Results of research into Faculty Talk (FT)
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Based on the discussions we had in the Senate, I did some research with Jon Holtzman, Melody Munson McGee, and James McAteer into the arc and status of FT. We pulled the original legislation that created FT, spoke with people involved, and determined the following:

- The list was created by Senate Legislation as a tool to allow faculty to communicate readily on issues of interest to the Faculty. According to the Rationale on the FS proposition for Faculty Talk: "To maintain the listserver, the Faculty Senate chair will need to appoint, subject to the approval of the Faculty Senate, a representative each year to serve as the responsible party for the list."
- Early on in FTs history, this faculty moderator role was fulfilled by Jon Holtzman in Astronomy, but over time, whatever mechanism that was in place to facilitate this ceased to exist, and the list appears to be functioning on its own for the last few years, perhaps longer.
- In our research, we also learned that the list was owned by Provost@nmsu.edu, although no one in the Provost's Office or any Senator or faculty member to whom I spoke knew this. I don't feel that the Provosts Office owning the list is appropriate, nor do the Provost or his Chief of Staff.
- Next steps – I suggest the following steps be advanced to get a handle on FT and insure that its distribution list is updated.
    - We change the ownership from the Provost's office to a new email address that puts this in the hands of the faculty; I suggest FacultySenateChair@nmsu.edu. the credentials to this email would he handed off from Chair to Chair elect each time we have a change in leadership, and the moderator would also have these credentials.
    - We appoint a faculty member to work with ICT to update the list each semester, adding new faculty to the list, purging people that are no longer faculty, and removing people that wish to be removed. Jon Holtzman has agreed to serve in this role, and I will ask Senate approval of this when we discuss this in the future.
    - Each term, Jon will work with the appropriate ICT staff person to parse the appropriate HR list to insure new faculty are added and people that are no longer faculty are purged.
    - Jon will also insure that requests to be dropped from the list are handled in a timely manner and report on any issues that come up in administering the list.