

**NMSU Faculty Senate
Chair's Report
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The Presidential Search Committee interviewed eight candidates for President off-site, and recommended five candidates for on-site interviews with the remaining three ranked as alternates. We are expecting to hear momentarily regarding the candidates to be asked to interview on campus.

The Faculty Salary Task Force has met several times, and is very close to presenting recommendations. I expect that we will be considering a memorial regarding these recommendations in the near future.

The task force considering the creation of formal research faculty positions, and defining college faculty positions, is also coming close to producing a draft of the necessary policy changes to establish these.

We've now made two tries at using the new Polycom videoconferencing software. One try, at a University Affairs Committee meeting, was unsuccessful (we weren't able to maintain a connection). The second try, with Patrick Torres joining Tuesday's Committee on Committee meeting from Santa Fe, was successful, but we still need to fine-tune the system.

The Board of Regents met this morning, and approved the MS and PhD programs in Aerospace Engineering. They also approved a resolution supporting Bonds B, C, and D.

Respectfully submitted,
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