

Vice-Chair's Report

So far, as vice-chair, I have attended a meeting of ADAC (associate dean's academic council) on 8/23 and the AAG, the group that exists to vet policies and decide which track they should go down for consideration, on 8/26. Of interest to faculty:

1. Student success is wanting each department to assign at least one faculty mentor to help students with the advising process even though advising is now done centrally.
2. Quick-connect for underperforming students is being replaced by another program called Navigator, which is undergoing a slow rollout by department. It enables faculty who have a student in common in their classes to communicate with each other about that student's progress, among other things.
3. We discussed the proposed attendance SOP distributed by vice-provost Rebecca Campbell and the consensus was that faculty ought to be trusted to deal with attendance issues on a case-by-case basis and that the proposed SOP was too prescriptive.
4. Everyone should know about report.nmsu.edu which is a central clearinghouse for everyone to report everything, including plagiarism and misconduct.

With regard to the AAG meeting, we didn't get very far with anything, but be assured that your faculty senate leadership is completely aware of the need to secure, in writing, a role for faculty senate not only in the formation of policies, but also in the formation of standard operating procedures by which policies are implemented. Language was also added to the policy on policies to make it clear that all NMSU employees, including administrators, are bound by the policies.

Next Monday and Tuesday, Julia and I will be attending a retreat on shared governance facilitated by Howard Teibel, who runs a consulting company that offers help on shared governance issues to educational institutions. The provost, president, chancellor, and others are supposed to attend as well, and we will report back.