

**NMSU Faculty Senate  
Chair's Report  
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Joe Pfeiffer**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an excellent break and we're now ready to move on to another productive semester.

Proposition 08-08/09 was presented to the Board of Regents at their meeting December 12, 2009. There was no comment. During the Faculty Senate debate on this proposition, it was suggested that we should investigate modifying the policy that (in general) prevents interims from applying for permanent positions. I'd like us to proceed on this; anyone interested in working on it please send me an email.

You should all have received your "Mercer" (equity adjustment) letters. This is, of course, merely the first step in a long-term solution to our salary issues. Many thanks to Chris Erickson for his leadership in this important project.

The Provost's Data Action Group met to discuss moving forward on using "Digital Measures" for on-line annual reports. A key feature of this package is the extent to which it can be customized to meet the needs of the different colleges.

Lots of good comments have been received on the draft policy regarding research faculty. We'll be bringing this forward to ADAC at their next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
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