - requested ideas for new workshops and given – adobe products, qualitative evaluation software like NVIVO and MaxQDA, basic MA Office, multiple levels of MS, LaTex for math and CS majors
  - Supercomputer open house on November 11, 1-3pm, Computer Center room 136
- ICT Update (Norma)
  - Cybersecurity discussed again, focus on Ransomware. LCPS was hit hard and still down, NM Highlands was hit and they had to close for 11 days, etc. That is why you see the new blurb at the top of our emails.
  - NMSU homepage moving to new CMS, Cascade.
  - Updates on Converge (marketing), SLATE
- Academic Technology Update
  - Canvas outage was worldwide
  - Qual evals related
    - Please spread the word that end of semester qualitative evals need to be set up at the department level and they can no longer do the "one-off" custom evals for individuals
    - U of Oregon presentation through Teaching Academy
      - We are further ahead on technology solutions than U of Oregon
      - Looking at new Watermark EvalKIT qualitative data analysis tool $5k implementation and $5k a year, Will put forward to IT Governance
      - Need improvements to map eval data to manually cross-listed courses in Canvas

- Request for guidance on how to apply qual eval to online teaching - wording of questions may introduce bias for online courses
  - OTL program has done some qualitative - Julia has example - [NMSU OTL End of Course Survey](#)
  - U of Oregon did have a sample of an online survey
- Zoom update
  - IT Governance approved Zoom, Waiting for final approval from president, Site license
- "Eye of Sauron" visibility indicator in Canvas course navigation menu shows which course navigation tools are visible to students
- MS beta immersion tool in Canvas forthcoming

NMSU Online TaskForce Meeting
- I was out of town for 11/20 meeting, though I did review the notes. I will attend this week.
- *I recommend that we do an update from NMSU Online Taskforce in Spring 2020.*
- Issues noted for discussion at 12/4/19 meeting.
  - NMSU Las Cruces Campus Distance Education Committee, Need to establish per [NMSU ARP 4.69](#)
  - Part 2 Roles and Responsibilities Including Campus Distance Education Committee(s)
    - **Campus Distance Education Committee(s)**: Each campus within the NMSU system will have a distance education committee whose membership is determined by the campus academic officer in consultation with campus faculty. Each campus distance education committee will review and coordinate its campus' distance education activities with their respective campus chief academic officer, and with the distance education director.
  - NMSU CC DE Committees
  - When end of NMSUOTF? Timing, ultimately determined by what happens with VP for Digital Learning position.

Other Items and Activities
- Attended ACES Pre-Faculty Senate meeting lunch, November 7, 2019
- Attended meeting – President/Provost/ASNMSU/FS Leadership Meeting re: Qualitative Evaluation, December 2, 8-9am
- Attended Faculty Forum hosted by President, Faculty Senate, December 2, 10am-12pm
- Attended Search Committee Meeting for Vice Provost of Digital Learning Initiatives, November 15 and December 3, 2019
- Attended meeting – Provost Parker and Senate Leadership Committee, November 14, 4-5pm, 2019; I have December 19 that there is one scheduled but that is past faculty availability date…