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

I usually wait for Larry’s report to come out before sending mine, so no duplications of issues take place. I too attended the Leadership Summit, and saw many other senators there. I think we all feel that the Summit was beneficial and hope that all the great ideas are not lost. What struck me the most was that each group makeup had representatives from the student population, business administrative (Ben Woods was in mine), academic administrative, faculty from main and branch campuses. The different perspectives on the issues presented help to open the eyes of many.

ADAC has changed their meeting structure, making my attendance an once a month event! This summer lots of issues were discussed, but not much “action” took place. Below are my top three highlights.

1. Banner student records go live in October. Not only will spring registration take place using Banner but grade submission for fall grades will as well. No more bubble sheets for faculty. My most common phrase this summer was … when will training take place for faculty? One result was the presentation to faculty at their college meetings. As fall progresses we will see more training dates advertised. I met with Michael Hites to discuss the grade module in Banner and grilled him on the functionality. He has been very responsive and is working hard to solve my many questions for faculty. We’ll be hearing a lot more as the semester progresses. Student advisors will have to go through training as well.

2. Gen-ed, Gen-ed, it never ends. We are getting closer to implementing the State of New Mexico Common Core Matrix. By fall of 2007 our catalog has to be compliant. Cynda Clary made a presentation to ADAC on the Matrix and where NMSU courses stand. She has been working hard to get our courses into the Matrix and accepted by the State. Publication of the courses will be forthcoming, but it is a pretty close match to what we currently have. HED removed the transfer matrix from their website due to errors. It should be back up as soon as the state wide courses for this year are accepted by the panel and all errors removed.

3. ADAC is a clearing house of issues that the Associate Deans feel would improve the University for the students and faculty. For example below is a list of issues they addressed at their last meeting (my notes are italic).
   - What can we do about Enrollments at Both DACC and Main Campus Being Counted as Full Time Enrollment? Insurance issue/student activities
   - Update on Late Registration Fee Issue – want & how to change current process
   - Approval Process for New Programs – how to change, make a shorter and clearer process
   - The Process to Be Used so Students Don’t Have to Reapply if they Have Been away from School Less than Two Semesters – want to change current process
   - Problems Associated with Students Getting Books in a Timely Fashion – want to change current process
• The Possibility of a Single 10 or 12 Week Summer Session - *want to change current process*

Last year the Associate Deans were instrumental in changing the procedure of dropping students who were on financial aide from classes, thereby greatly reducing the number students dropped from our classes each semester. I hope they are as successful with their endeavors this year.

Welcome to all new and current senators.

Lynn Kelly