

**Faculty Senate Chair Report for 5 April 2018 Senate Meeting
Submitted 3 April 2018 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown**

- **AAG Meetings** – At the March meeting, the AAG handled rule and policy changes on guidance relating to the organizational structure of administrative units, the NMSU grading system (mostly cleaning up the ARP and RPM), course curriculum changes, and mandatory employee training (much driven by statute). The rule change on course curriculum went academic (we can expect to see this in the Senate), and the others went administrative. Items for review at the April AAG meeting were the rule proposing allied faculty status that has been in play of late and a series of rule and policy changes related to administration of the Athletic Department (AD). I was not able to attend this AAG due to conference travel, and results of the meeting were not available at the time I drafted this report. I did provide input via EMAIL, and I suggested that the rule proposing allied faculty status go academic and come to the Senate, and the rule changes for the AD go academic.

- **ADC meeting, 3.27.18** – Due to a scheduling change in my classes related to a jury summons for a federal trial, I was not able to attend the 3.27.18 ADC meeting. The following items were handled at this meeting (minutes were not available at the time of drafting this Faculty Senate Chair report – I will forward the minutes when they are out):
 - **New Business**
 - Name Change: Journalism and Media Studies (1st and 2nd read) – proposal passed.
 - Master of Hospitality - External review team recommended against starting program, as did College of Business. No vote taken, and I expect this to have a rough go of things in the Senate, given the external review.

 - **Old Business**
 - School of Psychology Proposal – PhD in CEP. Extensive discussion, and proposal passed.
 - Masters in Data Analytics - Extensive discussion, and proposal passed.

 - **Policies** (no action, just discussion of these items that came to ADC from the AAG process)
 - 4.55 Grade Reports
 - 4.68 Course Curriculum Changes

 - **Reports** – Enrollment, Faculty Senate, ADAC, and HLC were all gave regular reports.

 - **Provost Comments**
 - General Education at NMSU
 - Academic Administrator Training
 - P&T guideline deadlines

- **UAC meetings (2/13/18)** – The items below were heard, and/or handled at the 3.13.18 UAC meeting.
 - **Old Business (2nd read)**
 - Revision to ARP 6.89 - Mandatory Employee Training; Opportunities for Professional Development (passed)
 - Revision to ARP 16.63 - Smoking and Tobacco Restrictions (passed)
 - **New Business**
 - Revision to ARP 4.68 - Curricula Changes
 - Revision to ARP 4.55 - Grade Reports
 - Art Building naming opportunity amendment
 - Request to name room 229 in Gardner Hall as the *Gale A. Harvey Physics Classroom*
 - Various Namings in Learning Communities
 - **Updates and announcements** - the usual reports were heard from the major reporting groups, and we also had a Graduate Students Council update.

- **Regents meetings** – As folks may remember, the Memorial dealing with I&G Funds Transfer from Academics to Athletics enjoyed a very lively discussion at the 3.1.18 Senate meeting. After this meeting, I sent this to BoR Chair Hicks. Both the bill and the Athletics Review Committee document are posted to the Senate Website.

Prior to the 3.6.18 BoR meeting, I sent out 2 ALL FACULTY email messages briefing faculty on the Athletics Review Committee document, the Senate memorial, and the issues in play. I also issued a call to faculty to attend the 3.6.18 work session and BoR meeting, and for people so inclined to speak during public comments. The BoR meeting was very well attended, with approximately 50-75 people being routed to an overflow room. 20 faculty presented impassioned and logical arguments as to why they objected to the I&G transfer and forgiving the debt. The BoR then moved the item on I&G up to the top of the agenda, and Mickey Klute of the Athletics Review Committee made a similar presentation to the one he made earlier in the work session. Lively discussion followed about options proposed, with special interest into details of restructuring the debt Athletics owes to NMSU. After this discussion, the BoR unanimously approved a motion to extend the debt, and no formal motion was made to transfer I&G funds or to forgive the debt.

In my view, this was a great outcome. Faculty, staff, and students came out and made their voices heard, the Regents listening respectfully and carefully, and they backed off on the more egregious ideas proposed and passed a motion limited solely to restructuring the debt. I personally do not have issues with this restructuring idea and see this a very reasonable outcome. Thanks to all the faculty that attended the meetings, shared comments, and provided input to me, the process, and the Regents. This was a great example of shared governance that really worked, and I thank all that helped make this happen.

- **Status of the Executive Search Committee** – As folks may remember from last month’s meeting, Steve Stochaj, the lone faculty member on the Search Committee, provided a brief update, the main points being:
 - Committee members received email from the search firm inviting them to join a portal to review the applications.
 - The Committee set a meeting for 6 March to narrow down the pool of the people that they want to interview with Skype. I believe that they did meet, but the committee members have not shared the outcome of this meeting.
 - After the pool is narrowed down, on campus interviews will be held in April, with the new Chancellor to start his/her term sometime in June.
 - On 3.22.18, I reached out to Chair Hicks and Search Committee Chair Cheney to ask after details on the on-campus meetings, and I will advise as I hear from them.

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