

**Proposition Number** 12-14/15

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**Committee Assignment** [Faculty Affairs](#)

**Title** A Proposition to Modify “Article VII – Committees” Section B.3. of the Faculty Senate Constitution, and all references within the constitution, to Remove the Government Affairs Committee

### Proposal

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

Proposed deletions to the Constitution are shown below:

### ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section B:

~~3. Committee on Government Affairs: The duties of the Committee on Government Affairs shall be 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 of these developments along with any recommended appropriate responses. This committee shall also keep the NMSU Administration informed through the NMSU Office of Government Relations on any pending faculty senate propositions addressing government affairs external to NMSU. Membership: This Committee will consist of seven faculty senate voting members, representing at least three senate electing groups, nominated elected by the Faculty Senate. The Chair is elected by the Committee at the last meeting of the academic year. The Faculty Senate Chair and Senior Director of the NMSU Office of Government Relations shall be ex-officio members.~~

### 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.