

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

Report for January 2021, by Julia Parra

Academic Deans' Council (ADC) meeting/s

- Shelly Stovall shared the work she's doing for a Programs Review Process that brings together existing review and aligns via rubric to LEADS 2025.
- Discussed multi-step proposal for CLSS system; inactive courses will not be allowed in schedule for summer/fall, in spring 2022 will add course sections to proofs that course demand data says are needed.

University Administrative Council (UAC) meetings

- See the [University Administrative Council](#) site for minutes and UAC information
- Andrew Bowen, Interim Chief of Police introduced
- Parra will share Vice Chancellor Johnston's System-Wide debrief survey summary

Board of Regents Meeting/s

- See the [Regent Meetings site for notices, agendas, binders](#).
- Special Meeting on January 6, 2021, of note NMSU Carlsbad is working on becoming a stand alone campus, this is now in legislative session.

Other items and activities

- **Weekly Rapid Response Team:** Reminders: continue to email me or Michael Mapp (Faculty Experience TT) for your spring questions, issues, concerns; NOTE the new site for 2021 - <https://now.nmsu.edu/>. The following is mostly from this month's meeting, last month is outdated.
 - Remember your SET training .
 - Note the Crimson Commitment was posted to Learn and doesn't need to be in every course.
 - Vaccine access is delayed statewide. Noted that 9 out of 100 is the statistic for Dona Ana vaccinations. Note 1B phase includes Educators but the delay in vaccine access means 1B category of Educator was delineated and delayed. Further, there is increased delay and dose 2 is a current focus. The state has adopted the CDC guidance that you have up to 42 days to take the booster.
 - HR Rapid Response Team: Noted that the last town hall was very personal and well received, question has come up, can we help financially for our employees in need, mental health remains a key focus - Hotline has mental health tips.
 - Fall schedule planning note: C19 rooms are those that have been physically assessed, P19 are newly identified but not physically assessed, the guidance is to not worry at this time about rooms, make notes about room and equipment needed but focus on providing class options because registration starts in April.
 - Faculty Experience Tiger Team - there is a Tiger Team Matrix and FETT is having a lot of discussion. Thank you to this team and leader, Michael Mapp.
- **Met with the Administration (President Floros, Provost Parker, Vice Chancellor Johnston):**
 - President Floros noted cautious optimism regarding the budget. HEERF will be helpful though there is caution related to a watch on potential legislative swap like what happened initially with CARES. Of note, enrollment is maintaining ground. President Floros asked that we thank all faculty for the tremendous work done to support students.

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- President Floros asks for ideas from the Faculty Senate on Town Hall topics and related experts.
 - President Floros and Provost Parker would like us to share restructuring with UAC and this is being organized for February 9.
- **ACBR:** Advisory Council for Budget and Restructuring is currently working on a Proposal for Budget Reduction and Realignment Process (related to ensuring faculty participation at the college and university levels).
- **LMS Team Meeting:**
 - It's important to keep your Zoom desktop client updated. This will ensure that you have all of the newest functionality.
 - Please use Canva Studio for pre-recorded content rather than using Zoom.
 - Please move older Zoom recordings that you may need to Canvas Studio. We are quickly using up the allotted storage space for recordings in Zoom. We have already changed the retention of Zoom recordings to 365 days.
 - Academic Technology Open Lab is open Monday - Friday 8:30-11:30 and 1:30-4:30. Also, DLI Fellows hold office hours in AT SubZoomRooms
- **Faculty Focus**
 - [Faculty Town Halls](#) continue and are prior to first Thursday Senate meeting.
 - [DLI Faculty Spotlight Series](#) are going strong
 - Provost Faculty Fellows are working hard - [Inaugural Fellows](#), [System Integration Fellow](#), [DLI Faculty Fellows](#) (Engaging Learners course), others?
- **Tech Tips**
 - Mail Focused vs. Other - Check your Other for Hotline, Vice Chancellor updates, Academic Technology updates and consider using the Move to feature at the top to Always move to Focused inbox.
 - Add Music in Zoom and some other tips - [FAQs from Engaging Learners course](#)
- **Parra Senate Chair Office Hours aka Lunch w/ Julz:** Wednesdays 12-1:00, email me if you need the link or phone information.
- **New Propositions:** New propositions are due February 27, technically by 5pm, preferably by 12pm.

Next Meetings

The upcoming full senate meetings for Spring 2021 are:

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

Thursday, April 1, 4:00-5:30

Thursday, May 6, 4:00-5:30

Committees/January Meetings:

Scholastic Affairs: February 8, 4:00-5:00

Long Range Planning: February 8, 4:00-5:00

Faculty Affairs: February 13, 4:00-5:00

University Affairs: February 15, 4:00-5:00

Senate Leadership: February 29, 4:00-5:00

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