

Faculty Senate Vice Chair Report, November, 2024
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Below, I share highlights of work I have completed as Vice Chair in November of 2024. In consideration of peoples' time, I have kept this short, but I am very happy to visit with anyone who would like to gain more data on activities reported.

Meetings with President Torres and Provost Reddi – Chair Chaitanya and I continue to enjoy excellent access to President Torres and Provost Reddi through our weekly meetings, and I share data on issues discussed below. Meetings were limited during November due to the Thanksgiving break and peoples' travel; I share highlights of our few meetings below.

- **Discussions on issues with Global** – Chair Chaitanya and I met with President Torres and Vice Chancellor Kollman concerning comments some faculty members have made about Global – select main campus faculty see Global as a threat to traditional F2F classes on main campus and a few faculty have made disparaging comments about global faculty. VC Kollman assured us that were not going to become an online university, and Global is not taking over TPAL. We agreed that Global has helped greatly with increased enrollments, NMSU is best served by seeing a better coordination between Global and NMSU's other programs, and that better communication was key in advancing this coordination.
- **Discussion of US DoE rules on federal financial aid** – This continues to be an issue of importance, and we will see a visit from CIO Stanfill, Provost Reddi, and VP Scott at the next Senate meeting to learn about steps being taken to address the Department of Education's directive regarding student aid.
- **One-time funds to support a program to support paying for article processing charges for open access journals** – President Torres advised us that she has secured \$100k in one-time funds to support getting this program started, and Chair Chaitanya and I are working to set up a meeting with VPR Cifuentes, AVP Schaub, and Dean Comerford to get this moving in early 2025.

Meetings of the FSLC with President Torres and Provost Reddi – The FSLC continues to meet with President Torres and Provost Reddi once per month, and I shared notes from these meetings under separate cover in email. I ask Senators who do not have these at hand to see me for a copy.

Meetings of the Academic Deans Advisory Council (ADAC), University Program Approval Council (UPAC), and the Policy Steering Committee (PSC) - I share highlights below:

- **ADAC** – We only met once during Thanksgiving break, and discussions have focused on the following:
 - Grad School Assoc Dean Marlatt shared a draft update to the ARP on graduate faculty appointments to clean up some issues that have crept up, and we will see this move through the Policy Steering Committee and then to the Faculty Senate.
 - Resolving Incomplete (I) grades assigned by Adjunct or other non-regular Instructors was brought up by ADR Palacios. We had a lively discussion about this,

and the end result was that departments need to be more proactive about this as adjuncts wrap up their appointments with departments.

- Frank Sage for Lizely Madrigal in ICT shared updates that Windows 10 is decommissioning by October 1, 2025, and ARP 25.15 on email is being reviewed as regards auto forwarding of NMSU email.
- **UPAC** – In the last few months, we have reviewed many proposals, and I can provide detailed minutes to anyone interested. Proposals reviewed are:
 - Theatre Arts (Design/Technical/Management) - Bachelor of Arts
 - TPAL – reactivate main campus pathways of 4 NMSU Global Programs
 - Program Modifications to Education (Early Childhood Education Plus Licensure) - Master of Arts
 - We also had discussions on the DRAFT Program Sustainability Proposal that would explore low yield programs and work with departments to help make these more sustainable. The penultimate draft of this will go to the Provost in December, and we can expect to see this come to the Senate in early 2025. I can provide a copy of the most recent draft to anyone interested in seeing it.
- **PSC** – We met once in November, and the following policies are in various stages of review. We expect to see these move in December.
 - ARP 3.63 - Freedom of Expression
 - ARP 16.79 – Sponsored Youth Programs/Minors on Campus
 - New policy on 09_ARP - Digital Accessibility