

Report to Faculty Senate
Wanda Eastman, Chair
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- A meeting with President Martin, Provost Cruzado, and/or VP Jennifer Taylor is being proposed for March 20 at 10:00 am to continue the dialog on the low NMSU faculty salary issues. Would the Faculty Senate like me to confirm the time and date?
- I have been appointed to the ad hoc committee on the consideration of an out sourcing contract for the NMSU Bookstore. The first meeting is scheduled for March 12. Proposition 21-07/08 being introduced today is on this issue.
- The University Administrative Council meet on February 12. VP Jennifer Taylor chaired the meeting, as President Martin and Provost Cruzado were away. Revisions to the NMSU Policy Manual were approved for Chapters IV, V, VII, I, XI, & XII. The Faculty Teaching Load Policy was discussed. Dean Moulton had previously wanted to change the word “must” to “should” in the Faculty Senate October 2007 approved version in the sentence: “Given the importance of graduate programs to the mission of the University, special consideration **must** be given to support of graduate programs.” I spoke that the approval of the Faculty Workload Policy was not the purview of the Administrative Council. VP Taylor asked NMSU General Council, Bruce Kite, if the Administrative Council had jurisdiction in the matter. He ruled that it did. However, VP Taylor postponed a vote on the Faculty Workload policy until consultation with Provost Cruzado and President Martin. I will keep you posted on what happens next. The Faculty Workload Policy still awaits approval by the Board of Regents. The resignation of Dr. Michael Hites as VP for ICT was announced.
- Academic Dean’s Council met February 12. The VP for Research was added as a member of the Academic Dean’s Council. Provost Cruzado will be including more faculty members on the platform party at future commencement ceremonies. Deadline for applications for the Minority Doctoral Assistance Loan Program is March 15. Promising minority graduate students are encouraged to apply. Issues introduced to the ADC and are under consideration are the Composition of the University Research Council, academic credit for military service, our Proposition #10-07/08 on Viewing a Wider World.
- The disposition of the Creative Media Institute is being discussed. Proposition 17-06/07 approved by last year’s Faculty Senate approved the Bachelor of Science in Creative Media (BCM). The interim administrative home for three years is the College of Extended Learning. The continuing administrative home of the BCM will be considered and a proposition will come to the Faculty Senate after working its way through the approval process to be in effect by the fall of 2010. The potential continuing administrative home of CMI being discussed were the College of Extended Learning, the College of Arts and Sciences or some other configuration. A meeting was held on February 15 on this issue. The discussion continues.
- The University Budget Committee meet on February 20. Senators Erickson and/or Montañez will give a report.
- Vice-Chair Joe Pfeiffer, Lisa Warren, and I continue to work on the revision to the NMSU Policy Manual.
- NMSU Board of Regents will meet Monday, March 10, 2008.