

NMSU Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report–January 2021 Activity Submitted by Susan E. Beck

Associate Deans Academic Council

Date: January 11

Graduate Course with Undergraduate Prerequisites: Shelly Stovall circulated a spreadsheet of graduate courses with undergraduate prereqs and requested that Associate Deans add to this with any courses that have been updated for this cycle that are not shown on the list.

Registration Errors: Jennifer Hodges noted that CAASS will be handling registration errors. CAASS is completing this process on an individual student basis and looking for trends in the data.

Date: January 25

Classroom Technology: Diana Dugas announced the current focus is to ensure that all instructors have the equipment that they need. Classroom technology is in the process of creating three studio/conference spaces for instructors to use. Diana's team is seeking room suggestions from around campus and to gauge interest in such spaces. She also noted that there will be additional equipment for instructors check borrow, such as document cameras, iPads, and tripods.

9 Credit Hour Rule: We had a lengthy conversation about the 9-credit hour rule for general education – do these 9 credits have to be outside of the major or can students double dip? The catalog doesn't explicitly say, but there should be consistency across campus. Jennifer Hodges noted that current uses of this rule involve double dipping in the major. Kori Plank will draft new language for the next catalog to clarify this rule.

Course Administered by Multiple Units: Some courses are offered by departments but funded by the Honors College and these courses are not visible to the Honors college in the Courseleaf systems, making it difficult to track and expand honors course offerings. Anne Hubbell and Kori Plank will seek suggestions on how to list Honors courses more effectively. There were several suggestions tossed around and the topic will be resumed at a later time.

Grad School: The Graduate School has released funds to registered Graduate students to cover six credit hours of Spring tuition.

University Program Approval Committee

Date: January 21

Draft Guidelines: Reviewed draft guidelines based on the University of Arizona's guidelines. What is included in the guidelines are things HED or HLC already require. HED is requiring details on the Library resources available to support the new program and will need to be added to the guidelines. What is included in the guidelines are things HED or HLC already require. HED is requiring details on the Library resources available to support the new program and these will need to be added to the guidelines. Will continue to develop the guidelines.

Other considerations: What type of concentrations need to be reviewed? (for example: Interdisciplinary programs); Inactivation of programs (not currently designated in ARP on who approves; currently having Academic Dean and Provost approve)

Next meeting: Will include a PES+ database demo and training from Gray Associates. Will also begin reviewing new and modified programs that have been submitted using draft guidelines.