

**Vice-Chair's Report
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This Month's Report

As you've seen, NMSU has been re-accredited. I'm told the preliminary report is extremely complimentary - congratulations to all involved!

ADAC met on April 14:

- A name change for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics was approved; the proposed new name is "College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES)". This was on a split vote; the new name also has to be approved by the Academic Deans Council, Faculty Senate.
- An on-line Course Change Form system, originally developed within CAHE, is ready to go "live". From what I've seen of it, this looks like a very nice system which will automatically provide notification to interested parties when course changes are proposed, and keep track of the status of the CCFs in the approval process.

Remote Technology: finally found out that there had been a communications failure (ironically enough). Jennifer Taylor was waiting for a memo that Chair Eastman and I didn't know she was waiting for. That memo has now been sent.

College of Health and Social Services:

- FS representation on Regents Professor Task Force. There have been two meetings to date.
- Provost has consulted with former Chair Creider, Chair Eastman, me, deans, others on situation.

Next Year

Chair Eastman and I met with President Martin to discuss upcoming issues for the university and the Faculty Senate. As might be expected, several issues that have already been of concern to the faculty in general came up; three that I hope we can make progress in are:

Workload Policy Unfortunately, in spite of the best efforts of all concerned and substantial agreement on the goals of the policy, it became snarled in process. Due to its importance we need to ensure that there are no irregularities in its approval, so it will need to go before Deans Council and Faculty Senate again.

Faculty Salaries This is, of course, a matter of great concern to everyone on campus. Whatever else is done, it's clear we need to find a way to work our way to an improved salary structure for this university. A salary study is currently being conducted by a consultant; we'll need to establish a task force with stakeholders from the administration, the Las Cruces campus, and the community colleges to try to find a solution.

Faculty Ranks This has come from two sides with two perspectives: while we have been considering the creation of research faculty ranks, President Martin has been considering the creation of either steps within ranks or ranks above Professor to find ways to reward our best performers. Again, it seems like a task for to consider modifications to the rank structure seems like a good way forward.

A Final Note

Thank you all for your hard work this year. It's been a busy and productive year, and we can take pride in our accomplishments. Thanks to all the Senators: those who have served so ably over the past year and those who have agreed to serve next year. Special thanks to the long-suffering members of the Committee on Committees, to Recording Secretary Anne Meek, and to Webmaster Heather Pfeiffer. Extra special thanks to Wanda for serving as our Chair this year; we have been very fortunate in having so capable an advocate of faculty interests with the central administration.

Have a good summer, and see you next year!

Respectfully submitted,
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