

NMSU FACULTY SENATE CHAIR REPORT—JANUARY 2020 ACTIVITY

Submitted February 4th, 2020 by Becky Corran

Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) met electronically on January 9th, 2020, to consider one item, recommended to the administrative track:

- ARP 5.75— First Time Student Vaccination and Health Requirements
 - As recommended by the Communicable Disease Preparedness Committee, the proposed rule will help mitigate the risks of contracting and spreading vaccine-preventable illnesses at the NMSU campuses. Effective for the Fall 2020 semester, this rule will require proof of vaccination for, or immunity to, the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella diseases (MMR) or the granting of a request for waiver using the AHC's exemption form. Also, international students are required to be screened for tuberculosis and if positive, will be referred for treatment. In the event of an emergent disease outbreak declared by federal, state, or local health authorities, the campus president, in consultation with the Communicable Disease Preparedness Committee co-chairs, may determine that non-vaccinated/immune students need to leave campus and not attend classes/labs or other extracurricular activities and university events.

University Administrative Council (UAC), Tuesday, January 14th, 2020

- You can view and comment on all proposed new rules on the [Policy and Rule Proposal Sharepoint](#).
- ARP 5.75—First Time Student Vaccination and Health Requirements was introduced. This (initial) proposal received a number of questions from the VPSS and Provost, in particular regarding impacts on the enrollment of students, in particular non-traditional and first-generation students.
- A number of room names were approved.
- UAC approved ARP 3.04: Nepotism. Note changes to existing policy include clarifications about “Relationships” and a prohibition on anyone in the supervisory chain (not just direct supervisors) having family hired.
- UAC heard an additional follow up to the 2019 Climate Survey. A summary document is included in the “Chair Report” section of the FS website.

Associate Deans Council (ADC) Tuesday, January 28th, 2020.

- ADC was convened to hear a report on the Fall 2019 Student Satisfaction and Priorities survey. Interesting takeaway strengths include:
 - Nearly all of the faculty are knowledgeable in their field.
 - Students are able to experience intellectual growth here.You can see an infographic summary on the “Chair Report” page.

Board of Regents (BoR), January 24th, 2020

- This was a limited-agenda meeting, with no reports from advisory members.
- This meeting included the financial report/audit of NMSU, starting on page 37 of the [packet, found here](#).

Informational Items

- Searches are ongoing for (and Provost Parker has been requesting faculty volunteers for academic leadership searches):
 - VP Digital Learning (candidates will be on campus at the end of February—look for forum announcements.)
 - [Vice Provost for Academic Affairs](#)
 - [Dean, Honors College](#)

Other items and activities

- Ongoing representation of faculty on the Holistic Investigation Protocol task force, including support of a final report on Investigation processes across campus and serving on the “Culture of Reporting” action team.
- Ongoing representation Faculty Senate on the Chancellor’s Strategic Financial Planning Committee.
- Met with Faculty for Equity, Provost Parker and VP Jones to discuss faculty retention issues, December 2nd.
- Representation of Faculty Senate in [LEADS 2025](#)
 - Member of Research (Goal 2) planning group
 - Supporting Engagement (Goal 3) subcommittee on documenting and communicating about engagement, extension and outreach.

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.