

## **Faculty Senate Vice Chair Report for December 2023 Activities**

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### ***Faculty Senate Meeting. December 7, 2023***

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm. After recognition of guests (Sr. Assoc. Provost McAteer), approval of the agenda, and approval of minutes for the November 2 meeting, new business was discussed. Under new business, propositions 05-23/24 (on-line learning council advisory to NMSU-Global Chancellor), and 06-23/24 (Formalize new senator on-boarding or orientation) were discussed and assigned respectively to University Planning, and DEI standing committees. Under unfinished business: proposition 02-23/24 (modification to VWW) assigned to student success is still under review, proposition 03-23/24 (financial support for indigenous people's day) was amended to include systemwide support and passed unanimously, proposition 04-23/24 (faculty rights under public employee bargaining rights) was approved unanimously. Under other business, Vimal Chaitanya was nominated by Senator Susan Beck for faculty senate Chair and seconded by senator Chris Erickson. Chris Erickson also nominated Glenn Duff for faculty senate chair. Both candidates accepted nominations. This was followed by reports of faculty senate Chair and vice-Chair about their month of November activities. These reports are on the FS website. The standing committee chairs then gave their reports. These are also posted on the faculty senate web site. The meeting ended with Chair and Vice Chair of Faculty Senate wishing happy holidays.

### **Faculty Senate Budget and Resources Committee Meeting. December 12, 2023.**

The committee discussed the draft prepared with the input from senators Chris Clausen, Peter Skelton, Erik Lehnhoff, Timothy Cleveland and Vimal Chaitanya for Clayton Abbey, Government Relations, for circulation among NM legislators establishing need for faculty salary raise. The draft was nearly finalized during the meeting. Some edits were received after the meeting. These were all accommodated in the draft and the draft finalization occurred following the meeting. It was determined that the draft will be forwarded to Clayton Abbey by the faculty senate Chair after consultation with Clayton Abbey addressing some key issues such as whether the draft should recommend a particular % salary increase etc.

### ***Faculty Senate Leadership Committee Meeting December 14, 2023***

The meeting was called to order around 4 pm. After recognition of guests, the meeting agenda, and minutes of the November 30 FSLC meeting were approved. Proposition 05-23/24 to create an on-line learning council for the Chancellor of NMSU-Global assigned to the University Planning committee was not voted on by the committee and will have to be taken up at their January meeting. Senator Chris Erickson mentioned that this proposal was approved by the ADAC on December 11 at their meeting. Proposition 06-23/24 to formalize new senator on boarding/orientation assigned to DEI was not voted upon at the DEI December meeting due to lack of quorum. Proposed legislation 07-23/24 calling upon the NMSU leadership to establish a fund for open access article publishing cost for tenure track, non-tenure track faculty, research scientists, scholars, librarians etc. was assigned to the budget and resources committee. Under other business, the agenda for the January 11, 2024, faculty senate meeting was approved. This was followed by the standing committee reports and discussion on the AI language for syllabus. The meeting ended with remarks from the faculty senate vice chair.

### ***Participation in Other Meetings***

#### ***1) FSLC Meeting with NMSU Administration December 8, 2023.***

The meeting commenced at 9 am in Hadley Hall Room 130 and zoom. The agenda for FSLC was Provost Shoho's cultural norms and expectations e-mail. The FSLC concern was that this e-mail may be construed as NMSU policy without going through the process and used on faculty deemed non-compliant. The provost assured that the email's purpose was to set a tone and was primarily meant for administrators to self-comply and that it was not meant to establish as a policy. Interim President Gogue then gave an update to issues discussed in the previous meeting such as Student Dorm Policy Violations, timing for Faculty Annual Reviews, Graduate Faculty Renewal Process, Athletics, and policy change for Access to E-mail for Faculty Retirees. The meeting ended around 9:45 am due to other prior commitments of the interim President.

***2) Associate Deans Academic Council (ADAC). December 11, 2023.***

The meeting started at 1 pm with welcome, and introductions. Shannon Bradley was introduced as the AVP Academic affairs at DACC. The minutes from November 13 and 27, 2023 meeting were approved. Under old business follow-up mental health resources, Title V grant (Phil Post), and standard wording about AI on the syllabus (Kate) were discussed briefly. Peer evaluation of teaching (Stacy Gherardi) was presented. Teaching Academy has Digital Faculty Fellows (Stacy is one of them). Values in effective teaching is R (Responsive), I (Informal), S (Supportive), and E (Engaged). Link and presentation from Patricia McGregor-Mendoza will be shared. Next, Joe Lakey discussed some Catalog Typos he found. Marissa mentioned the early performance grades and their importance in colleges and departments to reach out to students in February of 2024 for the spring semester. Chris Erickson was present to answer questions about the online council for the NMSU-Global program under ADAC consideration since the last meeting. This was approved. Finally meeting ended with the roundtable.