

NMSU Faculty Senate Vice-Chair Report–April 2021 Activity Submitted by Susan E. Beck

Associate Deans Academic Council

Date: April 12, 2021

1. Faculty Senate Proposition 19-20/21

Joe Butler presented the group with a proposition to undo, in part, a reorganization at DACC that was completed a few years ago. DACC would like to move Advanced Technologies into a new department that is better suited to meet the needs of students. This changes has been approved by Faculty Senate. This proposal was approved by ADAC.

2. Dean Office Hours

Tony Garcia suggested that the Associate Deans consider hosting office hours for incoming students collectively to answer questions or direct questions to appropriate offices. Admissions agrees to promote to prospective students once a schedule is set.

Date: April 26, 2021

1. Enrollment monitoring/Title IV Compliance

Vandeen McKenzie, Financial Aid Director, gave a presentation on methods to comply with Dept of Education attendance requirement (Title IV) of students receiving financial aid. NMSU hasn't an attendance policy and this lack has put us out of compliance. Suggestions are 1) Faculty using Canvas give students an assignment that must be completed by 2nd Friday in semester. The census is the 3rd Friday when Financial Aid must report. For non-Canvas faculty, they would submit a class list by 2nd Monday. ICT can pull "no activity" report but that only works for Canvas using faculty. Central Advising would reach out to students who show up on a "no activity" report and would begin that outreach on the 2nd Monday or Tuesday. They already reach out to students but don't contact students until after census date. They are also coming up with assignment ideas for faculty to use. These would be engagement activities. A big question is how faculty involvement/participation is enforced.

2. GenEd Capacity

Joe Lakey noted that A&S GenEd courses are at 90% capacity so he has requested HEERF funding to expand access for these.

3. New ADAC procedures

Updated items such as who is eligible to vote and that a majority of the membership (half plus one) is required to pass votes.

4. Chair 2021-2022

Donald Connor will be Vice Chair and Chair in Training

5. Licensure compliance

Shelly Stovall sending out a list soon of all the certifications/licensure requirements. These will go on a front-facing website.

6. Faculty credentials

Shelly Stovall will run a report to ensure correct coding is in place.

General Education Course Certification Committee

Date: April 9, 2021

Discussed over a dozen exemplary assignments in GenEd courses that assess student learning in the major skill areas required by the New Mexico General Education Curriculum. These will be used by the Committee on Assessment of Student Learning—General Education committee to build an assignment library.

University Program Approval Committee

Date:

1. Programs approved
 - a. Doctor of Nursing Practice (Population Health)—This is a developing career field and the program is in response to the anticipated focus the health care system will be moving towards. It is also anticipated that by 2025, all nurse practitioners will need to have a DNP. The program will be fully online with asynchronous and synchronous classes, as well as aspects of practicum. The NMSU master's program will create a feeder program for the DNP. Unanimous approval
 - b. BA in Mathematics (Probability and Statistics) – This is a new concentration for Mathematics students. While the department already has multiple concentrations, this is one that could eventually also cover the actuarial concentration. It has support from the Applied Statistics department and could be attractive to Industrial Engineering students. Unanimous approval.
 - c. BA in Anthropology (Culture and Language) – This concentration focuses on linguistics and requires students to have an additional year of language courses in comparison to a BA in Anthropology. There is concern over the department requiring LING 302V as a required Viewing a Wider World, but the committee is okay with moving the course to a required course and still having students take the six credits of Viewing a Wider World as stated by policy. Unanimous approval.
 - d. East Asian Studies — Undergraduate Minor -- The East Asian Studies minor was created to maintain the instruction that used to be a part of the Confucius Institute that no longer exists at NMSU. The courses on Chinese and Japanese language and history are still being taught. This minor could be beneficial to language students, but also to the business students. There is concern that there are course options that do not necessarily focus on East Asian Studies; students could take 12 credits from the list and not necessarily take a course that focuses directly on East Asian studies (i.e. business classes). Recommended language change: 12 Credits from the following courses with at least 6 of those credits from [subset of courses specifically focused on Asia]. Approval contingent upon the recommended language above being added.
 - e. Africana Studies – Undergraduate Minor – This is a program that has been in the works for multiple years. It is in response to the Black Program students requesting more diverse courses being taught. UNM currently offers a full degree. The individual who was working on this minor has since left NMSU, but the College of Education has been approved to hire a visiting faculty member for 2 years to teach Africana courses and to run the program. The program does have one course listed that is no longer offered. There is a graduate option, but we cannot require a graduate course for an undergraduate minor. Kori will work with the program to adjust the courses as needed. Unanimous approval.
 - f. Medical Anthropology — Undergraduate Minor – Ran out of time so voted on electronically and minor was approved.
2. Program modifications -- Unanimous blanket approval of all programs with modifications and inactivation's that are not listed in agenda item IV. A total of 64 program modifications and 21 inactivations.
3. Program modifications with concerns – There are multiple of the programs listed are of concern because they have courses listed that are no longer offered/active at NMSU. These courses need to be removed and some may need to be replaced. Kori can work with the

departments to ensure the changes are made/courses removed. Some of the programs on the list also do not have a roadmap. We want all programs to have road maps in the catalog. Kori can work with these programs to get roadmaps added if okay with UPAC. UPAC voted to delegate authority to the Student Records Office representative to work with the individual departments on behalf of UPAC to get the roadmaps add and the inactive courses removed/changed. (9 votes “yes”; 0 votes “no”)

4. May meeting -- We will have a meeting on May 20, 2021 to set guidelines for UPAC moving forward and to build on the strategic plan. There are some individuals who are done for the year so there will be no items to vote on. Any items that will require a vote will be brought back to the first meeting of the semester. Shelly, Sherry, and David have worked on a comprehensive overview of reviewing program proposals that they would like to share with the committee. This will be added to the May agenda.

Also attended with Chair Julia Parra: Assignments Advisory Group, April 19, 2021; President & Provost Monthly Meeting, April 28 , 2021

Elections

Oversaw Faculty Senate elections. Shout out to all senior senators who ran excellent elections!

Summarized FS activities and voting in relation to Proposition 14, college merger for all faculty in a report and this was distributed via the all-faculty email.