

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

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### ***Faculty Senate Meeting. November 2, 2023***

After approval of the agenda for this meeting and approval of minutes for the previous meeting, standing committee chairs gave their respective reports. These reports are posted on the faculty senate web site. Under new business, propositions 02-23/24 (modification to VWW requirement), 03-23/24 (support for indigenous people's day), and 04-23/24 (Respect for faculty rights under the Public Employee Bargaining Act) were discussed and assigned respectively to student success, DEI, and faculty success standing committees. Under Other Business, Open Access resources, Support for Homeless Students, Senator absences at meetings were discussed. FS Chair nominations for 2024/2025 will be sought at the December 7 faculty senate meeting. The meeting ended with brief remarks/announcements from Chair and Vice Chair of Faculty Senate. A detailed report and minutes from FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko are posted on the FS website.

### **Faculty Senate Budget and Resources Committee Meeting. November 14, 2023.**

The committee discussed drafting of the document for Clayton Abbey, Government Relations, which he can circulate among NM legislators establishing need for salary raise. Dr. Laura Madsen discussed Appendix C of the report prepared by Faculty Compensation Advisory Committee. Susanne Berger representing employee council informed about lack of such data for non-faculty employees. Volunteers from the committee were sought to work on the document preparation with Chair, Chaitanya. Chris Clausen, Peter Skelton, Erik Lehnhoff, and Timothy Cleveland volunteered or were nominated. A more detailed minutes for the meeting is available on the FS web site.

### ***Faculty Senate Leadership Committee Meeting November 30, 2023***

The meeting started late due to the host connectivity issue. James McAteer, Senior Associate Provost was present to invite faculty participants (three or more) in a task force created to look at uneven class concentration during the week (such as Monday 9 to 11 am). The current task force has looked at less critical issues but for looking at structure of classes etc. faculty participation is essential. Next, the agenda was approved with insertion of a note to re-confirm committee assignments for current legislations. Proposition 02-23/24 was tabled. Propositions 03-23/24 and 04-23/24 will be discussed and voted on at the full senate meeting. Two new legislations were proposed. Senator Erickson proposed a bill to create an advisory council for NMSU-Global Chancellor (Proposition 05-23/24) and Senator Sharp-Hoskins presented resolution to formalize new senator onboarding. (Proposition 06-23-24). Under other business, faculty senate meeting agenda was approved with rearranged order and removal of proposition 02-23/24 from the agenda. This was followed by standing committee reports. Further faculty annual review timing was discussed with a suggestion to move from calendar year to academic year. Next, Support for Homeless Students and availability of information for students to reach out for assistance was discussed. Finally, Provosts cultural norms and expectations email was distinguished from an actual NMSU policy. Meeting ended with remarks from FS Vice-chair Chaitanya. Detailed minutes are posted on the FS web site.

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

#### ***1) FSLC Meeting with NMSU Administration. November 9, 2023.***

The meeting commenced at 10 am in Hadley Hall Room 130 and zoom. Provost Shoho discussed faculty participation in the Graduation ceremony. Other topics discussed at our request include Student Dorm Policy Violations and relation to homeless student population, Faculty Annual Reviews and ARP 9.31 (calendar or academic year), Graduate Faculty Renewal Process – need for it and revisions in the process, Athletics Update, and policy change for Access to E-mail for Faculty Retirees. Our concerns and suggestions were well received, and interim President was in agreement with path forward.

**2) Associate Deans Academic Council (ADAC). November 13, 2023.**

The meeting started at 1 pm with welcome, and introductions. The minutes from October 23, 2023 meeting were approved. In the follow up to old business mental health resources on campus and needs of title V grant were discussed by Phil Post. This was followed by discussion on standard wording about AI on the syllabus given out to the students, creation of Online council, and use of NMSU report website. Any Additional Nominations for ADAC Leadership were solicited. There were none. Vote for the leadership slate will be held during Nov. 27 meeting. Meeting was adjourned following a roundtable.

**3) University Program Approval Committee (UPAC). November 16, 2023.**

The meeting commenced at 2:30 pm in the O'Donnel Hall Room 130. Proposal for the introduction of Computer Science (Secondary Computer Science Education) – Bachelor of Arts degree program was presented by CS Chair, Son Tran and Tracy from the College of education. The proposal established the need and target students for this program and it was approved by the committee. This presentation was followed by a video/PPT presentation about the on-line learning modules to support the proposed Kinesiology program. This program details were presented in an earlier meeting and the committee had sought evidence for this program to be fully on-line. This program was approved by the committee. Finally, Shelly Stovall presented her concerns about the program modification workflow. Due to other meeting conflict, I had to leave at this time.

**4) Associate Deans Academic Council (ADAC). November 27, 2023.**

After the minutes from November 13, 2023, were tabled, old business was followed up. This included mental health resources. the title V grant, and Standard syllabus writing for AI. This was followed by an announcement from Marcella (PSL) and VPR Cifuentes about “Taking the Pentagon to the People” event announcement, DOD will host this event at NMSU from March 26-28, more details of which will be forthcoming. Collaboration was sought for student and faculty participation in the Research and Creativity Week during February 26 – March 1. financial aid Q&A. Joe Lakey then presented material on HED course approval. A one credit class similar to what is available in other Colleges. Questions about how it fits in to the Psychology degree program, will it be a required course and if so what about transfer students etc. The course may be recommended for FYEX but may not be suitable as a required course. The next item for discussion was the name change for the Department of Government to Department of Political Science, Public Law, and Administration. It was recognized that the name change was in keeping with the modern trend at other universities, but some concerns were raised regarding the length of the name and the insertion of the word Law in the name. Next, Chris Erikson presented his proposal to create an advisory council for the Chancellor of Global Campus. There were a number of suggestions, mostly as to who else should be on the council membership (for example, someone from Graduate Council). All suggestions were accepted and added to the draft by Chris. The committee tabled the proposal for a vote during the next meeting. Next, Phillip Post and Katherine Terpis were declared Chair and Vice Chair of the ADAC for the coming year.