

Faculty Senate Chair Report, Christopher Brown, Faculty Senate Chair, 31 August 2016

Vice Chair (VC) Rolfe Sassenfeld, FS Secretary Britney Stout, Provost's Chief of Staff Melody Munson McGee, and I have been on the job this summer, aided with the generous assistance of former FS Chair Stuart Munson McGee, and we are in good shape for the fall term. Over the summer, I attended meetings of the Administrative Advisory Group, Academic Deans Council, University Advisory Council, Kitchen Cabinet, and the NMSU Board of Regents, and in these meetings, I briefed these groups on our efforts over the summer and provided information on bills that would be moving in fall term.

Of special note regarding the Regents was a letter I worked with Senate leaders to develop that was sent to Chair Hicks on 17 May 2016. In this letter (copy attached), we noted the damage to the mission of NMSU that the failure of the Regents to approve a modest tuition increase is causing. I also made similar comments to the Regents in the 27 June 2016 Regents Open Meeting that was held in Domenici Hall to discuss the budget.

As regards preparation for the fall term, I attended the SLC meeting chaired by VC Rolfe Sassenfeld on 25 August and worked with VC Sassenfeld and other members of the SLC to develop an agenda and start sequencing the bills for the first meeting to be held on 9.1.2016.