

Hello Senators:

Here is my monthly meeting report.

1. ADAC had a meeting during Spring Break that I didn't go to.

- 2. ADAC meeting 3/27/2023**

Introductions were had because Alan Shoho was at the meeting.

Anne Hubbell said that students are making a new organization called "No Student Left Behind," that has to do with academic support and mental health.

I brought up the senate resolution about workload inequities. The deans would like to know what exactly we want from them in terms of statistics. For example, Joe Lakey said he could generate a spectrum of workloads by FTE by faculty member, but we might want to leverage that somehow against retention rates. Xeturah noted that COmmunity Colleges which are specifically dedicated to instruction have their classes capped at 25, and Mark Cal said that Alamogordo pays an overload bonus to faculty who have larger than normal classes.

We also had a little discussion about the uses of DFW grades for purposes other than those which were intended, and about the notion of a "growth mindset" versus learning outcome achievement. This discussion ended with the chair of the committee saying "sounds like Faculty Senate has some work to do," which sounds like a legit conclusion of that discussion.

John Harding showed some data that lots of students fail college algebra and of those who do, a small number take supplemental instruction and then have much higher course pass rates. SI is an in-person thing that meets once a week. Harding would like to make SI a requirement for students who have failed the intro math course once. Aggie Jumpstart is another way to help incoming students to succeed in math.

April 26: Spring Fling carnival from 11-2 for students and faculty with food trucks and carnival games and a mechanical bull.

Honors is re-starting the professor fellowship program. The Sundt professorship consists of a \$5k stipend for a faculty member and a \$10K fund available for travel or programming with the students to go see a thing or do a thing.

The office of advising has funds available for juniors and seniors with advising holds due to owing money from a prior semester.

The PIM and KIM systems will open April 3 for any changes to the course catalogue.

Alamogordo has hired a VPSS after a few failed searches. The new faculty member will be coming from WNMU. They also hired an assistant professor of studio art to start in the fall semester. The legislative session gave Alamo both their building projects and significant money to restart their nursing program.

### **PSC Meeting 3/27/2023**

The policy website needs to not be on wordpress. Ermelinda is looking at other vendors. The main upshot of this meeting was that the PSC would not accept our Resolution 4 without significant revisions and I was basically told that we needed to look at the language of other schools wrt free speech rules for NMSU employees.

The upshot: the interface between faculty Senate and the policy steering committee/process is broken and there is zero will on the part of the executive team to fix it. I will talk about a different strategy that bypasses the executive team at today's meeting.

Finally, voting has been a nightmare this year for ICT-related reasons and we should give some thought to other, non-NMSU voting mechanisms.

Have a good one!  
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All best,  
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