

Memorandum

TO: NMSU Faculty Senate

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report (please let me know if you have questions)

ATTACHMENTS: None

I attended one ADAC meeting and one meeting with the President and Provost during the past month. Items of Faculty Senate interest are the following:

1. Administration is considering lowering the bachelor credit requirement from 128 to 120 and will likely form a committee to study the issue. About 90% of U.S. universities have adopted the 120 credit minimum. ASNMSU supports the change and the Provost seems to support also with additional study. The President is not convinced.
2. ADAC voted in favor of recognizing the FS Vice Chair as a full, voting member of ADAC.
3. The administration is studying transfer credit evaluation guidelines.
4. The administration has proposed some changes in the faculty allocation of effort form for the community colleges. These proposed changes have raised significant concerns. The Chair and I have researched the subject and we met with Greg Fant and General Counsel and we reached some preliminary understandings. The next step will be the administration meeting with the community colleges to discuss
5. Faculty Senate Leadership Committee met on Oct. 30th : two propositions were assigned to committees and one proposition was introduced as emergency legislation.