

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

Report for February 2020, by Julia Parra

Academic Deans' Council (ADC) meeting/s

- Discussion occurred regarding college service centers. Initial ideas discussed, continued research and discussion will ensue.
- Fall planning discussed. Flexibility and communication are key. Dacia has created a flexible scenario in scheduling. Currently, the need is to maintain the socially distanced scenario.
- VP Kollman reported on NMSU-Online projects.

University Administrative Council (UAC) meeting/s

See the [University Administrative Council](#) site for UAC information and minutes that have much more information. These are some of my notes:

- Chancellor Arvizu reported that the state legislative theme is maintaining budget level support, the CARES swap is under discussion to restore or half restore, potential exists for more federal COVID related funding,
- Chancellor Arvizu noted that Faculty Talk is suspended not eliminated, and that the case is that a significant number of complaints and allegations of hostile workplace were received and the issues must be addressed, the platform is provided as a service but can't abuse it. He noted will work with the Faculty Senate to collaboratively identify how to meet the original intent.
- Branch Executive Director Ken Van Winkle discussed the branch campuses noting that enrollment is down and they are working hard to increase second eight week enrollment. Operating agreements have been developed. Two of the operating agreements will be signed. Carlsbad was still in question and a firm was doing work to explore the complexities of Carlsbad going on its own. Since this meeting, [news reports that bills related to Carlsbad have passed in the House, in education committees](#).
- [The Academic Calendar](#) is revised, please see it so you understand the changes.

Board of Regents Meeting/s

- See the [Regent Meetings site for notices, agendas, binders](#).
- See [Special Meeting February 2, 2021](#) Binder for details; key topics:
 - Operating Agreements with Branch Campuses
 - Collaboration Agreement between the Regents of New Mexico State University and NMSU Foundation
 - Closed meeting to discuss the performance evaluation and objective statement for the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year for Chancellor Arvizu as permitted under the personnel matters exemption the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA Section 10-15-1, subsection (H)(2). See Quantitative Performance Targets and Goals (Objective Statement) for Chancellor Dan Arvizu for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 in the binder.
- Attended Board of Regent's Student Success Meeting

Pandemic Action Team Meeting/s

Reminders: continue to email me or Michael Mapp with your questions, issues, concerns; NOTE the new site for 2021 - <https://now.nmsu.edu/>

- It's important to keep up COVID Safe Practices (CSPs)
- A vaccine influx is expected, preparations underway, President Biden has prioritized vaccinating educators

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- President Floros challenges us to be ready to come back in person in the fall. This means we need to be prepared for all the scenarios.
- Tiger Teams will fully engage again.

Other items and activities

- **Budget:** Advisory Council for Budget and Restructuring is working on a Proposal for Budget Reduction and Realignment Process (related to ensuring faculty participation at the college and university levels.
- **Faculty Town Halls:** Next is April 1 and we plan to discuss Intra/Inter Faculty Communications.
- Attended Student Fee Review Board Hearings
- Attended VP EID Interviews with SLC Members
- Attended Academic Service Fee Meeting
- Attended AAG Meeting
- **Parra Senate Chair Office Hours aka Lunch w/ Julz:** Wednesdays 12-1:00, [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

Full Faculty Senate meetings for Spring 2021 are:

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

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

Committees/January Meetings:

Faculty Affairs: March 9, 4:00-5:00

Scholastic Affairs: March 11, 4:00-5:00

Long Range Planning: March 11, 4:00-5:00

University Affairs: March 18, 4:00-5:00

Senate Leadership: March 25, 4:00-5:00

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 Spring 2021. The 3:30 start time noted is for the use of technology and if possible, join the meeting 5-10 minutes early to test your access.

Senators, when you enter meetings, please open your Participants and Chat boxes, hover by your name in Participants box and rename to 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. Also, guests, please make sure you attend using your full name. If needed, hover by your name in Participants box and rename to include your full name.

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