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New Mexico State University Faculty Senate

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD

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**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 2018-19 Academic Year

Name Becky Corran

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Co-Chair for 2018-19 Academic Year

Co-chair Name Mary Prentice

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Additional Membership Details

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.

Are terms staggered? Yes

Are members subject to reappointment? Yes

Please explain the conditions under which members are subject to reappointment. 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 Chair of the Faculty Senate shall be responsible for implementing this section.

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.

	Name	Title	Member Type
Member List	https://facultysenate.nmsu.edu/senate-roster-archive/	SEE 2018-2019 link	Voting Member

MEETINGS & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

**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

Sept. 6, 2018
Oct. 4, 2018
Nov. 1, 2018
Dec. 6, 2018
Jan. 10, 2019
Feb. 7, 2019
Mar. 7, 2019
Apr. 4, 2019
May 2, 2019

In the 2018-19 academic year, the Faculty Senate considered twenty-five propositions (all can be viewed here: <https://facultysenate.nmsu.edu/propositions/2018-2019/>), including a number of issues critical to the university system's success. Among the issues the NMSU Faculty Senate took the lead on are:

Curricular and academic updates and revisions including:

- General Education reform,
- New Associate, Bachelor and Master's level majors and degrees,
- Fractional grading.

Major Accomplishments

Building a robust university system by:

- Strengthening the FGRB and advocating for new resources and processes to address faculty grievances,
- Considering new rules related to class size and affiliated faculty,
- Encouraging reforms of the Board of Regents.

Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion through:

- Reform of the student evaluations of teaching to minimize bias,
- Support for student-led efforts to implement Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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