Minutes from the 2/10/26 meeting of the Fac Sen Budget and Resources Committee

1. The meeting began at 4:05 pm with a quorum of committee members present.

2. Guests included:
   - D'Anne Stuart- Assc. VP Admin and Finance
   - Dietrich Mackel- Chief Procurement Officer
   - Dennis Coriell- Chief Information Security Officer
   - Ross Justus-NMSU Controller
   - Lizely Madrigal- Director, Tech Support Services
   - Carlos Herrera- ACES IT
   - Melody Munson Mcgee- Special Asst, VP

3. The entire meeting was spent discussing IT and IT procurement policies, including:
   - How decisions are (have been) made for software purchases like Grammarly, Syllabus software, related services like Books 4 success, etc.
     i. It turns out Global has input into software integrated into Canvas and this may have contributed to some of our recent heartburn.
     ii. NMSU needs to find ways to separate Global from NMSU so we are not encumbered by IT choices made by Global.
     iii. The FACT committee is not functioning well, there needs to be a better mechanism for faculty input into IT decisions.

   - Brainstorming ways to get better faculty input on IT policies, software selection, procurement procedures, etc.

   - Procurement procedures including how they are evolving, communicated to faculty, and ways procurement could be improved.

   - Security risks and ways to address them.
     i. Companies providing software are required to provide security certifications given by third party companies that evaluate security risks.

- AI- we had a robust discussion of whether co-pilot is an all around all capable AI for faculty needs, or, if faculty have a need for other specific AI's that may be tailored to program specific needs.

Summary: While no official business was conducted this was a useful information exchange session where Admin and Faculty were able to inform each other of needs and constraints followed by brainstorming of potential solutions to improve policies and procedures around IT.

The meeting concluded at 5:05pm

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