

**Vice-Chair's Report
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***NOTE:** Please remember that any legislation to be considered by Faculty Senate this year needs to be brought forward by the **March 18** meeting of the Committee on Committees (the meeting is early that month due to Spring Break). That will allow the proposition to be introduced at the April Faculty Senate meeting, and voted on at the May meeting. Any legislation that is pending at the end of spring semester automatically dies during the summer.*

Wanda and I have been meeting with Lisa Warren regarding the Policy Manual reorganization, and should have a complete draft of Chapter III Real Soon Now.

I was able to take a look at the Polycom PVX software application for audio/visual communication over the internet. This looks like a very good mechanism for making it possible for our remote senators to attend committee meetings through telepresence. Next step is to approach the administration for funding to acquire this for the remote senators, and to talk to Nolan Gray about outfitting the Senate chambers for audio/video.

Several points of interest from the last ADAC meeting:

- Our academic warning/probation/suspension policy is unclear as to whether a student who has received a warning is regarded as being in “good academic standing”, which has implications for eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities (notably sports, but also the Pride Band for instance). ADAC has drafted a statement that our intent is that a student who has received a warning is still eligible.
- We will be continuing to examine credits earned at our community colleges, with an eye to making policies for accepting those credits at the Las Cruces campus more consistent, and to make “branchfers” to the Las Cruces campus simpler.
- NMSU will be looking into accepting military training for transfer credits. This will likely be coming before us before the end of the year.
- Our peer institution list is being updated. The new proposed list was mooted at ADAC; a more complete document outlining the changes should be forthcoming very soon. This will also be coming before us.

Science Fair is coming! The Southwestern New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair is an important outreach activity, as it gives an opportunity to talk with some of the brightest science and engineering students in the area. To volunteer as a judge (or in other capacities), send an email to the Director, Karen Mikel, at kmikel@nmsu.edu

Respectfully submitted,
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