Access, Opportunity and Outreach Committee
Report
November 18, 2026, 4:00 pm on Zoom

Attending: Justin Klockseim, Rebecca Garay, Roxanne Schumacher, Husna Memon, Yoli Villicana Pedraza, Kim Lopez Gallagher

I. Call to order – A quorum was present.
   a. There were no guests attending.

II. Old Business
   a. None

III. New Business
   a. University wide policy for online exam proctoring and authentication
      i. Sen. Murga communicated via email that currently there is not a university wide policy for online exam proctoring and authentication. Sen. Murga also reported that policies can be proposed in the NMSU Policy Hub at this link: https://policy.nmsu.edu/getting-started.html
      ii. The committee also discussed concerns regarding how a policy would be developed and implemented system wide. Sen. Schumacher offered to research and share how the nursing program proctors and authenticates exams. Potential cost of online proctoring, such as with Proctor U, to students was also an expressed concern. Sen. Pedraza shared that at DACC, all students in online STEM classes who live in Las Cruces are required to take exams in person, on campus.
   b. A Draft Plan for Improving Support of Native American Students at NMSU
      i. The committee discussed the draft plan that was shared by Chair Finlator. Members felt that the draft is a good start. The questions at the end of the document are helpful. Sen. Garay recommended consulting with faculty from the Native Studies program regarding accurate nomenclature and inclusivity of federally recognized and non-recognized tribes. The committee felt that required SET training on Indigenous students' experiences and needs would be beneficial for faculty.

IV. Next meeting date: December 16, 2026

a. The committee is considering meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00 rather than on December 16th. Sen. Lopez Gallagher will send an email to the committee asking about the proposed date change.

V. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.