

**Report to Faculty Senate
Wanda Eastman, Chair
November 29, 2007**

- Administrative Council has not met since our last Faculty Senate meeting.
- Academic Programs Review Committee met on November 5, 2007, and is scheduled to meet again on November 30, 2007. Dean Titus is the chair. Other members include Dean Moulton, Dean Lacey, Associate Provost DeLeon, Associate VP Derlin, and I. This committee is charged with composing a draft of an Academic Programs Review Policy that would then be vetted through approval channels. As we prepare for the current and future accreditation visits, NMSU's academic programs review needs to be done on a recurring basis rather than episodic.
- I attended luncheons for two of the four candidates for the Office of Facilities and Service position vacancy. (November 12 and 14).
- The Ad Hoc Viewing Wider World Committee met on November 14 and I was in attendance. A report from the committee will be made later in today's agenda.
- The Academic Dean's Council met on November 27, 2007. The name change for the Department of Fishery & Wildlife Sciences to the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Conservation Ecology was approved. The Faculty Senate should be the next approval. We were introduced to Dr. George, the new Director of the American Indian Program at NMSU. Dean Titus reported on the progress on the archiving of Senator Domenici's papers. Dr. Carmen Gonzalez reported that NMSU will be hiring a film liaison to help bring film production projects to our area. She also reported that a Distance Education Coordinator was being hired for the NMSU Albuquerque offices. Everyone is encouraged to attend President Martin's town hall meetings. Each college is having a town hall meeting and there is an open forum on December 12 for anyone who was not able to attend a college meeting.
- Thank you to Provost Cruzado for hosting the holiday reception on November 28. It was a very festive event. Thank you to all the Faculty Senators who were able to be there. These social events can do a lot to lay the ground work for our professional interactions with each other as Faculty Senators and other University leaders.
- Next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for December 14.
- Next Faculty Senate meeting is January 17, 2008.
- Best wishes for a Happy Holidays and relaxing semester break. Good luck with all your grading chores. Cinnamon tea, my Straus waltz CD, and a friendly lap cat always help me get through my grading.