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# New Mexico State University Faculty Senate

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD

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### Board Website (if applicable)

<http://facultysenate.nmsu.edu/>

### Official Name of the Board

New Mexico State University Faculty Senate

### Effective date of establishment

July 1961

### Authorized by

Provost

### Board Reports To (if applicable)

Provost

### Scope of Impact

System

## Type of Board

Standing

## Purpose

The Faculty Senate plays a role in shared governance of the University.

## Authority

Legislative jurisdiction over policies affecting the university's academic mission.

# MEMBERSHIP

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## What is the process for selecting a chair?

The Faculty Senate elects two nominees for the position of Chair at the December meeting, one of whom may be the current Faculty Senate Chair. The nominees must be current, elected members of the senate at the time of nomination and must intend to continue as active (nonretired) faculty during the following academic year. Within sixty (60) calendar days of these nominations, the person overseeing the election shall create a secure electronic ballot and notify all faculty, or, with approval of the Faculty Senate as a whole, prepare and mail a ballot to all faculty. The person overseeing the election along with the Faculty Senate recording secretary will be responsible for tabulating the results and announcing the winner. The winner of the election, until assuming the office of the chair, will be designated the chair-elect. The chair-elect shall not be from the same senate electing group as the Chair (except when the current Chair is re-elected).

## Chair for 2017-18 Academic Year

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### Name

Christopher Brown

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[brownchr@nmsu.edu](mailto:brownchr@nmsu.edu)

## Co-Chair for 2017-18 Academic Year

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### Co-chair Name

Rolfe Sassenfeld

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## Chair for 2018-19 Academic Year

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### Name

Becky Corran

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## Co-Chair for 2018-19 Academic Year

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### Co-chair Name

Mary Prentice

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## Additional Membership Details

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### Members are appointed by

Combination

### Position appointment description

Senators are elected from among faculty and by the faculty within their colleges.

Senate Chair and Vice-Chair are nominated and elected from the Senate body.

### Is membership representative?

Yes

### Please describe how the membership is representative.

Elected senators represent their colleges by being the voice for the college when considering proposed legislation.

### What university function/office is responsible for appointments?

Individual colleges are responsible for senator elections.

### What are the terms of appointment?

The usual term of office for elected senators shall be 3 years. However, when reapportionment makes it necessary, the terms of some newly-elected senators shall be for 1, 2, or 3 years so that the terms of an approximately equal number of senators from each faculty electing group expire each subsequent year. No faculty member shall be elected to a Faculty Senate term which will result in more than seven consecutive years of service.

The Faculty Senate Chair shall not serve more than two consecutive terms, but may serve as Faculty Senate Chair again after serving at least one year as a non-chairing senator.

Terms for all Senators, Chair and Vice-Chair begin the first day of the academic year and end the final day of the academic year.

### **Are terms staggered?**

Yes

### **Are members subject to reappointment?**

Yes

### **Please explain the conditions under which members are subject to reappointment.**

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### **What is the process for filling vacant positions?**

Open Senate positions within each college are filled by a nominating and electing faculty from within the college. At the end of each academic year, elected senators from each Senate electing group caucus and elect their members to the Senate Leadership Committee. This Senate Leadership Committee shall then caucus and elect its Chair, who will also be Vice Chair of the senate.

### **Member List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Member Type</b>
John Allen	Extension Agricultural Agent	Voting Member
Elsa Arroyos	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Susan Beck	Department Head	Voting Member

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Member Type</b>
Brenda Benefit	Professor	Voting Member
Philip Benson	Professor	Voting Member
Erin Blaugrund	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Priscilla Bloomquist	Professor	Voting Member
Wiebke Boeing	Professor	Voting Member
Philip Braker	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Christopher Brown	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Michaela Burkardt	Professor	Voting Member
John Campbell	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Debbie Cates	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Andres Cibils	Professor	Voting Member
Rose Conley	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Becky Corran	CC Department Chair	Voting Member
Maria De Boyrie	Professor	Voting Member

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Member Type</b>
Tarlochan Dhillon	Professor	Voting Member
Glen Fetzer	Academic Department Head	Voting Member
Derek Fisher	Associate Professor	Voting Member
William Gear	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Ryan Goss	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Maria Gurrola	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Richard Gutierrez	Professor	Voting Member
Melissa Guynn	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Nicole Hamilton	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Ken Hammond	Professor	Voting Member
Manal Hamzeh	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Steve Hanson	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Anne Hubbell	Professor	Voting Member
Laura Jarry	Associate Professor	Voting Member

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Member Type</b>
Kenda Josselet	Associate Professor	Voting Member
David Keys	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Elizabeth Kuchler	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Mary Lamonica	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Young Lee	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Heike Lehnert-Lehouillier	CD Program Director	Voting Member
Merranda Marin	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Karim Martinez	Director, County Program	Voting Member
Wade Matthews	Associate Professor	Voting Member
James McAteer	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Jay Misra	Associate Professor	Voting Member
John Mullen	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Heinz Nakotte	Professor	Voting Member
Shelly Noe	Assistant Professor	Voting Member

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Member Type</b>
Richard Oliver	Professor	Voting Member
David Ortiz	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Rebecca Palacios	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Julia Parra	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
Henrietta Pichon	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Diane Prince	Department Chair	Voting Member
Gary Rayson	Professor	Voting Member
Comfort Ricketts	Assistant Professor	Voting Member
David Rockstraw	Academic Department Head	Voting Member
Neal Rosendorf	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Zohrab Samani	Professor	Voting Member
Rolfe Sassenfeld	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Elba Serrano	Professor	Voting Member
Steve Stochaj	Professor	Voting Member



Name	Title	Member Type
Jason Turner	Extension Specialist	Voting Member
David Twitty	Professor	Voting Member
Enedina Vazquez	Associate Dean, Academic Affairs	Voting Member
Gloria Villaverde	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Connie Voisine	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Sylvia Walker	Associate Professor	Voting Member
Amy Zemler	Extension Associate II	Voting Member
Yaxi Zhao	Professor	Voting Member

## MEETINGS & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

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### What university office/function provides administrative support to this board?

The office of the Provost.

### What are the requirements for the number of meetings to be held annually?

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. Committees within the Senate also hold meetings once a month during the academic year. There are a minimum of 9 Senate meetings held annually.

### Was the requirement for the number of meetings met?

Yes

### List of Meeting Dates

Aug. 29, 2017 (Special Meeting)

Sept. 7, 2017

Oct. 5, 2017  
Nov. 2, 2017  
Dec. 7, 2017  
Jan. 11, 2018  
Feb. 1, 2018  
Mar. 1, 2018  
Apr. 5, 2018  
May 3, 2018

## Major Accomplishments

During the 2017-2018 session, the Faculty Senate heard 37 bills. Of these 37 bills, one bill was pulled by the sponsors in the Senate session, one bill was tabled and not brought back to the full Senate, one bill was noted “no pass” in committee, and the remaining 34 bills were passed

The full list of bills that were heard is listed at <https://facultysenate.nmsu.edu/propositions/2017-2018/>; this URL includes the bills, their supporting documentation, the tracking path of the bills, and their final disposition.

Of special note, the Senate heard and passed bills that contained rule changes related to Experiential Learning, transcript notations, and revisions to the Student Code of Conduct related to academic integrity. We also passed bills that established new degree options in Justice, Political Philosophy and Law; Game Development; Computational Data Analysis; School of Psychology at the PhD level; Building Construction Technology; Cybersecurity; and Medical Assisting. The Senate also passed several memorials honoring the efforts of Provost Howard, Chancellor Carruthers, and Donna Alden in helping NMSU meet its mission, as well as memorials in which we advocated for a stronger faculty role in the executive search process seeking to hire a new Chancellor.

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