

Faculty Senate Chair Report for 7 September 2017 Senate Meeting
Submitted 5 September 2017 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown

- **AAG Meetings** – limited items for review allowed us to handle the AAG by email poll, and no business came through that required Senate review. We do know that Senate bills on Experiential Learning and a revised policy on Academic Misconduct will move this fall, but UAC, ADAC, and ADC have reviewed these. Once we handle these in the Senate, I do suggest both of these go back to ADAC and ADC prior to going to UAC for final action.
- **UAC meetings** – the following items were handled over the summer through less frequent meetings:
 - Revised Rule 5.45.10 Department Head Leaves
 - Branson Library Naming of the Exhibit Gallery as the *Humboldt Casad and Evangeline Smith Mandell Exhibit Gallery*
 - Revised Rule 3.70 - Office Hours
 - Repeal of Rule 5.29 - Compensation - Distance Education
 - Revised Appendix to Rule 6.82 - Degrees, Majors, Minors and Other Academic Programs of Study (indicating sequence of approvals for each type of academic credential)
 - Repeal of Rule 4.65 - Security Clearance (Department of Defense)
 - Repeal of Regents Policy 4.25 - Due Process
 - Repeal of Rule 7.20.20 - Leaves- Absence, Unauthorized
- **ADC meetings** – The following items were handled over the summer:
 - New MBA Program: Public Utilities Regulation J. Hoffman (passed)
 - College of Engineering: New Engineering Technology Concentrations (passed)
 - Proposed Re-Write of the Student Academic Code of Conduct (headed to Senate in October 2017)
- **Regents meetings** – the following meetings happened over the summer, with topics noted (full agendas and minutes are posted to <https://regents.nmsu.edu>).
 - **5.12.17 Regents' meeting** - Regents approved Central's request for a 6% tuition increase. I also read the bill we passed in May asking the Regents to support the tuition increase and a companion bill to the Governor and Legislature in which we note how damaging the impasse between the Governor and Legislature on the Higher education budget is.
 - **5.26.17 Regents' meeting** – University budget passed, noting the tuition increase that was passed at the previous meeting.
 - **6.12.17 Regents' meeting** - Tuition and Fee Rates and Budget Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 were passed.
 - **6.26.17 Regents' meeting** – Two items on bond refinancing and property easements were heard and passed.
 - **8.1.17 Regents' meeting** - 2017-2027 NMSU System Master Plan was presented and approved, and new officers were elected for the Regents.
 - **8.30.17 Regents' meeting** - New Residence Hall was approved, Honorary Degree was voted to be conferred upon Sharon Jones at the December 2017 commencement, and solar farm and wind energy projects were discussed; NMSU is moving forward to explore both projects. The Regents also discussed how to move forward on the

Chancellor's tenure. Despite strong support to extend Chancellor Carruthers' contract for 2 more years from students, staff, faculty, donors, select legislators, and the local community, the Regents voted 4-0 (new student Regent Vela abstained) to not extend the Chancellor's contract and to initiate a search process.

Thanks for your interest in this report. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at brownchr@nmsu.edu.