

# Memorandum

**TO:** Faculty Senate  
**FROM:** Larry Blank, Faculty Senate Vice-Chair  
**CC:** Stuart Munson-McGee, Faculty Senate Chair  
Britney Stout, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary  
**DATE:** Sep. 4, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report  
**ATTACHMENTS:** None

I attended three ADAC meetings and two meetings with the President and Provost during the summer. Items of Faculty Senate interest are the following:

1. Concerns were raised by advisors and the registration regarding the 2-day add policy for students and worries about student accessibility to faculty after the 2-day deadline.
2. We may see a proposition soon for the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Sustainability.
3. Greg Fant has been working on the state by state authorizations/licensing to allow us to legally teach distance ed in other states.
4. ADAC is working on bylaws, the draft of which lists the FS Vice Chair as a non-voting, ex-officio member. This caused me to do a little research starting with the NMSU Policy manual. NMSU Policy manual seems clear to me that the Vice-Chair of Faculty Senate is a full (voting) member of ADAC and Faculty Senate Chair is a full (voting) member of ADC; however, these committees have been treating faculty senate as non-voting ex-officio members. Lisa Warren from legal counsel seems to agree with me. This is on the ADAC agenda for the next meeting on Monday.
5. The President has informed us that all New Mexico University Presidents have agreed to make faculty and staff salaries a top priority with the legislature this year.
6. There will be some reassignments to other committees for those of you that were initially assigned to Government Affairs. Please be looking for those changes.
7. Faculty Senate Leadership Committee kicked off the new season on Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> with its first meeting of the year. Four propositions were assigned to committees as follows:

**Scholastic Affairs: Proposition 01-14/15:** A proposition for department name change from: *Human Performance Dance and Recreation*, to: *Kinesiology and Dance* (Joseph M. Berning (College of Education) and Heather Oesterrich (College of Education))

**Faculty Affairs: Proposition 02-14/15:** A Proposition to Allow Dependent Tuition Reduction for Graduate Courses by Modifying Policy 7.05Ed (Stuart Munson-Mcgee (ACES); Gary Rayson (A&S))

**Long Range Planning: Proposition 03-14/15:** A Proposition to Modify the Duties of the Faculty Senate Leadership Committee as Defined in the Faculty Senate Constitution (Stuart Munson-Mcgee (ACES); Gary Rayson (A&S))

**Scholastic Affairs: Proposition 04-14/15:** Proposition to Establish a Graduate Certificate Program in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) (Linda Spencer (College of Education))