

Proposition Number 11-14/15

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Committee Assignment Faculty Affairs

Title A Proposition to Modify Section C. 1. of the Faculty Senate Bylaws to create a Sub-Committee on Government Affairs under the Senate Leadership Committee

Proposal

This proposition, if passed, would modify the Faculty Senate By-Laws to form a Subcommittee on Government Affairs under the Senate Leadership Committee. This proposition is a companion to the proposition to modify the NMSU Faculty Senate Constitution by eliminating the Government Affairs Committee.

Proposed additions to the Bylaws are shown below (underlined):

Section C:

1. Senate Leadership Committee

The responsibilities of the Senate Leadership Committee are:

- a) To elect the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate;
- b) To initiate, carry out, or lead senate discussions of such topics as it deems appropriate, including the formation of ad hoc or special committees;
- c) Review the implementation of any legislation adopted by the senate and to reporting of the status of that legislation to the full senate;
- d) Review the balance of the Faculty Senate Operating Budget and activity in that account once each semester;
- e) Oversee the scheduling of the time and place of each regular meeting of the Faculty Senate;
- f) Review the status of all legislation from the prior year to determine if any should be reintroduced or modified and then introduced to the Faculty Senate;
- g) Expedite and monitor electronic communications with and voting on emergency issues by Faculty Senators during those intervals outside of the regular academic year.
- h) Form a Subcommittee on Government Affairs no later than the end of September each year with no less than five senators. The responsibilities of the Subcommittee on Government Affairs, in addition to those given for the standing committees in general, are:
 - a. To identify New Mexico government issues of concern to faculty, monitor developments at the state and local levels that affect higher education, and inform the Senate Leadership Committee of these developments along with any recommended appropriate responses.

- b. Keep the NMSU Administration informed through the NMSU Office of Government Relations on any pending faculty senate propositions addressing government affairs external to NMSU.
- c. Any propositions drafted by the Subcommittee on Government Affairs shall be assigned to one of the standing committees by the Senate Leadership Committee unless it is introduced as emergency legislation pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Constitution.

Rationale

The need for Faculty Senate government affairs monitoring activity varies greatly from year to year and, therefore, it has become apparent that there is no need for a permanent standing committee on government affairs and this activity will best be managed by a subcommittee formed under the Senate Leadership Committee within the Faculty Senate Bylaws.