

University Planning (aka Faculty Success) Committee Chair Report

Report of February 12, 2025, submitted by Erik Lehnhoff

The committee met on February 12, 2025 with eight members present. Dr. Christopher Brown attended the first quarter of the meeting as a guest.

Dr. Brown gave an update on negotiations between the NMSU faculty union and NMSU administration. It was made clear that the information Dr. Brown provided was from the perspective as a faculty member and not as vice chair of faculty senate. Dr. Brown discussed several of the articles that the union negotiating team has put forth to the NMSU administration, and stated that the process will be iterative, with negotiations possibly lasting more than a year. It was also noted that the union will be completely independent of faculty senate.

We discussed the teaching load at community colleges. Dr. Bond stated that the teaching load is currently 15 credit hours per semester at NMSU community colleges, compared to 12 at UNM community colleges. Dr. Bond agreed to gather data to start a proposition to state that NMSU's community college teaching load should be the same as for UNM.

Issues regarding NMSU Global were discussed. In particular, there is confusion about the process of hiring for Global. The committee is going to have further discussions on the relationship between NMSU academic departments and NMSU Global, and how the relationship can be more productive. Also, it was noted that last academic year the faculty senate passed a bill calling for the creation of an advisory committee for NMSU Global. At this time the NMSU administration has not acted on this bill, and the University Planning committee may follow up on this.

<https://facultysenate.nmsu.edu/propositions/2023-2024/docs/Proposition-05-23-24-Create-the-Online-Learning-Council-to-advise-the-Chancellor-of-NMSU--Global-revised-Faculty-Success.pdf>