

**Vice-Chair's Report
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- This month was dominated by the policy manual reorganization being undertaken by NMSU. Wanda and I had several meetings with Lisa Warren (of the NMSU General Counsel's office) attempting to ensure that the reorganization of academic policies to a single chapter introduced no substantive changes. The fruits of this labor are being introduced today as Prop. 03-07/08.
- Wanda and I met with Jay Jordan to discuss some items related to graduate faculty. An idea he has had is to create a concept of "research faculty" – as he envisions the notion, these would be non-tenure-track faculty, funded by soft money, holding a doctorate or other terminal degree. They'd be eligible to serve on graduate faculty, etc. The idea is that this would allow NMSU to identify researchers as being affiliated with the university in a way that doesn't exist now. I'd be very interested in input on this.
- ADAC is concerned about the effectiveness about the new suspension policy. Apparently it isn't clear that the levels of probation before suspension are effective, as there isn't a real way to enforce the requirements that students meet with their advisors. It was reported that there have been a number of students who weren't fully aware of the gravity of their situation until they had been suspended, at which time it becomes necessary to apply to the Provost's Office for readmission. One minor change happening immediately is that the Provost's Office is delegating responsibility for considering the requests for readmission to the Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,
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