

**Vice-Chair's Report
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A number of interesting items have come up in ADAC this month:

- An on-line course change form (originally written in CAHE) is being adopted, and hopefully will be available in the Fall of 2008. This will also allow better communication among departments that cross-list courses.
- A source of great frustration among the associate deans is a lack of common definitions for terms used in retention and related statistics. An effort is being made to select "consensus" definitions where possible (this isn't always possible, due to differing reporting requirements).
- Graduate faculty status has been allowed to become woefully out of date. This is being reviewed and updated.

The President and Provost are having a series of open forums for the various colleges, in order to share information on the upcoming legislative session and field questions. Some of the high points at the Arts and Sciences forum included:

- The Council of University Presidents has determined its legislative agenda for the upcoming session. Included in this is a request for a 5% salary increase, along with a .75% increase to continue to bail out the retirement system.
- We are on the list for a \$25 million dollar General Obligation bond issue (and are also looking for another \$12 million dollars in other sources), for Phase 1 of the new Arts Complex. This will be the largest capital project in the history of NMSU. We are also looking to continue the expansion of the East Mesa campus, and to continue a number of other Community College projects.
- Also continuing to work to modify the funding formula to recognize mission differentiation among the various universities in New Mexico (in particular, to recognize research and outreach).
- NMSU is looking for a private partner to work on creating a new entrance to campus on Jordan Street, in line with the new campus Master Plan.

We have a complete draft of the accreditation self-study! It will need to be polished, and will go to the printers in January.

Respectfully submitted,
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