Academic Deans Council  
Notes from April 23, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 1:30

2. Leading the Way — R1 by 2025: Luis Cifuentes.
   - We want to get to R1 in a way that is true to who we are and thus sustainable.
   - Will return with information regarding how we can get to R1 (reporting, hiring, recruiting, etc.)
   - Luis will present this to anybody interested. Small groups facilitate a deeper discussion.

3. NMSU Web Upgrade: Melissa and Justin
   - We have many web strategies — best solution is Cascade.
   - Will provide a locked down central environment, facilitate larger scale analytics
   - Streamline and standardize user experience
   - Security and compliance — widgets are non-secure. Accessibility is also an issue.
   - Findings
     - Missing relevant information (cost, tuition, aid, programs)
     - Inconsistent production values (layouts, fonts, photos, etc).
     - Want colleges to be able to tell stories within a consistent format that supports user navigation.
     - Credible and clarity were highly rated.
   - Comments
     - Problematic in starting over the summer.
     - How will CMS address information that is not there?
     - Cascade will walk users through content development
   - Process
     - Web Governance blessed this first, shepherded through approval process by Norma Grijalva.
   - Working with Jeanne Gleason and Connie Padilla.

4. Discussion items: Professor of Practice
   - Faculty from industry are more common in Engineering and HSS.
   - Will these positions be benefits eligible?
     - Yes, if they have the correct appointment type
   - Will this stress the pool of available faculty?
     - This stress is already present.

5. Standing Reports
   - Enrollment reports
     - up 22% in applications, 24% in admittance.
     - Aggie Welcome and Orientations start 5/20
     - Grad school is up 0.2% from last year. 35% up in acceptances.
   - Faculty Senate
     - Fractional grading: 2 proposals suggested — will do a year-long study in conjunction with the grad school council. Looking for best way forward with students to allow nuance and fairness.
     - Catalog years — six years or 8?
       - Eight is more in line with peers. Better aligned with staff scheduling.
   - ADAC
     - Looking at alternative licensure programs and certificates to support this.
     - Course schedule deadlines: Will be due in May rather than fall.
   - Accreditation: No report
   - VPR
     - PSL now has an oversight team.
       - Looking for a Chief Science Officer
     - Staff tuition waiver — Some are taking copious credits and not making any progress. Looking into solutions for this — from the grad council.
6. Provost Search
   - Candidates in week of April 29
   - Last candidate May 13.

7. Provost items
   - Summer revenue model
   - Non 12-month faculty salaries will be covered. Fronting dollars for salary. Will get some portion back:
     - Revenue minus teaching: portion: 4% to college, 2% to Department, 4% to provost.
     - Minimum enrollment of 15 UG, 10 G

8. Moved and seconded to approve minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

Attendees: April Mason, Presiding; Rod McSherry, David Smith, Beth Titus, Natalie Kellner, Lakshmi Reddi, Jennifer Hodges, Renay Scott, Jim Hoffman, Rolando Flores, mmm, Greg Fant, Luis Cifuentes, Joe Lackey, Becky Corran, Susan Brown, Sonya Cooper, Enrico Pontelli, Miriam Chaiken.