

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

Report for November 2020, by Julia Parra

Academic Deans' Council (ADC) meeting/s

- Conflicted with the Board of Regents Special Meeting.

University Administrative Council (UAC) meetings

- See the [University Administrative Council](#) site for minutes and UAC information
- Attended , 2020; the focus was lessons learned across campus. Concepts include adaptation, resiliency, needing to rebalance, pedagogical change such as related to interaction, engagement, assessment, etc.
- FYI, this student model is being discussed - We have different sectors of students and need to serve them all.
 - First-time, full-time
 - Upper division students
 - Graduate students
 - Adult learners

Board of Regents Meeting/s

- See the [Regent Meetings site for notices, agendas, binders](#).
- Special Meeting: November 10, 2020; Action Item was NMSU Athletics preparing to compete in the WAC, the following motion was put forward and passed: "Because NMSU Athletics is a core aspect of the operations of the university and in the interest of the health and safety of the student athletes and related staff in the program. I move that the Board authorize the administration to the extent in compliance with any applicable public health order implement the return to athletics plan substantially as presented, subject to the Board of Regents writers anytime to modify or revoke. This authorization as that public health order requires so that our student athletes can prepare to participate in athletic competition and participate in any actual intercollegiate competition upon NMSU verification that each applicable conference official and counterpart institution has put into place, health and safety protections that are at least meet those under this authorization. And if compliance with any applicable public health order cannot be achieved under any then current return to athletics plan explore any alternative arrangement that allows NMSU student athletes safely to participate in any respective sport for which they have already invested considerable efforts."
- Student Success Meeting: November 23, 2020; Provost and VP Scott provided update on spring semester planning; Dean Camarena provided undergraduate research overview; Provost and Deans Hoffman, Reddi, and Cooper reported on tuition differential proposals; **VP Scott shared EAB Navigate Status (will share at Senate meeting in January)**.

Other items and activities

- **Weekly Rapid Response Team:** In the last meeting we were seeing the state and local spikes. What was frequently noted is that Covid cases on campus were **FFN** and not attributable to NMSU activities and that **CSPs** have been working. Now the topics turn towards the spring which will look a lot like this fall. Of course, I continue to promote increased support and preparedness for the high percentage of online courses and activities. We can, we should, and we will do more

for faculty and for students. Reminders: email me or Michael Mapp for your spring questions, issues, concerns; visit <https://ready.nmsu.edu/> often.

- **Met with the Administration (President Floros & Provost Parker):** President & Provost: We continued the conversation we have been having regarding structural barriers, related to consistency/transparency/accountability with the colleges' processes of sharing, collaborating, bringing faculty to the conversation, etc., currently as related to academic restructuring, budget reductions, and reallocations.
- **Budget:** We are having the same conversation as with the Administration regarding consistency/transparency/accountability. I am noting that I attended a Student Fees Review Board meeting and wow! It was so great to see a robust agenda, a process, templates, plan for hearings, the data needed, etc. This is the kind of process that makes sense. If the students are required and can do it...
- **P & T extension note:** Regarding Provost Parker's memo supporting Proposition where noted that the Pandemic qualifies as a "catastrophe" per ARP 9.35/2/B.5, P&T extension requests need to be made no later than the end of the AY20-20, i.e., by May 18, 2021.
- **Faculty Town Halls:** Faculty Senate continues co-hosting with the Provost. October was Curricular Analytics, November 5 was the New College Proposal, an extra one November 19 was for supporting faculty with online course design and teaching, and December 3 was an update to the faculty about the faculty compensation studies that are underway. Thoughts?
- **Parra Senate Chair Office Hours aka Lunch w/ Julz:** Wednesdays 12-1:30, [Zoom link](#), email me if you need the link or phone information. Next week is the last for the semester, and I start again on January 20, 2021.

Next Meetings

The full senate meetings for Spring 2021 are:

Thursday, January 14, 4:00-5:30
Thursday, February 4, 4:00-5:30
Thursday, March 4, 4:00-5:30
Thursday, May 6, 4:00-5:30

Committees/December Meetings:

Faculty Affairs:	Tuesday, December 8
Scholastic Affairs:	Tuesday, December 8
Long Range Planning:	Wednesday, December 9
University Affairs:	Wednesday, December 9
Senate Leadership:	Thursday, December 10

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 and Spring 2021. 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.