

**Vice-Chair's Report
February, 2008
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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.*

President Martin and Provost Cruzado-Salas met with members of the Faculty Senate to discuss options regarding salaries last Friday. This was a lively and productive session, with quite a few ideas proposed. Hopefully, we can come up with some creative proposals for improving our salaries with respect to our peers.

Some notes from ADAC:

- Revisions to the Viewing a Wider World were proposed. Tying the ADAC discussion to our memorials:
 - Our 10-07/08, permitting students to take one of their two VWW courses in their home college, was accepted with the modification that VWW courses could be counted as major requirements (though they still could not be listed in student's home department, including cross-listed courses).
 - Our 11-07/08, clarifying the guidelines for VWW courses, provoked lively debate. Some of the associate deans felt that the guidelines were weighted toward humanities courses; others that there was no need to revise the guidelines at all. This was tabled.
 - Our 12-07/08, permitting study abroad to be counted as VWW, was accepted.

The Dean's Council will be considering the proposals next, after which any that are adopted will come to us for our approval.

- The College of Agriculture and Home Economics has proposed changing their name to the "College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences". There are several colleges (notably Engineering) and departments (Geology, Biology, and others with Arts and Sciences) opposed; the involved parties will be meeting to discuss the objections. The motion to endorse the name change was tabled.
- Dona Ana Community College, in cooperation with the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Authority and the Regional Education Initiative (and possibly other groups) is investigating the creation of an "Early College High School". This program would put a small (approximately 500 students), vocationally oriented high school on the campus of the community college. Apparently programs like this have a dramatically lower dropout rate than conventional high schools.

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

Calculations for our apportionment and elections for the 2008-2009 academic year are appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted,
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2008-2009 Faculty Senate Apportionment February 7, 2008

Faculty Senate elections are to be held in March each year, in time to seat new Senators at the May meeting. The Senior Senators of the electing groups are responsible for conducting the elections in their respective electing groups.

Our Constitution establishes the apportionment of Senators in Article III, Section A:

The senate shall be composed of three categories of members: (1) the elected chair of the Faculty Senate; (2) 54 elected senators; and (3) ex officio nonvoting members* as specified in a bylaw of the Faculty Senate. Of the 54 elected senators, 4 shall be from the branch colleges (1 from each branch existing in 1982); 3 shall be from the Cooperative Extension Service; 1 from the University Library; and the remaining 46 shall be divided into 2 equal categories, 23 elected from the colleges in proportion to the number of majors enrolled (both graduate and undergraduate) and attending the main campus academic departments, and 23 elected from the colleges in proportion to the number of faculty in the main campus academic departments in each college.

The Vice Chair is charged with obtaining the necessary data from Institutional Research, Planning and Outcomes Assessment, and calculating the apportionment according to the following algorithm:

Step 1: For each college, compute its fraction from the total majors enrolled (undergraduate and graduate combined)

Step 2: Multiply the fraction obtained in Step 1 by 23 and truncate the decimal remainder, do not round. The resulting number is the tentative number of members representing each college.

Step 3: If the sum of the number of members for all the colleges computed in Step 2 is less than 23, assign one additional member to each college in order of the decimal remainders, from highest to lowest, that were truncated in Step 2 until the sum reaches 23. The decimal parts will be computed to as many digits as necessary to avoid ties.

Step 4: If a tiebreaker is required the names of the colleges having equal decimal fractions and qualifying for the unassigned member(s) will be written on equal sized pieces of paper and the pieces of paper placed into a container. The recording secretary of the Faculty Senate will draw as many names as needed to assign the remaining member(s). A college may be assigned no more than one member using this method. This drawing will be witnessed by the Senate at a regularly scheduled Senate meeting.

Step 5: Repeat the preceding steps based on the number of faculty in the colleges to apportion the other 23 seats.

The attached spreadsheet contains the data collected from Institutional Research, and the calculations.

Some notes on the data:

- Students in the College of Extended Learning, Interdisciplinary graduate students, and Community College students with dual enrollment are not associated with any College.
- Faculty listed as "Administrative Unit" are academic officers who have faculty appointments, such as Deans. It is my understanding that these administrative officers are not to be counted in the apportionment calculations.

The final results are:

College	Senators from Enrollment	Senators from Faculty Count	Total Senators	2007-2008 Senators	Terms Ending	Elections
Agriculture and Home Economics	3	3	6	7	1	0
Arts and Sciences	8	10	18	18	6	6
Business Administration and Economics	3	3	6	6	3	3
Education	4	2	6	6	2	2
Engineering	3	3	6	6	3	3
Health and Human Services	2	2	4	3	1	2
Total	23	23	46	46		

Note that in last year's apportionment, Agricultural and Home Economics received one more Senator than in 2006-2007, and Health and Human Services received one less. This change has reverted in this year's apportionment.

Article V, Section B of the Constitution allows the election of Senators to terms of less than three years when necessary to balance the number of terms expiring each year from each electing group. As HHS has two of their four senators being elected this year due to reapportionment, and both of their remaining senators' terms expiring next year, I would suggest that it would be appropriate for one of their elections be for a two year term.

For completeness, the remaining elections to be held this Spring include:

- One of the three Senators from the Cooperative Extension Service
- Two of the four Senators from the Community Colleges (Alamogordo and Carlsbad).

(in the report sent previously, it was stated – erroneously – that the Library Senator was also up for reelection. This was due to an error in the Faculty Senate roster. Senator Bosman's term expires in 2010).

The Senior Senators for the electing groups are:

College of Agriculture and Home Economics:	Tracy Sterling
College of Arts and Sciences:	Christopher Brown
College of Business:	Chris Erickson
College of Education:	O. D. Hadfield
College of Engineering:	Ron Pederson
College of Health and Social Services:	Timothy Barnett-Queen
Cooperative Extension Service:	Kathy Landers
NMSU Community Colleges:	Al McDonald