

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

December 2021/January 2022 by Julia Parra

Academic Deans Council

Currently, I am attending Acting Provost Scott's meetings titled Deans/Faculty Senate Chair meetings. We met on January 25, 2022.

- Chancellor Arvizu provided an update regarding upcoming interim and permanent searches for provost. From this meeting it is my understanding that he is going to do the interim provost identification with the registry as quickly as possible and plans to include faculty senate, deans, relevant administrators, and provost direct contacts for both interim and permanent scenarios.
- Additionally, reports were provided indicating that the searches for the deans of Colleges of HEST & Business and the search for Chief Information Officer are making progress.

University Administrative Council (UAC) meetings

See the [University Administrative Council](#) site for UAC information and minutes that have much more information. We did not meet in December or January and will meet February 8.

Board of Regents Meeting/s

See the [Regent Meetings site for notices, agendas, binders](#). See the [Regent Committees](#) page for membership and charters. A few notes:

- BoR Regular Meeting, December 9, 2021, [see related 214 page binder](#) that starts with the relevant meeting's business on page 78. There are various items of interest such as the Budget Adjustments and Campus building development and repairs. The next regular meeting is proposed for March 14, 2022.
- Student Success Meeting, January 10, 2022:
 - An overview of the Strategic Diversity Planning led by the Office of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity was shared by VP Linda Scholz.
 - Borderland and Ethnic Studies (BEST) at NMSU was shared by Dulcinea Lara.
 - Aggie Next Step Program Overview was provided by Laura Bittner and Newt McCarty.

Other items and activities

- **Native Peoples Commitment and Actions:** There is a group meeting with Chancellor Arvizu to discuss relevant critical issues. More to come...
- **Policy Steering Committee:** Senators are bringing forward ARP 4.68, Part 5, B due to concerns of problematic inactivation. We are using this to pilot the revisions made to the policy process in ARP 1.10 as related to interaction with Faculty Senate.
- **Faculty Talk:** Lauren Goldstein, Organizational Development Specialist, from the Chancellor's Office is setting up the workgroup that the Chancellor is tasking to address the issues brought up in the [03-2122 Resolution](#). Workgroup to include Faculty Senators, ICT, MarComm, HRS, General Counsel, and related Operational Policy Facilitator.
- **Learning Management Systems (LMS) Team:** 1) Noted that the Digital Learning Initiatives office is part of the restructured organization with direct report to the Chancellor; 2) Canvas representative provided some updates; 3) [Academic Technology Bootcamp course](#) is added to NMSU On-Demand. 4) The Digital Faculty Fellows are providing a Let's Talk Online Teaching event on Teaching During a Pandemic on February 4, this Friday at 9-10am [Online Via Zoom | Register HERE](#).

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- **Pandemic Action Team:** A popular question is When can I come back? See the Decision Tree on the [NOW Digital Signage page](#). It was noted that the new K95s should be in the vending machines at this time.
- **Parra Senate Chair Office Hours aka Lunch w/ Julz:** Wednesdays, 12-1:00, [Zoom link](#), email me if you need the link or phone information. If this day/time doesn't work for you, email me and we can schedule something else.

Next Meetings

March Senate Meeting

- March 3, 4:00 - 5:00pm MT

Senate Leadership Committee

- February 24, Thursday, 4:00-5:00

Standing Committees

- Budget and Resources - February 8, 4-5pm
- University Planning - February 9, 4-5pm
- Curriculum and Programming - February 10, 4-5pm
- Research and Creative Activities - February 15, 4-5pm
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - February 16, 4-5pm
- Student Success - February 17, 4-5pm

Of note, there is a calendar on the [NMSU Faculty Senate](#) site where Gloria adds additional access information including the Zoom meeting links, but you need to be on your campus or logged in to your VPN.

All meetings start at 4pm and will be held virtually in Zoom for the remainder of Spring 2022. We have set our meeting time back to 4-5pm since we are all now used to Zoom.

Senators, when you enter meetings, please open your Participants and Chat boxes, hover by your name in the Participants box and rename to include Senator to the beginning of your name. You can do this with the rename feature next to your name in the Participants box.

Our meetings are open to all faculty but we use cybersecurity strategies to keep our meetings as safe spaces. Using our full names supports this goal. Thus, anyone coming in with a phone number, please identify yourself and get help editing your name. If needed, hover by your name in the Participants box and rename to include your full name.

We send out the requisite attending information on Mondays or Tuesdays of the week the meeting/s occur. We send this information to the required and invited participants. If you want to attend a meeting, please email me, the relevant committee chair, and/or Gloria Podruchny for the attending information.

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