

Faculty Senate Chair Report for 2 March 2017 Senate Meeting
Submitted 3.8.17 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown

- **AAG Meeting** – At the 2.01.17 AAG meeting, we reviewed the following items:
 - A packet of items to revise the Policy Manual (PM) to go to a Web-based document and also clean up numbering issues (went Admin),
 - A policy to clean up org charts in the PM (went Admin),
 - A proposal to repeal parts of the ARP that are duplicated in the PM (went Admin),
 - A new rule related to HIPAA compliance (went Admin), and
 - A new rule related to definitions and procedures of distance ed classes and faculty teaching the classes (went Academic).
- **UAC meeting** – Action items/old business at the 2.14.17 UAC meeting included new rule on intellectual property (IP), related policy on IP, and policy on at will admin appointments. New business included rules on salary raises for faculty promotions, policy to restructure the Policy Manual, policy to redo admin Org Chart, a new rule on HIPAA compliance, and a new rule on Distance Ed that is coming to the Senate in March of 2017. The usual updates and reports were presented, and I am continuing my practice of only giving my Faculty Senate Update Report at the UAC, as all people attending ADC attend UAC.
- **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. New business was one item on restructuring the College of Ed (Azadeh Osanloo and Dave Rudledge are moving this for the College of Ed), and we will see this later this term. Existing business was the VWW item we passed last month (ADC passed as well), and we also heard ADC comments on Rule 6.55 (DE), Rule 6.67 (Experimental Learning), and Rules 5.25 and 5.37 on faculty compensation. Rules on DE and EL generated extensive discussion, which will continue in the Senate, as all these bills will come our way. Provost Howard also gave updates on centralized advising, GE revision, NMSU’s strategic planning effort, and call for nominations for Christmore awards. As noted above, I am continuing my practice of only giving my Faculty Senate Update Report at the UAC, as all people attending ADC attend UAC.
- **Regents meeting** – The most recent Regent meetings was a joint work session of the Regents Student Success Committee and the Regents Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee. Although quorum was present, notice was sent that no votes would be held, and none were held. Topics examined included the recently developed rule on Experiential Learning, ideas to boost enrollment (in light of the current budget shortfall), initial discussion of strategic priorities, initial discussion of tuition recommendations, and review of the recently passed Pillars of Vision 2020.
- **Other issues in the works** – Owing to discussions with the Provost and his staff, we can expect continued discussion and action on the following issues, all of which will require active faculty input.
 - **Centralized Academic Advising** – The Provost is moving ahead with his plan to move to a 100% centralized u/g advising model, and a Task Force (TF) that has been formed is now meeting regularly. Jennifer Hodges has been named the Interim Director of University Advising and Student Outcomes and will be leading this effort.
 - **Experiential Learning (EL)** – I met with Regents Hutchinson and Mitchell and Provost Howard to begin discussions on how to meet the goal of advancing EL for all

of our students, and “Proposition 31-16/17: Proposal for New rule 6.67 – Experiential Learning Component for Academic Programs” is the result of these discussions.

- **General Education Revisions (GE)** - The Provost’s GE TF has finalized a draft of the changes that are being considered, and this is out to all NMSU faculty for input. Recently, the Statewide Task Force has provided revised guidance on this effort, and the NMSU TF is working 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 was formed to do similar work on the academic side of NMSU. Janet Green has stepped down as Regents Chief of Staff and will be leading this effort, and we can expect some very spirited and challenging discussions to occur in the next several months as Central explores ways to reduce expenditures related to academic issues and activities. We discussed this effort at the January SLC meeting, and Senator Rayson made the excellent suggestion that we convene faculty to get ahead of this set of discussions. I have invited interested Senators to contact me to get these discussions going, and I will be working to move this forward in the near future.
- **Senate Chair Office Hours** - I will continue to hold Senate Chair office hours in my office (Breland 149) this term, 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.
- **Outreach to Community Colleges** - At the invitation of Senators Josselett and Zhao at NMSU-Carlsbad, I will be traveling to the NMSU Carlsbad Campus this month to share my “shared governance road show” with leadership, faculty, and staff at these campuses.

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