

Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report September 7-October 4, 2018

My report for the work of the past month centers on the Associate Dean's Academic Council (ADAC) meetings of Monday September 10 and Monday September 24. For those who are unfamiliar with the chain of approving groups regarding academic issues, once an issue is approved by all relevant parties in a College, ADAC is one of the first university-wide academic groups to discuss the issue. After it leaves ADAC, the issue is brought before the Academic Dean's Council (ADC), which Faculty Senate Chair Corran attends. Once this group has approved it, then the issue generally comes to Faculty Senate. Knowing what ADAC discusses and then what ADC discusses provides background to the issues that come to Faculty Senate in the form of propositions.

September 10, 2018

Shelly Stoval introduced the topic of multiple course offerings being listed under the CIP code for General Studies. Shelly is working to identify courses that should be assigned to specific program CIP codes so they can be changed from the General Studies designation to better reflect curriculum.

Greg Fant asked for names of academic administrators who would be willing to serve on the Student Academic Conduct Board. The administrators must have faculty rank from NMSU Main campus; five positions must be approved by ADAC. Selected names will be in a pool so that when a complaint goes as far as a committee hearing, one name will be selected to represent the administration group. Terms are for three years.

Programs selected for the five-year program review will be invited to an orientation.

Out of the 1000 students who had not logged in to their Canvas classes, 900 were contacted and subsequently logged in.

Discussion about the need for identification of which semesters particular classes are offered. A student prompted the discussion. Comments included suggestions such as listing the semesters in the catalog since this is a central location and can be easily updated.

Common course numbering will be evident in fall 2020 for implementation in spring 2021. 100-200 level classes will be changed first, but changes will then be applied throughout the catalog.

Discussion about the need to have announcements about the new mandatory time block schedule and the reasons for these changes. Primary reason is to remove numerous schedule conflicts for students.

Discussion about the need/desire for access to more data.

Greg Fant: NMSU will purchase "Turn It In" and it may be available as soon as spring 2019.

September 24, 2018

ASNMSU Student Body President announced a voter registration drive on campus tomorrow (Tuesday, September 25) as it is national voter registration day.

Report that in the first week of the student poll, 400 students have participated. ASNMSU's goal is 1000 students. Poll closes October 5th.

Dates for the next five years were provided for the Aggie Welcome and Orientation program. For 2019, dates run from April 15-August 16. Applications for orientation leaders will be open through October 31. Students can apply at awo.nmsu.edu. Selected students receive training through the spring in preparation for the summer program.

Proposal by DACC to change the wording of the associate degree and certificate program residency requirement. Proposed change is to remove the word "last" from the description of credits needed. For the associate's degree, instead of the "last 15 credits," it would read "15 credits." For certificates, instead of the "last 6 credits," it would read "6 credits." Several colleges disagreed with the change. It will be tabled and discussed on in more detail in the next meeting.

Presentation about NMSU Online. Its presence will start rolling out this semester. Related to this, much discussion ensued regarding the coding of courses as online, hybrid, NMSU Online only, etc. and much discussion about coding of programs as online, hybrid, etc. Proposals will be developed and brought back to ADAC.