

**Vice-Chair's Report
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Attended University Budget Committee hearings on 2008-2009 state legislative requests in Wanda's absence (other FS representatives were Lynn Kelly and Chris Erickson). As always there were many, many more good projects than we could ever hope to see funded; we ended up selecting a couple of dozen (out of 64) requests to recommend to Dr. Martin.

The Deans had their annual retreat in early summer; the focus of the retreat was on the university accreditation process which is now under way. There is quite a bit of information on the process at <http://accreditation.nmsu.edu/>.

In Wanda's absence, attended interviews for Director of Government Affairs. It was clear that we had three outstanding candidates for the position, and that we should simply express to Ricardo Rel that we had confidence in his choice.

Attended open forums for Provost candidates. As you all know by now, Waded Cruzado-Salas (Dean of Arts and Sciences) was selected.

Attended ADAC meetings. Some of the highlights include:

- ICT is working hard with the Associate Deans to determine the reports that will be of most use to them through the COGNOS system. One source of frustration is that there are multiple, inconsistent definitions of statistics such as "retention" which need to be resolved.
- As of July 1, the Dean of the Graduate School reports to Jay Jordan. Jay reported that Luis Vasquez has been hired as an Associate Dean, and that two new staff have been added. Incomplete applications are now being sent to departments (instead of being held until complete), and that grad school processes are being overhauled in the interests of efficiency.
- Linda Lacey noted that new graduate student orientations will be mandatory next year, and will include 1 1/2 hours on plagiarism.

Respectfully submitted,
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