

Faculty Senate Chair Report for 5 October 2017 Senate Meeting
Submitted 3 October 2017 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown

- **AAG Meetings** – we again had limited action for the AAG, and we handled these via EMAIL. I believe that all will go Administrative Track; here they are:
 - 17.30 – **Ticket Sales** [*Athletics Dept proposed revision- approved provisionally for fall 2017 pending formal review*]
 - 14.93 – **Charitable Activities** [*UGC proposed; Univ Advancement has approved*]
 - 14.94 – **Aggie Cupboard** [*Health and Wellness and Univ Advancement have approved*]
- **UAC meetings**
 - The following items were introduced as old business at the 9.12.17 meeting. All items passed as presented:
 - 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) [Shelly Stovall or Greg Fant].
 - Rule 14.69 - University Related Travel, revising current Rule 2.69 - Travel [Cornell Menking or Liz Ellis].
 - Rule 16.69 - University Related International Travel, revising current Rules 2.69.1 and 2.69.2 [Cornell Menking or Liz Ellis].
 - Rule 16.70 - Education Abroad, revising current Rule 2.69.1 and 2.69.2 as it relates to study abroad [Cornell Menking or Liz Ellis].
 - The following items were introduced as new business. The Chancellor asked for expedited handling, no one objected, and we handled second read as well. All passed as presented:
 - Rule 18.05 - Honorary Degree Awards, revising in part current Rule 6.75 - Honorary Degrees Sections B. – G. [Liz Ellis, General Counsel]
 - Rule 5.50 - Award of Posthumous Honorary Degree, revising in part current Rule 6.75 - Honorary Degrees Section A. [Liz Ellis, General Counsel]
 - We also had a presentation from staff that work with the Aggie Cupboard, and they noted a pressing food security need exists for students and staff. People interested in making contributions can contact aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu or 646-7636. More information can be found at <https://aggiecupboard.nmsu.edu>.
- **Regents meetings** – As most of you know, the Regents met in closed session on 30 August to consider whether to extend the Chancellor’s contract or terminate his positing next summer. They then met in an open meeting where this action was discussed. In order to share the ideas that were discussed in the Senate Memorial that was heard as emergency legislation by the Senate prior to the meeting, I spoke during Public Comments. Given we could not make quorum at our emergency meeting, those Senators that did meet agreed that I should redraft the memorial as an open letter to be read at the Regents Meeting. I did so, secured 10 co-signatures on the bill, and read this at the meeting. After some discussion, the Regents voted 4-0 to not extend Chancellor Carruthers’ contract (newly seated Regents Vela abstained as she was not in the previous discussions). In response to this action, the Faculty Senate drafted and reviewed a bill requesting active participation in the search process, this bill was heard in committee in September, and it will be considered at the 10.5.17 Senate meeting.

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