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NMSU Faculty Senate
Vice Chair's Report
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Things were going full tilt this month as all committees met to consider legislation. Excitement: All committees made quorum.

Community College Roundup: I attended the "Five Campuses/One Vision" Conference held at the Farm and Ranch Museum, Friday, April 24. The conference dealt with relations between the Community Colleges and Las Cruces campus. Considerable emphasis was given to the need to facilitate transfer of credits from the Community Colleges to the Las Cruces campus, with several speakers relating their experiences in transferring from a community college to a four-year institution (not always within the NMSU-System). There were also heartwarming stories of students who started at community colleges and now have doctorates. The take away message is that the Las Cruces and community college campus need to cooperate more.

ADAC: ADAC met twice. There was concern about the structure of the BIS and BAS concentrations offered by the College of Distance Education. This prompted a general discussion concerning colleges unilaterally creating minors, interdisciplinary programs, emphases, concentrations, etc., that appear on the transcript without some sort of external check. A subcommittee was appointed to investigate the matter further of which yours truly is a member.

Elections: Elections for the Las Cruces campus college faculty representatives were conducted. Three new senators were elected: Nancy Baptiste, Tracey Thompson, and Cindy Murrell. Unfortunately, there was a three way tie for the fourth position which will require some sort of a tie breaker.

Respectfully,
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Faculty Senate Vice-Chair
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