

**NMSU Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report  
March 2020 Report, February 2020 Activity**

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**Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meetings**

Attended February 27, 9-10am. See Chair Report.

**Attended Associate Deans Academic Council (ADAC) Meetings**

Attended Monday, February 10 meeting, 1-3pm, of note:

- CHSS Grad Minor Reactivation, approved without second reading
- CHSS Concentration Name Change, approved without second reading
- Nursing deactivations (1st read & vote), approved
- NMSU Catalog Regulations section (1st read for approval).
  - Of note, I was updated regarding the February 24 meeting that I was out of town for; AD Garcia recommended adding language to the administrative withdrawal regulations to include online course LMS language. Also, see the draft revised withdrawal form included with the meeting documents.
- Updates on time blocks, noted that students like 1st option (these time blocks were shared at the last SLC and FS meetings).
- Roundtable- Kori noted Roadmaps need to be updated alongside Catalogue changes, March 9 is the deadline; Parra noted Graduate Council/Graduate Certificate conversations; Courses discussed - Gen Ed area 4 is good, VWW and mini-mester 2 are low - think about offering especially for recovery and courses that get you ready for challenging courses; noted that [Thomas Easley](#) held an excellent workshop...

**NMSU Faculty Advisory Committee for Technology (FACT) Meeting**

I am member-at-large for NMSU FACT, I did not attend FACT meeting, February 14, but received the notes. Thank you to Michelle Lebsock for those. Of note:

- Tech Day is April 2
- Provost Fant Update re: Vice Provost of Digital Learning Initiatives
  - The VP of DLI will work closely with FACT and will have system-wide responsibilities.
- ICT Update (Norma Grijalva)
  - Cybersecurity Focus
    - Ransomware remains a critical issue
      - Defense against ransomware - keep software patched, don't run as admin on your account, keep backups; make sure that wireless router has an 11+ character password
    - Sending links such as surveys needs to be re-evaluated
    - Sophos update - advanced threat protection (intercept X) for faculty use; students will be moved to Sophos free version this summer
    - Also paying for Microsoft Threat protection
    - Q: NMSU safe-links access A: hover over safelink to see real URL. The way that urls appear is determined by the two email systems on campus, exchange and 365 Cloud. Ironport may or may not identify links when using exchange. Moving to fully cloud-based email.
    - Q: off-campus message warning A: some units are using off-campus domains, which will show as originating off campus even though it is from an on-campus group. ICT will work to whitelist the addresses of these groups
  - NMSU webpages are being moved to Cascade from WordPress - will be used for external-facing pages for branding and information consistency, slow roll-out,

Melissa Chavira is leading project (this was a concern noted in Faculty Talk and I'm not sure if this move was related to Cybersecurity or not; this was also shared at November meeting and is in VC notes for December).

- Distance Education Update (Susie Bussmann)
  - NMSU Online
    - One year anniversary of NMSUO, launched February 1, 2019
    - NMSUO is system-wide and will show LC and CC programs offered
    - 3rd semester of having official NMSUO students
      - Swirling issue with students taking courses at multiple campuses (conflict); Number of swirling issues is declining
      - Dept. and faculty - NMSUO Task Force needs to do more information and education about cross-listing of M and U courses; Cross-listing should occur in Banner through Academic Scheduling; More education needed for faculty about how to report grades for cross-listed courses
    - Online marketing through MarComm - digital media. Campaign has been successful in recruiting new NMSUO students
    - 70 online programs across the system (certificates-doctoral programs) more programs expanding/transitioning to online in the works (many at the masters level)
      - Hope is 1 year from now online programs will be closer to 75-77 programs available
    - Sam is NMSUO coordinator and is the point of contact for online applicants/enrolled students
    - NMSUO enrollment is growing
      - 2018-2019- inquiries about online programs 55
      - 2019-2020 same as above increase 228
      - UG applications for Fall 2020, 441 for the whole system
      - Sam routes applications to the correct campus
      - 64% of applications are in-state students
- Academic Technology (Robbie and Michelle)
  - New Chromium based Edge browser works with Canvas
- Other: Request for information from November provided:
  - Mobile devices and how students are accessing Canvas and learning tools
    - Google Analytics for NMSU Canvas shows 11.51% of Canvas usage is mobile (55% is Apple devices) - Aug-Dec 2019
  - Canvas/Google Analytics Data
    - 63% use Chrome as their browser to access Canvas
    - 8% still use Edge (not compatible with Canvas)
    - 60% Windows, 40% Mac

### ***Other Items and Activities***

- Participated in Search Committee activities for Vice Provost of Digital Learning Initiatives, breakfast meetings week of February 17-21. By the time we meet on Thursday, will have participated in a final Search Committee meeting, March 4, 10-11am to discuss the final four candidates.
- SLC & Provost Meeting – we discussed the closure of CELP and Provost Parker noted the related conversations that occurred over time; that there is not going to be a F2F campus built in Mexico; tour of offices and room that is partly designated for Faculty.
- I registered for and by the time we meet, will have attended OLC Webinar – Making the Shift to Online Learning: Emergency Preparedness & Instructional Continuity.