

NMSU FACULTY SENATE CHAIR REPORT—APRIL 2019 ACTIVITY

Submitted April 30th, 2019 by Becky Corran

Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meeting

- AAG met electronically in April.
- The AAG approved the following items for consideration in April by the recommended groups:
 - Administrative track: Research oversight, (ARP 11.01), Sales and Solicitation (ARP 14.92), Student Grievance Procedures (ARP 5.05), Parking and Traffic Regs (ARP 16.85---aka: “The scooter rule”—super controversial, and undergoing significant review and revision.)
 - Academic track: waiting for pending FS input on Fractional Grading and catalog years.

Associate Deans Council (ADC) meeting, Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019

- ADC heard from VPR Cifuentes on the “Road to R1”. This presentation included a number of interesting targets and metrics, and I can’t do justice to the details (and it wasn’t shared.) So, I would suggest that you request Dr. Cifuentes visit your college/department to highlight the targets/framework they’ve identified for this endeavor.
 - You might check out this dashboard that integrates all the iPeds data to identify how to boost R1 measures: https://tbed.org/univlist/index.php?function=search&tablename=cc_vw
- Dr. Reddi (ENG) is proposing a new “Professor of Practice” which seems like it has facets of both adjuncts and college professors. Please see the PDF that accompanies this report for more details.
- We heard of the NMSU Web Enhancement plan, which will involve shifting our website to a different platform, making it more secure and with fewer app-based vulnerabilities. This will mean some changes for departments in the process for updating/maintaining webpages (it seems that it will be getting a bit easier.)

University Administrative Council (UAC), Tuesday April 9th, 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, April 5th.

- You can view the electronic binder for the BoR meeting here <https://regents.nmsu.edu/files/2019/04/Binder-April-5-2019.pdf>
- The meeting involved information on a number of real estate/land projects, and a significant budget component. The BoR approved a 6% tuition increase (despite proposals for less). This was all in the context of a 2-4% compensation increase, but later that morning the governor vetoed the word “average” from the budget, making this 4% across the board. Because the tuition increase had already been set, this disrupted admin’s plans for a more balanced budget.

Other items and activities

- The SLC was invited to interview the Provost candidates, and developed a list of questions collaboratively and are currently participating in the Provost visits (through May 13th.)
- On the privatization of services at NMSU: the RFI is very early, and the process will stretch through next year. Auxiliary Services and admin have expressed their commitment to local business in the process, as well as an offer to come to speak to the Senate early next year.

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.