

**Proposition number:** 13-15/16

**Title:** A Memorial Requesting Regular and Continuous Updates to all Faculty and Staff on Proposed General Education and Course Alignment committee work

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**Proposed Committee:**

**Assigned Committee:**

**Prior Approvals:**

**Proposition:**

Whereas, forthcoming changes to State General Education courses and Course Alignment affect each and every faculty and staff member at NMSU, and

Whereas, transparency and shared governance are tenets of NMSU, and

Whereas, every employee deserves the right to know what curricular changes are being proposed, the impact of those changes, and the timelines for decisions regarding those changes, and

Whereas, colleges, departments and programs have to right to know the membership of the General Education taskforce and Course Alignment committees and understand each committee's function, charge, duties, and timelines, and

Whereas, it is vital to ensure parity, fair representation, and diversity on these committees, and

Whereas, colleges, departments and programs deserve to understand potential impact of such changes in their respective areas in enough time to offer alternatives and/or prepare for such changes, and

Whereas, every NMSU faculty and staff should have the right and a clear mechanism by which to offer opinions, facts, points of views and data on the proposed changes, and

Whereas, outcomes and decisions by these committees affect the entirety of the university both in the present and the future,

Therefore, be it resolved on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of March 2016 that the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University requests the Provost and/or Chancellor provide monthly or twice monthly summary reports via email and web posting of the recent work of these committees, their membership, and the process and timelines for decisions. Furthermore, The Faculty Senate requests that the Office of the Provost and/or Chancellor establish a clear and open process for faculty and staff to offer meaningful input to these committees to ensure employees at NMSU has a voice in these vitally important matters.