

Faculty Senate Chair Report for 1 March 2018 Senate Meeting
Submitted 27 February 2018 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown

- **AAG Meeting in February 2018** – At the 2.9.18 meeting, we handled rule and policy changes on small class justifications, bond issuance issues, mandatory employee training, admin unit changes, legal matters in General Council office, and clean air rules. All went Admin with the exception of small class justifications, which went academic. This last bill will come our way this term.
- **ADC meeting, 2.27.18** – Due to a PhD committee meeting, I was not able to attend the 2.27.18 ADC meeting. Becky Corran graciously agreed to attend in my stead, and Melody Munson McGee introduced her to the group. The following items were listed on the Agenda to be handled at this meeting (minutes were not available at the time of drafting this Faculty Senate Chair report) :
 - New Business
 - School Psychology Proposal Elsa Arroyos
 - Proposal to rename Communication Disorders Victoria White
 - Masters in Data Analytics Loui Reyes & Enrico Pontelli
 - Policies
 - 4.44 Small Class Rule Melody Munson-McGee
 - ARP 6.89 - Mandatory Employee Training; Opp for Prof Dev
 - Reports – Enrollment, Faculty Senate, ADAC, and HLC were all to give regular reports.
- **UAC meetings (2/13/18)** – Grad Student Council made a presentation noting their current work and issues of concern. Old business was heard on federal compliance issues and rule change for ARP 4.46, Authorized Absence from Class; all passed unanimously. A HEAP of new business was heard, including items on bond issuance, responsible alcohol use and tailgating, mandatory employee training, and all of the issues that made their way through the AAG (detailed above). We also approved many naming proposals presented by the Foundation, and most of these are related to the new Art Building. The usual reports were shared, many of these being very similar to the reports given at ADC (including mine!).
- **Regents meetings** – The BoR held a closed meeting on 2.7.18 to deal with limited personnel issues, and the meeting notice and agenda are available at <https://regents.nmsu.edu/files/2018/02/BOR-Closed-Meeting-Notice-and-Agenda-FEB-7-2018.pdf>. A special meeting was held on 2.12.18, and the agenda is available at <https://regents.nmsu.edu/files/2018/02/BOR-Special-Meeting-Agenda-FEB-12-2018.pdf>. Items covered are noted at the link above, but the main item handled was “Senior Management Positions,” which states “This resolution directs the administration during the transition until the assumption of leadership by the next chancellor to suspend the following actions: initiation of senior management team and coach position searches, termination of senior managers and coaches, negotiation of coach contracts, and negotiation of any other contract positions.” Chancellor Carruthers argued that a directive this broad would prevent him from acting in the best interests of the University, but the Action Item was passed unanimously by the BoR over his objections. Of note, this action was broadly criticized on

campus and around the state, and a news story in the Albuquerque Journal details that New Mexico Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen and other select Senators issued an open letter requesting the NMSU BoR resign over this action

(<https://www.abqjournal.com/1133866/senator-calls-for-resignations-by-regents-at-nmsu.html>.)

- **Update on the Executive Search** – At the 2.1.18 Senate meeting, Senator Stephen Stochaj provided a brief update on the search process. The Search Committee was convened in late January for an HR training session, meet and greet, and presentation by the corporate search firm the BoR employed, Wheless Partners. This included a presentation by a consultant that Wheless partners hired, former president of the University of Alabama, who shared the Alabama experience with the Search Firm and Search Committee. The Search Committee also noted that the Wheless Partners website is available for faculty to put names of people forward that would be a good fit here, whether they are in the job market or not. Most recently, I asked Dean Laksmi Reddi for an update on the actions of the Search Committee, and Dean Reddi noted no meetings have been held since the meeting in January. I do expect an update at the 3.6.18 BoR meeting, but the agenda will not be out until 72 hours prior to the 3.6.18 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.