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Faculty Senate Chair December Meeting Report for November 2023 Activities

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Updates on Ongoing Searches:

1) [University General Counsel](#)

- On site interviews with two candidates first week of December
- Faculty Representative: Dr. Karen Kopera-Frye, Senator

2) [University Controller](#)

- On site interviews anticipated for first week of December

3) [Director, Procurement Services](#)

- Preferred candidate selected – paperwork being completed by HR

4) [Dean, Graduate School/Associate Provost for International Affairs](#)

- three candidates interviewed first week in December – Faculty feedback sought at https://marcomm.formstack.com/forms/graduate_dean_ap_international_affairs
- Dr. Lakshmi Reddi, Dean, College of Engineering is the Search Committee Chair

5) [NMSU President](#)

- Search firm WittKieffer <https://www.wittkieffer.com/> is assisting with the search
- Search Committee Chair is Mr. Ben Woods
- Search committee will meet December 19 to review candidates
- Application deadline for full consideration is Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Highlights of Reoccurring Committee Meetings:

1) IT Strategic Planning Committee

- Mr. Carlos Lobato interim Chief information office highlighted that cybersecurity threats to campus continue to be of high concern – people should not let their guard down over the holidays

2) University System Budget Committee

- Information from NMSU Government relations personnel indicates that the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) is thinking of a proposed 6% salary increase for faculty and staff with some potential for additional funds for targeted faculty salary increases
- LFC has strongly indicated that they are not receptive to individual state funded higher learning institutions making requests for salary increases
- Board of Regents plans to actively advocate for salary increases for NMSU faculty – Faculty Senate Budget and Resources committee putting together a one page of talking points for the regents
- Very large state budget surplus (~3.4 billion) over last year