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Proposed Committee Faculty Affairs

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Title A Proposition to Allow Dependent Tuition Reduction for Graduate Courses by Modifying Policy 7.05Ed

Proposal

It is proposed to modify NMSU Policy Manual Section 7.05 Educational Opportunities For Employees and Their Families, subsection E Dependent Children Reduced Tuition Program, part d to allow dependent children of faculty and staff to enjoy reduced tuition while taking either undergraduate or graduate level courses. Proposed additions to the policy (given in **red font**) and proposed deletions to the policy (given in ~~red strikethrough font.~~) are shown below:

d. Students must be enrolled in undergraduate **or graduate** courses (eligible for undergraduate **or graduate** tuition) on the main campus or any one of the community colleges.

All other requirements for the reduced tuition program will remain unchanged.

Rationale

The proposed change:

- makes advanced degrees more affordable and therefore more likely for dependents of NMSU faculty and staff,
- fosters an improved morale among faculty and staff at minimal cost to the institution,
- may increase the number of advanced degrees awarded by NMSU and thereby increase the state formula generated revenue,
- provides incentive for dependent children to remain at NMSU for their advanced degrees instead of attending other in-state or out-of-state institutions,