

Report to Faculty Senate
Wanda Eastman, Chair
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- April 8 – Administrative Council met. Accreditation site visit was discussed. Other items: NMSU Fire Prevention Guidelines, System-wide Information Technology Risk Assessment Report, Healthy Minds Study report (student mental health issues)

- April 15 – Academic Deans Council met. The Faculty Workload Policy was on the agenda but was not discussed. Provost Cruzado was not at the meeting and the discussion was postponed until she could be present. The minutes of ADC do not reflect that they have approved the FWP. Provost Cruzado will present to ADC for their discussion and approval. FWP will return to the Faculty Senate for final approval, likely, for the 2008-2009 Senate term. Other items discussed were summer hiring procedures and how summer teaching faculty pay will be calculated. A Faculty On-Line Evaluation system is being considered and discussed.

- Bookstore RFP meetings: Three site visit from vendors who have submitted RFPs, April 18, April 22, and April 23. Proposal meetings lasted about 3 hours each. Open forums for faculty, staff, and student input were held April 24 and May 1. At April 24th meeting, aside from committee members, most attendees were Bookstore employees. The RFP committee is meeting on May 2 to discuss all the information gathered thus far. Please send your comments and concerns to us if you haven't done so already.

- College of HHS issues: Vice Chair (and Chair-elect) Pfeiffer and I met with President Martin on April 18. In addition to discussing the low faculty salary issues, Joe and I asked for and got Faculty Senate representation on the HHS Regents' Professor Task Force. Senator Chris Erickson, Vice Chair Pfeiffer, and I are ex-officio members of the HHS task force. Since being added to the Task Force, we have met on April 23 and April 30. The sub-committee that Joe and I are serving on (HR issues) also met on April 29. The Task Force has also scheduled to meet on May 2 and May 7. The purpose of the committee is to examine and review the processes that have been followed in addressing the current situation in the College of HHS and to provide recommendations for the future. The task force is not engaged in an investigation. That describes the work of the task force thus far.

- Higher Learning Commission Site Visit, April 27-30: The visit went very well. NMSU Las Cruces and Grants have been recommended for reaccreditation for 10 years. DACC has been recommended for a 2 year accreditation. Thank you to all the Senators who worked very hard to make the site visit such a success.

- I will attend my last Board of Regents meeting on May 9. Chair-elect Pfeiffer will be introduced.

- This is my last chair' report to the Senate and I leave the Senate after serving 7 ½ years over the past 8 years. I want to express my sincere thank you to Senator de Boyrie, our very able Parliamentarian. She helped her me on track despite my best efforts otherwise. To Dr. Heather Pfeiffer, our very talented web site master. She did a wonderful job of getting the web site back in shape. To Anne Meek, our extraordinary and very dear recording secretary, I convey my abiding gratitude for devotion and service to the Faculty Senate. To Vice Chair Pfeiffer, a marvelous partner with the Senate leadership this year, my deep respect and appreciation for all you have done for the Senate. I know he will be an excellent chair and serve the Senate well in 2008-09. To all of you, my Senate colleagues, I honor all you have done to serve this Senate. It has been my privilege to serve among you.