

Vice-Chair Report for March 2022.

Hello everyone! Here are the takeaways from the meetings I attended in Feb.

ADAC meeting 2/14

1. The advising center would very much like us to come up with a piece of legislation to lengthen the time of the registration period so it is 6 days, as per the conversation we had with Marisa. As a result, I wrote up a proposition (Prop 9) that will be discussed this month. Joe Lakey has also sent me some information about DFW grades and add dates that I can share at the student success meeting where Prop 9 will be discussed.
2. There is a huge shortage of minisemster 2 classes, and there are lots of NMSU-O classes, but students can't sign up for the NMSU-O classes. This seems like a longer-term problem that perhaps Faculty Senate should try to address once we get a new permanent provost.
3. The lack of backend support for Cascade, the program that hosts NMSU's websites, was noted and Phil Post was going to get in touch with Justin from Marcom about getting more help for people. HLC accreditation is coming up and we can't have any 404 not found errors.
4. Academic Program Review is inside a canvas shell and individual department heads have to do a lot of filling out of modules in order to get ready for HLC accreditation.
5. There was also a discussion about whether or not colleges should be waiving gen ed requirements for students to graduate. Apparently at least one college is waiving gen eds and a lot of people are upset about that. It sounds like a policy is needed to avoid that.

African American Affairs Committee meeting

1. Relocation and construction of the new space for Black Programs in Corbett is happening. Moises Morales, the new construction manager, showed everyone at the meeting the pictures of all the furniture and swatches of the material. The thought is that the place in Corbett should be ready in July maybe.
2. Linda Scholz gave a report about how DEI things are going. She is working on a strategic diversity plan for the university and asking the question, "What does HSI/MSI actually mean to the people who work here and study here?" Patrick Turner thinks that the DEI sector of NMSU should be doing more for the students in the short term (for example, working to recognize specific holidays, heritage months, and programs).

3. Some of the ongoing issues include diversification of faculty. While NMSU has 3 percent black students, it only has 1 percent black faculty. Questions being asked include where are job descriptions being sent, what materials are being required, and how implicit bias training for search committees and departments can be instantiated.
4. Diversity Council will be under the chancellor now and they will be rewriting their charge.
5. Various programs are getting space in Corbett but not everyone is accounted for. AAPI students and students with disabilities also want a place to hang out. LGBTQ programs and Disability Access Services swapped locations in Corbett.

ADAC Meeting 2/28/2022

1. More MS2 classes have been added to the schedule with the limited funding that is available.
2. There was a discussion of VWW and the wish of the Engineering college to not be required to do it. There was some discussion of re-shaping gen ed to include a) ethics training and b) diversity, and whether these are issues that can be folded into existing gen-ed classes. David Smith, who is in charge of gen ed, wants to revisit VWW when it makes sense to do so.
3. Graduate faculty status was also discussed. Should there continue to be some kind of review? It would be easy for the graduate school to just have department chairs check a box on the APR for people to continue to have grad faculty status. This would lighten the bureaucratic load.
4. Joe Lakey reported about midterm grades:

Midterm grades Spring 2022

Main campus midterm grades: 19,908

DFWU grades: 3319, about 15%

Number of A&S majors having multiple DFWU grades: 268, about 7 %

The associate dean of engineering said that the intervention needs to come much earlier than six weeks into the semester. Jennifer Hodges said that sometimes students who add classes after the first couple of days end up not being able to catch up.

Have a great break, everybody!

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