

NMSU FACULTY SENATE CHAIR REPORT—FEBRUARY 2020 ACTIVITY

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Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) met Thursday, February 27th, 2020

- The AAG met and looked at a large number of policies that have been proposed and are in various stages of movement (i.e. about to be sent to UAC, considered by the Senate, otherwise indisposed.) The list included old items (Fractional Grading) and new (Vaccination Requirements). Overall, the discussion centered around two questions:
 - How to best handle policy development, approval and implementation, and,
 - How to communicate about this and make decisions.Currently, this is done through many channels, with a range of loose ends, and an unclear path to cohesive policy development. I anticipate that in upcoming months there may be a proposed revision to the first chapters of ARP and RPM to reflect a more clear and streamlined process. ***These changes are not/will not be oriented toward limiting faculty initiation and review of proposed changes.***

University Administrative Council (UAC), Tuesday, February 11th, 2020

- You can view and comment on all proposed new rules on the [Policy and Rule Proposal Sharepoint](#).
- You can view [the minutes from UAC meetings by clicking here](#).
- UAC reviewed a number of new provisions and revisions of the Drug and Alcohol Free policies, and approved a streamlining of the university phone use ARP.

Associate Deans Council (ADC) was cancelled for February 2020.

Board of Regents (BoR) did not meet in February 2020.

Informational Items

- Searches are ongoing for (and Provost Parker has been requesting faculty volunteers for academic leadership searches):
 - VP Digital Learning (finalists were on campus at the end of February)
 - [Vice Provost for Academic Affairs](#)
 - [Dean, Honors College](#)

Other items and activities

- Met with faculty regarding new data on Fractional Grading. Set up a [web-repository for reports, data and information](#), with plans to introduce a proposal for consideration by the Faculty Senate in April.
- 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.
 - Key highlights: upcoming potential revisions of ARP to include an “ombuds”-like place on campus, details and additional ideas forthcoming. (Ongoing conversations with FGRB and UGC, along with Provost and Vice Chancellor.)
- Invited to review nominations for Climate Survey Action Team and provide feedback to administration. I will be the co-chair of the team, along with Dr. Gena Jones, VP for Human Resources.
- Ongoing representation Faculty Senate on the Chancellor’s Strategic Financial Planning Committee.
- 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.