Associate Dean’s Academic Council Meeting
Lynn Kelly - Vice Chair of Faculty Senate in Attendance
Summary Report:

I only attend one ADAC meeting last month which I’ll report on, but would first like to discuss the meeting that Larry and I had with Cynda Clary first.

Last semester we passed legislation that change the policy manual to as follow:

The New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) mandates a lower-division general education common core curriculum which will be transferable between all universities within the state of New Mexico. **Additionally New Mexico State University may require other courses for the student to complete (lower and upper division credits) before graduating.** See the Undergraduate Catalog for specific category requirements, options and required credits that will fulfill the HED common core as well as NMSU requirements.

At the time of passage of the legislation many knew that the HED common core did not include the Critical Thinking/Analysis category, as well as some other courses that were part of NMSU Gen Ed requirements (only lower division is addressed by HED). Since then many of the courses have been incorporated into the common core including oral communications and philosophy from the Critical Thinking/Analysis category. What is left is Computer Science. Which brings us to the current catalog (06/07), it has both the common core and the “old” NMSU General Education Courses listed, side by side! The next catalog (07/08) has plans to only list HED’s common core incorporating NMSU relevant courses and the “old” NMSU GenEd listing will no longer exist, thus leaving out Computer Science. It is now time to determine as stated from the above legislation what NMSU requires of its students as far as lower division GenEd. At our meeting with Cynda Clary, I brought her up to date on this issue. Additionally, I discussed this matter with the COC and ADAC. Legislation is being considered to include a Computer Science category into the required lower division credits, separate from the common core.

ADAC meeting of September 25th.
1. A motion was made and approved by ADAC to request a 10 week summer session be added to next year’s calendar (07/08).

2. As I mentioned above ADAC held a discussion on the computer science category. No decision was made on how to resolve the issue.

3. The ME department name change was approved.

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