

**Faculty Senate Chair Report for 4 May 2017 Senate Meeting**  
**Submitted 2 May 2017 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown**

- **AAG Meeting** – No business needed to be reviewed, hence the AAG did not meet since the last Senate Report.
- **UAC meeting** – Action items/old business at the 4.11.17 UAC meeting consisted of New Rule 15.50, Management of Health Information – HIPAA Compliance, and this passed unanimously. New business items included an update on New Rules 5.10 and 5.11, Revised Student Code of Conduct by Tim Ketelar and Greg Fant, Revised Rule 5.45.10 – Leaves for Department Heads, and Revised Rule 2.69.2 – International Travel. Upcoming events noted included the Public Launch of the Foundation Comprehensive Campaign, and commencement ceremonies for the Community College and Las Cruces campuses.
- **ADC meeting** – Owing to a scheduling conflict with one of my classes, I am not able to attend these meetings this term, and Ken Hammond has graciously agreed to attend them as my proxy. At the 25 April, 2017 meeting, updates were provided by Shelly Stovall on the Quality Initiative and by David Smith on Academic Program Review Process. ADC then heard comments from the group on the three rules that the UAC discussed that are noted above – Revised Rule 2.69.2 on International Travel, Revised Rule 5.45.10 on Department Heads Leave, and New Rule 5.10 Student Academic Code of Conduct.
- **Regents meeting** – The most recent Regents meeting was 4.3.17, and I reported on this in last month’s Chair Report. The next Regents meeting will be held on 5.12.17, and research to date indicates Central’s request for a 6% tuition increase will be heard. At the 5.4.17 Senate meeting, we will be examining a bill as emergency legislation in which I ask the Senate to support an endorsement of Central’s request. At the same meeting, we are also going to examine 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 and request they resolve their differences and fully fund higher education. I invite interested Senators to attend the 5.12.17 Regents meeting and speak to either or both of these bills in the public comment period that is held at the start of the meeting.
- **Other events in the works**
  - **“It’s on Us”** – Derek Fisher developed a great idea for a game at the “It’s On Us Carnival” that was held at the start of the “It’s on Us” event, “Consent Horseshoes.” The pitch was “Consent is NOT like horseshows; “leaners and close enough don’t count. It’s yes or no, period.” Thanks to Derek for his creativity in working up this idea, providing the horseshoes, and joining me to staff the event.
  - **Ignite Aggie Discovery Event** – The launch event of the NMSU Foundation Public Campaign was held at the Center for the Arts on Friday, 28 April, and the Senate was recognized for supporting the campaign by the memorial we passed last month. VP Tawney also asked the Senate to nominate a faculty member to be recognized for their outstanding scholarship, service, and teaching, and the Senate Leadership Committee put Senator Merranda Marin forward. I extend my thanks to Senate Vice Chair Rolfe Sassenfeld and the SLC for their work on this, and I also extend my warmest congratulations to Senator Marin for receiving this special honor.
- **Other issues in the works** – We see continued discussion and action on the following issues, all of which will require active faculty input.

- **Centralized Academic Advising** – This effort continue to move forward under the leadership of Dr. Jennifer Hodges, newly named Interim Director of the Center for Academic Advising and Student Success (CAASS). Dr. Hodges is leading the transition effort that will be moving ahead in the summer, and she is looking at a fall 2017 start-up date. As not Senators know, the remodel of Garcia Annex to create space for the CAASS caused the Senate Chambers to be repurposed, and Provost Howard apologizes for not advising us of this in advance. Working with University Architect Heather Watenpaugh, I have determined that our plaques are safe. The plaques can either be in Garcia Annex as a reflection on the good work of the Senate or moved to a new home I am working to secure. In the space request for a new meeting request that I just made, I noted that the Yates Auditorium in Domenici Hall would meet our needs. As part of the research OFS staff conduct, I asked that this room be one of the options examined.
- **General Education Revisions (GE)** - As noted in last month’s report, the Statewide Task Force has provided revised guidance on this effort, and the NMSU TF is continuing to work on how best to deal with this revised guidance.
- **Team Six, Transforming NMSU into a 21st Century University** – Now that the “Transforming Effort” has completed its work on the admin side of the house, Team Six is working on similar work on the academic side of NMSU. Adam Cavotta in the Provost’s Office has put up a Website (<http://transforming.nmsu.edu/team-6/>), and materials posted include the roster of Team Six members, agendas for meetings, and meeting minutes. At a previous SLC meeting, Senator Rayson suggested that we form a Senate TF to ensure that Faculty concerns are being adequately addressed, and I re-issue an invitation that interested Senators contact me to join this effort.
- **Senate Chair Office Hours** – For the balance of the spring term, I will continue to hold Senate Chair office hours in my office (Breland 149) on Mondays from 4-5 pm and Wednesdays from 2-3pm. As was the case last term I am also willing to meet at other times, or in your offices/labs, if you are not able to make these hours in my office. As to summer hours, I am not scheduling formal hours. That said, I will be on campus for most of the summer and am happy to meet with people in their offices or labs, or my office, just contact me to set these meetings up.

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