

**Proposition Number** 3-14/15

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**Proposed Committee** Faculty Affairs

**Actual Committee** Long Range Planning

**Title** A Proposition to Modify the Duties of the Faculty Senate Leadership Committee as Defined in the Faculty Senate Constitution

### **Proposal**

It is proposed to modify the NMSU Faculty Senate Constitution to modify the duties of the Faculty Senate Leadership Committee. Specifically, the Leadership Committee would be additionally charged with reviewing the prior year's legislation and determining of those that were passed by the Senate but not implemented which, if any, should be returned to the Senate for reconsideration.

Proposed additions to the policy (given in **red font**) and proposed deletions to the policy (given in **red strikethrough font**.) are shown below:

### ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section A: The standing committees of the Faculty Senate shall be the Senate Leadership Committee, Scholastic Affairs, University Affairs, Faculty Affairs, Government Affairs, and Long-Range Planning.

Section B: The functions and membership of the standing committees shall be as follows:

1. Senate Leadership Committee: The duties of the Senate Leadership Committee shall be: (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~~ **at its first meeting of the academic year review the prior year's legislation and determine of those that were passed by the Senate but not implemented which, if any, should be returned to the Senate for reconsideration**; (f) oversee the scheduling of the time and place of each regular meeting of 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. The Senate Leadership Committee shall consist of one member from each senate

electing group for each five elected senators or major fraction thereof. Each electing group shall have at least one member regardless of its senate representation. Vacancies shall be filled by the elected senators from the senate electing groups. The four standing committee Chairs will serve as members.

The remainder of this section shall be unchanged.

**Rationale**

The proposed change simply ensures that legislation approved by the Senate but not implemented is formally reviewed and if further action is warranted on a particular topic that action is taken in a timely manner and that the concerns and work of the prior Senate are not “lost” during the summer recess.