

**Report to the Faculty Senate
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Although we did not meet as a Senate this summer, there were meetings and activities involving the Senate that were taking place.

- The Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics met May 18-19 at Stanford University. This is an alliance of 55 Division 1A faculty senates whose mission is to provide a national faculty voice on intercollegiate sports issues. I represented the NMSU Senate. We adopted a white paper: "Framing the Future: Reforming Intercollegiate Athletics."

- The University Budget Committee met in May-early June to make recommendations to President Martin. There were many worthwhile projects and not sufficient funds for all the solid ideas and initiatives. Faculty Senate representatives were Senators Chris Erickson (College of Business), Lynn Kelly (College of Engineering), and I.

- Plan2Plan meetings and forum: Discussions and informational meetings held with Dr. Michael Hite taking the lead with these discussions. As NMSU enters into strategic planning, there are many roles for faculty to be involved. Having a successful strategic planning process emerge is a high priority. Those who were here in 1997 may remember we had an unsuccessful strategic planning process back then. No one wants a replay.

- The Vending Machines Committee met at Corbett Center June 19. I actually got to advocate for some nutritious snacks to be a part of the vending sales mix.

- Task force on training had listening session on July 9. Christina Chavez-Kelley and Diana Quintana were facilitators at that session.

- Naming Committee met on July 10 and August 14. College of Business and College of Engineering have had some naming opportunities thanks to some major donors.

- Board of Regents retreat held at Holy Cross Retreat Center, July 16. I was member of audience.

- Board of Regents met on July 17. Only informational reports were given. The agenda had not been posted long enough in advance to meet requirements of New Mexico's open meetings law.

- Board of Regents met on July 23. The BOR approved changes to the NMSU Business Procedural Manual, approved various contracts, and adopted Plan2Plan as the strategic planning process.

- During June-August, served on search committee for the Director of Governmental Affairs who will work with Richardo Rey. Joe Pfeiffer, vice chair, was able to attend part of the process while I was out of town.

- Attended open forums for Provost candidates, July 31, August 2, and August 7.

- Meet with President Martin, August 2.

- Administrative Council met August 14. Revisions to Policy Manual were discussed. Faculty Senate needs to address those parts of the Policy Manual over which we are included.

•Faculty Senate retreat/orientation held on August 17. Topics included overview of Faculty Senate (Eastman), parliamentary procedures (Hodnett), the Faculty Senate legislative process (Pfeiffer), and the NMSU training initiative (Chavez-Kelley & Quintana).

Respectfully submitted,
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