

**NMSU Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report
December 2019 Report, December 2019 Activity**

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Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meetings

- See Chair Report

Attended Associate Deans Academic Council (ADAC) Meetings

I attended December 9 meeting, 1-3pm

- Common Course Numbering Update – Kori Plank/Dacia Sedillo 10, sweep transfer tables
- Minors in Social Media Management, Strategic Communications, and Archeology approved
- Geology Concentration changes proposed for first read
- College of Education deactivation of program codes approved
- Spring Course Availability – Balance of classes that have low enrollment and courses with large waitlists are a concern
- Deactivation of Program Codes in Education approved
- Educational Leadership and Administration Principal Certificate approved
- Standard Time Blocks and Final Exam Schedule – this is being piloted and data collected
- Individual Study courses discussed related to numbers and problems getting students enrolled
- Committee Chair Kathy Brooks retiring and Committee Chair for spring 2020 is Joe Lakey.

NMSU Online TaskForce Meeting

I attended December 4 meeting, 1-2:15pm

- Spring Schedule determined for 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the months, please note that I need a proxy for both February meetings – February 12, 1-2:30pm and February 26, 1-2:30pm.
- M/U cross listing is an issue, corrections are being worked out
- NMSU Las Cruces Campus Distance Education Committee needs to be established per NMSU ARP 4.69. This was discussed in context of incoming VP DLI and existing NMSU infrastructure. Composition and representation was discussed.
- SCH data for fall 2019 was reviewed and spring/summer being requested
- Increase in inquiries via phone and email have increased from 28 in 2018 to 173 in 2019
- Application data reviewed
- Tools discussed – new evaluation, Canvas purchased by private equity firm, Zoom licensing

Attended NMSU Faculty Advisory Committee for Technology (FACT) Meeting

I am member-at-large for NMSU FACT, I attended the December 6 STAC/FACT meeting. Thank you to Jennifer Chandler for notes.

- Canvas/Academic Technology Update – Evaluation Kit changes, Zoom, Canvas pages immersive reader for accessibility, Canvas Update broke some connections, i.e. iClicker
- CIO Update – Cybersecurity, migration of email to the Cloud will make calendaring easier, EAB Navigate includes community colleges starting around February
- Provost/NMSU Update –

- VP DLI position had 50+ application,
- RE: NMSU Online - Since the beginning of the new FY there were about 643 new undergrad applications, this is across all campuses. 115 grad applications.
- A&S student concerns. More of their classes are moving online and not as many in person classes. It is the department that determines how the classes are taught. Bringing these concerns to the department heads is the best advice. They need to hear from students, write a letter. Send to faculty senate as well.
- Online fees – student asks where are these going? \$35 per credit hour pays for staffing for Canvas and professional development. Approximately 13 full time staff. The remainder of the money goes to the Albuquerque Center. Then money is divided up and given back to the departments. It is based on percentages of student enrolled in their departments.
- Moving forward students will not be moved into NMSUO automatically. They will be given the option.
- Graduate students will not have access to money to go to conferences.
- How should we communicate to students? This was brainstormed - Digital Signage and Canvas announcements are very helpful. Blog post? ICT announcement on the website. A place to post DS so they can see it and not have to wait for it to cycle through again. Central location where it is all posted, but will students go to a different place to look this up? Mobile friendly. What about text? The new CRM does have text capabilities. Problem is not updating phone number or entering a different phone number. What about a NMSU app? Students are not using existing one, it wasn't pretty and not user friendly. It was called Aggie Life. Inside Office 365, you can set up a notification to get a text from a certain person. Reminder to Norma to send an email out about this
 **Possible PSA in spring. Focused inbox as well. Possible mobile app. Students really want it. Also, place to post for selling, looking for roommates, etc., that is only open to NMSU affiliated people.
 - Digital Signage archive
 - ICT important messages archive
- Diana Touns Dugas (Cyber Infrastructure Architect)
 - Adobe workshops not yet available because they do not have someone who can present. Send names if you know of anyone who could help with these. In late February, a 2-day workshop from NSF will be held about grant proposal writing and artificial intelligence. Everyone is invited, students, staff, and faculty.
- ST Update (Jennifer Chandler, ICT Student Technology)
 - IT Student Survey ends Dec. 13
 - IT Faculty and Staff Survey coming spring
 - Tech Day – February 13, 2019
 - Coffee Bar: Monday – Wednesday
 - HJLC will be open until 2 a.m. Sunday – Wednesday
 - HJLC lab closed started Dec. 12 at 5:00 and will closed until Jan. 6 (HJLC 206 will be available) – Mine Mirror
 - Comic PSAs are very popular
 - Family housing and VDM routers are not working well. Also having connecting issues all over campus, in HJLC. Is NMSU moving to 6 anytime soon? No.
 - Donations to Milton hall for dogs (Santa Paws). Aggie cupboard is also available. A new fund was established to support students that are homeless.

Other Items and Activities

- Attended ACES Pre-Faculty Senate meeting lunch, December 5, 2019

- Attended meeting – President/Provost/ASNMSU/FS Leadership Meeting re: Qualitative Evaluation, December 2, 8-9am
- Attended Faculty Forum hosted by President, Faculty Senate, December 2, 10am-12pm
- Attended AASSC Brown Bag lunch, December 18
- Participated on Search Committee for Vice Provost of Digital Learning Initiatives and attended meetings, November 15, December 3, December 19, 2019 and Zoom interviews week of January 6-10, 2020; the finalists list was sent to the Provost; it is anticipated that the on-site interviews will occur the week of January 17.