

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

Report for August 2021, by Julia Parra

University Administrative Council (UAC) meetings

See the [University Administrative Council](#) site for UAC information, minutes, and much more information. A few notes:

- Linda Scholz, Vice Provost for Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity and Chris Kielt, Interim Chief Information Officer were introduced.
- Policy Revisions Introduced (Reminder that at the bottom of ARP pages there is a [link to sharepoint site](#) for review and comment on policy and rule proposals)
 - [PROV REV ARP 5.40 – Access to Student Educational Records – FERPA Compliance](#), this was a minor administrative revision that was approved on first read.
 - [PROV REV ARP 4.81 – Majors, Minors, and other Academic Programs of Study](#), this is a request for changes to the appendices related to ensuring that the Board of Regents and the HLC are included in the approval sequence; time was requested for further review and will be presented for a second read at the next UAC meeting. If you have any comments or review for this, please use the comment option on the site, email me at juparra at nmsu.edu, or visit me in my [zoom office hours](#) on Wednesday, September 1, 12-1pm.
 - [REV ARP 4.61 – Transfer Credit](#), this is assigned to the Academic Track and as such, Senator/Senate Leader Susan Beck has agreed to serve as the Submitting Sponsor for the related proposition, [Proposition 01-21/21: Transfer Credit](#), to bring this proposal to Faculty Senate for review and recommendation.
- Strategic and Essential Training (SET) was discussed with a focus on the need to increase the percentages for completion. A new director of training development is being hired.
- Rebecca Campbell presented Faculty Compensation Study and Pending Salary Adjustment. This was presented to SLC and will be shared at Faculty Senate meeting on September 2, 2021.

Board of Regents Meeting/s

See the [Regent Meetings site for notices, agendas, binders](#). See the [Regent Committees](#) page for membership and charters. A few notes:

- Student Success Meeting, August 26, 2021
 - Vice President of Student Success, Renay Scott, shared three presentation topics - Financial Aid, Advising, and Services Satisfaction survey. VP Scott has offered to share these presentations with Faculty Senate. I am recommending this occur with the FS Student Success Committee.
 - Look for the [Census Enrollment Report](#) numbers to come out soon.
 - The Calling All Aggies campaign was brought back and all colleges participated.
- The next regular meeting is proposed for September 16, 2021

Other items and activities

- **Building a Shared Governance Mindset Activities (Week of August 30):** One outcome is to invite members of the Board of Regents to Faculty Senate meetings. Other outcomes from my personal perspective include a collaborative commitment to continue the work of relationship and community building and promoting values of EID; and as an individual commitment, I will pursue deepening skills of listening and harnessing my passion/emotion more productively. Finally, I recommend that we invite the project facilitator, Howard Teibel to a future Meeting or a Faculty Town Hall.

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- **Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) Meetings:** We continue work on ARP 1.10. We are using the current ARP revisions noted above in UAC notes, to inform this work and we will be working to operationalize the implications of this work. For example, see [Proposition 01-21/21: Transfer Credit](#) as an example for how last year's work on our propositions and this year's ARP work is being evidenced.
- **Pandemic Action Team:** Reminders: continue to email me or Michael Mapp with your questions, issues, concerns; but also remember to email all questions to covid19@nmsu.edu and NOTE the site where the most current information, plans, and resources reside - <https://now.nmsu.edu/>
 - Note that the correct COVID-19 Dashboard is at <https://now.nmsu.edu/dashboard/>, click on the Aggie COVID Trends Report to view the most current related information.
 - A page with [Information for Faculty and Staff](#) includes:
 - Scroll down for Classroom management guidance from the Provost and there is a section on Masks that includes a helpful guide for download - [Face Coverings in the Classroom: A Faculty Guide](#).
 - A new [Fall 2021 planning resources page](#)
- **Goal 4: ICT Futures:** Interim CIO, Chris Kielt, was selected in early summer and the assessments created by nine tiger teams were shared with him. On August 16, 2021, the team was thanked and a survey was conducted to collect feedback on the process.
- **Faculty Senate Communication and Planning:**
 - We have a blog and are working on a Teams site.
 - Senator Kellie Sharp-Hoskins kept the discussions to reset Faculty Talk going during the summer. We will discuss with the Standing Committees who will continue taking this project forward with the pilot started in Yammer and the needed proposition.
 - We don't have any Faculty Town Halls currently scheduled. I am recommending one on the topic of Shared Governance and we are open to your recommendations.
- **Standing Committees:** As a reminder, based on work from last year, we now have six (6) [Standing Committees](#) - Budget & Resources; University Planning; Curriculum & Programming; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Research & Creative Activities; and Student Success. This year, we will be working to support this new structure as a venue for accountability and participation.
- **Parra Senate Chair Office Hours aka Lunch w/ Julz:** Wednesday, 12-1:00, [Zoom link](#), email me if you need the link or phone information.

Next Meetings

Senate Meetings for Fall 2021:

- September 2, Thursday, 4:00-5:30
- October 7, Thursday, 4:00-5:30
- November 4, Thursday, 4:00-5:30
- December 2, Thursday, 4:00-5:30

Committees/September Meetings:

- University Planning, September 8, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00
- Curriculum and Programming, September 9, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00
- Budget and Resources. September 14, Tuesday, 4:00-5:00
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, September 15, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00
- Student Success, September 16, Thursday, 4:00-5:00

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- Research and Creative Activities, Tuesday, 4:00-5:00

Senate Leadership:

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

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 (Julia).

All regular Faculty Senate meetings start at 4pm and will be held virtually in Zoom for Spring 2021. Normally, a 3:30 start time is noted and is for the use of technology. 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 the Participants box and Rename to add Senator at the beginning of your name.

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 the Participants box and rename to include your full name.