

**NMSU Faculty Senate
Chair's Report
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Events in the presidential search

- Following our off-site interviews, the presidential search committee had completed its work. At that time, we were expecting to learn which candidates would be interviewing on-campus by around October 17, with on-campus interviews scheduled for as soon after that as possible.
- A special meeting of the search committee was called on November 7. At that time, we were informed that all of the candidates had withdrawn; Chair Gallagher stated at that time that several had been concerned about New Mexico's "sunshine" law, and others had personal reasons or concerns about timing. The search committee unanimously decided that we would not consider more candidates from the existing pool.
- A special meeting of the Board of Regents was called on November 17. At that time the search was officially halted.

Research/College Faculty Proposal draft has been distributed to ADAC, ADC for comment. Draft attached for your comment.

- Provide much-needed definition of college faculty.
- Define positions of soft-money research faculty. Goal is to make it possible for people to affiliate with the university for purposes of seeking research funding.

Open meeting on Jordan St. entrance/University Avenue – exciting ideas.

Second draft 2009-2010 academic calendar – application deadline for graduate degrees second Friday of semester.

Respectfully submitted,
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