

Proposition: 03-10/11

Sponsors: Boje, COB; Bloomquist, ACES; Ketelaar, A&S; Barello, A&S; Reyes, Education; Munson-McGee, Engineering

Proposed Committee: University Affairs

Assigned Committee: University Affairs (meeting 9/16/10)

Title: Memorial In Support of Regent Selection Process

Proposal: The Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University endorses the selection/vetting process for regent nominees as outlined in the attached document. This process will apply to Board of Regents nominations at the three New Mexico research universities (New Mexico State University, New Mexico Institute of Technology, and the University of New Mexico). This process will consist of two steps:

1. Formation of a Committee on Regent Appointments (CRA) whenever a vacancy on the Board of Regents occurs or is anticipated.
2. Development of a list of three recommended nominees per vacant position by the CRA, and presentation of the names of recommended nominees as advisory input to the Governor.

Rationale: While the Constitution of the State of New Mexico gives plenary authority to appoint regents to the Governor (subject to confirmation by the State Senate), it does not stipulate anything regarding with whom governors might consult in making such appointments. A formal vetting process would provide wise and well-informed input to the governor concerning qualifications needed and/or desired, and individuals best fulfilling those qualifications. Such input would be beneficial to the governor, the state, and to New Mexico State University.

Attachment: Draft of proposed process from Faculty Senate of University of New Mexico.