

# NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

Report for September 2021, by Julia Parra

## University Administrative Council (UAC) meetings

See the [University Administrative Council](#) site for UAC information and minutes that have much more information. A few notes:

- Graduate Student Council new President Sergio Madrid was introduced
- Policy Revisions Introduced (Reminder that at the bottom of ARP pages there is a [link to sharepoint site](#) for review and comment on policy and rule proposals)
  - PROV REV ARP 4.81 – Majors, Minors, and other Academic Programs of Study, this is a request for changes to the appendices related to ensuring that the Board of Regents and the HLC are included in the approval sequence. This was second reading and it passed.
  - REV ARP 1.10 - NMSU System Policy Framework, this is the policy work we have noted for some time. This was first reading and is out for review or comment by October 4, 2021.
  - PROV REV ARP 3.25 – Prohibition of All Forms of Unlawful Discrimination. Part 1. D. A sentence is added at the end and in part 5, the second paragraph is added. These edits are made in part to identify that federal and state law will supersede. This was first reading and is out for review or comment by October 26, 2021.
  - PROV ARP 16.32 - COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols, for review or comment thru October 26, 2021. This is the Provisional Policy sent out on the week of August 30. This was first reading and is out for review or comment by October 26, 2021.
- There is a strategic planning retreat scheduled for October 20 to include a poster session.
- The budget for the state of New Mexico is being noted as looking good, encouraging...
- Much more, see the UAC Minutes for details.

## 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, September 16, 2021, see [related 820 page Binder](#). The next regular meeting is proposed for December 10, 2021.
- Student Success Meeting, September 30, 2021
  - UPAC was discussed and four programs were reviewed and approved to move forward to full BoR review - 1. Music – Bachelor of Arts 2. Linguistics – Bachelor of Arts 3. Applied Statistics – Doctor of Philosophy 4. Health Equity Sciences – Doctor of Philosophy.
  - Two programs were noted as not receiving approval thus far.

## Other items and activities

- **Employee Council Employee Appreciation Picnic:** Rudy's will be the picnic meal at Preciado Park next Thursday, October 14, 11am.
- **Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) Meetings:** We continue work on ARP 1.10 and the policy revisions noted in the UAC section are part of this group's discussion.
- **Pandemic Action Team:** Reminders: continue to email me or Michael Mapp with your questions, issues, concerns; but also remember to email all questions to [covid19@nmsu.edu](mailto:covid19@nmsu.edu) and NOTE the site where the most current information, plans, and resources reside - <https://now.nmsu.edu/>
  - Uploading to VaxTrax is a current critical topic. Either vaccination proof or first test result is due as upload by Thursday, October 7 at midnight.

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- **Parra Senate Chair Office Hours aka Lunch w/ Julz:** Wednesday, 12-1:00, [Zoom link](#), email me if you need the link or phone information.

## Next Meetings

### *Senate Meetings for Fall 2021:*

- November 4, Thursday, 4:00-5:30
- December 2, Thursday, 4:00-5:30

### *Committees/October Meetings:*

- Budget and Resources, October 12, Tuesday, 4:00-5:00
- University Planning, October 13, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00
- Curriculum and Programming, October 14, Thursday, 4:00-5:00
- Research and Creative Activities, October 19, Tuesday, 4:00-5:00
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, October 20, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00
- Student Success, October 21, Thursday, 4:00-5:00

### *Senate Leadership:*

- October 28, Thursday, 4:00-5:30

Of note, there is a calendar on the [NMSU Faculty Senate](#) site but you need to be logged in to your VPN. Any committee chair needing help with Zoom, please contact me.

All meetings start at 4pm and will be held virtually in Zoom for Fall 2021. The early start time noted is for the use of technology and if possible, join the meeting 5-10 minutes early to test your access.

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 meetings 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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