

## **NMSU FACULTY SENATE CHAIR REPORT—MARCH 2019 ACTIVITY**

**Submitted April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by Becky Corran**

### *Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meeting*

- AAG met electronically in March.
- The AAG approved the following items for consideration in March by the recommended groups:
  - Administrative track: Research oversight, principles and commercialization (ARP 11.00, 01 and 05).
  - Academic track: Fractional Grading and Course Evaluations (these originated in Faculty Senate, so will have a number of steps to go after this.)

### *Associate Deans Council (ADC) meeting, Tuesday, March 19th, 2019*

- ADC heard from VPR Cifuentes and VPSS Scott on Attending Commencement Waivers. There will be a new proposal that has more narrow requirements (i.e. fewer credits outstanding) for students to walk in May when they haven't completed their degree requirements.
- The student evaluation of teaching proposal from the Senate was met with a number of questions: What is the timeline? How will department/college questions be developed? I didn't have a lot of answers, but said we're up for working on it/thinking about it.
- I updated ADC on the "Do Not Pass" decision on Fractional Grading, which did not go over well with a number of folks there.
- Other items discussed included:
  - Toward R1: what are the goals? It seems like increasing graduate enrollment is a significant push, from both the VPR and the VPSS.
  - Evaluation timelines: as the staff evaluation timelines are shifting, what does this mean for faculty evaluation timeline?

### *University Administrative Council (UAC), Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

- UAC met and considered a number of administrative policy changes regarding space utilization, ineligibility to rehire and ASNMSU changes. They also heard and approved of the FGRB Proposition from the Faculty Senate, which was approved to amend ARP 10.60.
- We heard about loss prevention and control for NMSU from Dr. Doolittle, which included NMSU's settlements on things like car accidents, workers comp and civil rights decisions, all of which are, generally, down in claims/losses.

### *Board of Regents (BoR) meeting: The BoR met Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.*

- You can view the electronic binder for the BoR meeting here: <https://regents.nmsu.edu/files/2019/03/Binder-final-3-8-2019.pdf>
- This was the first meeting for the three new regents, and leadership of both the board and the committees shifted dramatically.
- The Chancellor and President gave reports and updates on their activities and the LEADS listening tour.

### *Other items and activities*

- Small Class Rule working group: I met with the Provost, VPR, VPSS, Financial Aid and a number of faculty senators to follow up on the small class rule issues. A few positive outcomes:
  - We learned of new registration/financial aid policies that will facilitate registration
  - I'll be working with the VPSS and Financial Aid to develop a financial aid guide for faculty advisors.
- One of the bills we supported (SJR 6) is on the governor's desk, awaiting a signature.

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](mailto:bcorran@nmsu.edu) or call 575.528.7033.