

NMSU FACULTY SENATE CHAIR REPORT—FEBRUARY 2019 ACTIVITY

Submitted March 5th, 2019 by Becky Corran

Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meeting

- AAG met electronically in February (on the 4th)
- The AAG approved the following items for consideration in February by the recommended groups:
 - On the Administrative Track: CC Traffic and Parking (ARP 16.86), ASNMSU (RPM AND ARP 2.44), Pan Am Management (ARP 18.61), Student Conduct and Complaints (RPM 5.20-5.21), No Trespass Directives (ARP 16.21).

Associate Deans Council (ADC) meeting, Tuesday, February 26th, 2019

- ADC heard a proposal from Rod McSherry on using a measure of English proficiency on the major college admissions test administered in China in lieu of other test scores to recruit more students from China. The group was generally supportive, but the Provost did ask for additional information on costs, etc.
- The Provost solicited inputs on both the collective academic plan to Improve Student Success and the Carnegie R1 status. We also heard a presentation on NMSU LEADS.
- We looked at the Academic Administrator Training agenda and had an opportunity to add/give feedback.

University Administrative Council (UAC), Tuesday February 12th, 2019

- UAC met and considered a number of administrative policy changes regarding security, student handbooks and the management of the Pan Am.
- UAC heard a presentation from Emerson Morrow, ASNMSU President, on Fractional Grading, which is related to Senate [Proposition 15-18/19](#).
- There is a discussion happening within HR to change the annual evaluation cycle/dates, with a survey forthcoming.
- While there is a hope to join the Master/PhD ceremonies together, that won't happen this spring.

Board of Regents (BoR) meeting: The BoR did not meet in February. The next meeting is Friday, March 8th.

Other items and activities

- Updates on our support of Regent reform legislation: SJR 6 has passed through two committees, and can now move to floor votes. UNM Faculty Senators (including Pam Pyle, the Chair of UNM's Senate) lobbied in the Roundhouse and were credited with their expertise in helping it pass. Please call your senators and representatives.
- Mary and I met with Provost and discussed a number of key issues, including the small class rule (she'll be convening a group to discuss that will involve some senators) and department head training (this conversation was a parallel/offshoot of the FGRB discussions.)
- I met with several faculty who were considering proposals (curricular or policy proposals) in upcoming months to help outline the process and identify additional opportunities.
- The University Budget Committee met for an initial meeting, and heard the requests from the collective bargaining unit, which included a proposed change to the health care buy-in tiers. Nothing is decided, but these seem like something that admin is thinking about going forward.

Thank you for your continued investment in the work of the NMSU Faculty Senate. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please email me at bcorran@nmsu.edu or call 575.528.7033.