

**Report to the Faculty Senate**  
**Wanda Eastman, Chair**  
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- Board of Regents meeting met on September 7 at the NMSU Albuquerque Center. The BOR approved the new P&T policy. On September 8, the NMSU BOR had a joint meeting on the UNM campus with the UNM BOR. Collaborations on research and curriculum were discussed, and a lot of good-natured ribbing took place.
- The Administrative Council meet on September 11. I gave an update on our Senate activities.
- There were a series of meetings with Lisa Warren from the President's office who is project officer on Policy manual reformatting. Some of these meeting were with Vice Chair Joe Pfeiffer, Ms. Warren, and I. Some were with Ms. Warren and me. And some were Joe and Ms. Warren. Proposition 03-07/08 is a result of these meetings.
- On September 18, Vice Chair Pfeiffer and I met with Dr. Jay Jordan at PSL. We discussed some of the changes in Graduate structure. Dr. Jordan has some initiatives he would like to have faculty senate collaborate. These include creating a new category of faculty rank for 100% research professors and responsibilities of the Graduate Council.
- Met with Dr. Kenneth Hacker and Dr. Christopher Weaver from Communications Studies on September 20 to discuss their research initiative on National Security and Diplomacy Studies. After the research initiative is established, a new major and curriculum is envisioned to be developed.
- Met with Viewing a Wider World ad hoc committee on policy revision on September 21. Senator Jeff Amato, chair of that committee, will be giving a report.
- On September 21, met with Dr. Tom Gruszka, faculty senate chair from Western New Mexico University. We discussed the Faculty Salary Study II, Closing the Gap Between New Mexico Higher Education Institutions and Regional Peers. This study is out of the New Mexico Higher Education Department and dated December 2006. Dr. Gruszka is presenting before the Legislative Finance Committee this week. He is seeking support of the report from faculty senates from around the state. Proposition 04-07/08 came out of this meeting.