

NMSU Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report – Summer and August 2020 Activity Submitted, 2020 by Susan E. Beck

Associate Deans Academic Council Meetings

Dates: June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, August 24

- Barnes & Noble to Follett Bookstore transfer
- Planning for fall 2020 and balancing online and F2F instruction
- Revising course schedule with classroom assignments
- CoVID-19 syllabus statement <https://provost.nmsu.edu/faculty-and-staff-resources/syllabus-resources.html>
- Student concerns website: Development and processes <https://concerns.nmsu.edu/login>
- Experiential learning presentation by Trish Leyba and Jasiel Perez
- Univ Accounts Receivable drops: NMSU is requiring a 20% down payment of tuition for students with outstanding balances and if not made, students are disenrolled. Last year students were allowed to carry over up to \$5K in debt but that is no longer supported. Affects all NMSU students, system-wide.
- Navigate is an academic planning tool although still in beta mode. The system collocates degree plans and pathway maps, works alongside advising. It will need to be updated with accurate coding of pre and co-requisites but should be operational soon. David Smith is heading up this project.
- Spring schedule proofs are due early this year, on Sept 25th, because of the need to adjust for statewide common course numbering (CCN) which takes effect Fall 2021. CCN will have 4 letter acronym preceding the course. These already show up in the online schedule of classes.

Provost & President meetings

Dates: May 28, June 24, July 21, August 31

See Chair's report

Faculty Senate Leadership special meeting

Date: August 18

The committee met with President Floros and Provost Parker to discuss University budget and restructuring at NMSU. The committee shared insights regarding the budget reduction process, [President Floros's August 14 memo](#), and his bus metaphor from the [August 11, 2020 Town Hall](#). This meeting resulted in the newly forming Budget & Restructuring Advisory Council.

Other topics

- **The Provost's proposed three college merger** of College of Education, College of Health and Social Services, and most of the social sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences and faculty's role in this process. Specifically, see [ARP 2-15](#) "Modifying Academic Units" specifically notes in Part 2 that "[a]ny proposal to create, reorganize, relocate or eliminate an academic unit must be submitted for review and recommendation by the Faculty Senate, the Academic Deans Council, and the Chancellor to the Board of Regents for their consideration and action."
ARP 2-15 also includes an [approval process path for academic program changes in an appendix](#).
- **Faculty talk**
The increased tension in many of the discussion list exchanges over the summer, especially in August, has raised the need to address several structural and procedural issues, specifically

ownership, possible list moderation, subscription options. Assign this task to a standing committee, possibly Faculty Affairs.