

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

Report for September 2020, by Julia Parra

Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meetings

- Nothing to report at this time.

Academic Deans Council (ADC) meetings

- Nothing to report at this time.

University Administrative Council (UAC) meetings

- Attended September 8, 2020; see the [University Administrative Council](#) site for minutes and UAC information
- Data Classification ARP 15.41 approved
- Presented Faculty Senate Report: Focus on September meeting and passed legislation

Board of Regents (BoR) meetings - See the [Board of Regents](#) site for Notices, Agendas, and Binders

- Special Meetings: August 27 & September 2 [closed sessions re: competitive sealed proposal solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code during the contract negotiation process. NMSA 1978, Sec 10-15-1 (H) (6) a. Auxiliary Services – Comprehensive Hospitality and Facilities Services P3 (RFP #: 2020-RFP-1883)]
- September 18 Regular Meeting: Of faculty note: Jamie Bronstein addressed the Regents with concerns regarding the lack of 2-way communication between President/Provost and faculty, she brought up that the P&T Prop was vetoed and issues of the negative impact of budget cuts including rollback of raises and the lack of a symbolic cut, and finally that morale is impacted. I shared the Faculty Senate Report (see binder), and Regent Romero shared a reminder of the Governor's Council for Racial Justice that includes NMSU representation and expressed that there is an opportunity to work together related to Proposition 2-20/21. Here is the binder: <https://regents.nmsu.edu/files/2020/09/BOR-Regular-Meeting-Agenda-SEPT-18-2020.pdf>
- September 18 Closed Meeting: The closed meeting is being called to discuss bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the Regents of New Mexico State University and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 2393 in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA Section 10-15-1, subsection (H)(5).

Other items and activities

- **Weekly Rapid Response Team:** attended bi-weekly meetings, see <https://ready.nmsu.edu/>, a question for faculty idea generation is - What makes sense for Spring Break 2021?
- **Met with the Administration (President Floros & Provost Parker):** Discussed 1) the Advisory Council for Budget and Restructuring (ACBR), 2) newly formed [FY21 LEADS Budget Realignment Initiative \(BRI\) Committee](#), 3) shared governance including concerns that during times such as these, where clock speed is accelerated, the Senate is not structured to quickly generate expert guidance/support; we noted that Senate is engaged in restructuring process, 4) relevant propositions that we will take some conversations to the related committees, 5) some concerns about Fall 2020 student success.
- **ACBR met with the Administration (President Floros & Provost Parker):** BRI Committee [“will seek input from a faculty advisory](#). This is that advisory.
- group, appointed by the Faculty Senate.”
- **Met with [FY21 LEADS Budget Realignment Initiative Committee](#):** Chair of ACBR filled in for me at the first meeting, I attended the second. Reviewing initial materials. A question for faculty idea generation - What do you think of incentivized retirement?

- **Goal Team 3:** Planning NMSU Virtual Outreach Conference, November 16, 2020.
- **Attended VP IED Listening Session:** Next Steps included 1) develop draft position profile, 2) send profile to committee, President signs off, confidential search ensues, search committee interviews, check references, this is about a 6-month process, final decision is the President's. We asked about making sure of internal opportunity they noted their institutional commitment and overall marketing of the position and the university for now and future.
- **Faculty Senate Representation on NMSU Committees:** Hopefully we've got it all covered. See [Faculty Senate: Beyond the Bylaws](#)

Next Meetings

The remaining full senate meetings for Fall 2020 are:

Thursday, November 5, 4:00-5:30

Thursday, December 3, 4:00-5:30

Committees and September Meetings:

Long Range Planning: Thursday, October 8

Faculty Affairs: Tuesday, October 13

University Affairs: Thursday, October 15

Scholastic Affairs: Tuesday, October 20

Of note, there is a calendar on the [NMSU Faculty Senate](#) site but you need to be logged in to your VPN. Any committee chair needing help with Zoom, please contact me. I am happy to host for you.

All meetings start at 4pm and will be held virtually in Zoom for Fall 2020. Senators, when you enter meetings, please rename and include Senator to the beginning of your name. You can do this with the rename feature next to your name in the Participants box.

Anyone coming in with a phone number, please identify yourself and get help editing your name.

Thank you for your continued investment in the work of the [NMSU Faculty Senate](#). If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please email Julia Parra at juparra@nmsu.edu or call 575.646-1767; or email Susan Beck at susabeck@nmsu.edu or call at 575-640-0072.