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Title: Proposal to Amend Policy 1.05.70, Faculty Senate

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Proposal: To update and clarify Policy 1.05.70, consistent with shared governance principles and with recently revised Policy 1.10, which makes policies effective upon approval by the Board of Regents, or as may be otherwise specified.

Rationale: An update to this policy is needed to be consistent with Policy 1.10, which was amended this year to require the President to place proposed policy revisions on the Board's agenda for approval, prior to the policy revision taking effect. Prior to this, policy revisions enacted via Faculty Senate legislation took effect after signature by the President on the following July 1st and subject to the Board's annual ratification.

The provisions addressing the composition of the senate are outdated. This paragraph is proposed to become a cross reference to the Faculty Senate Constitution, and to indicate the other topics that are covered in the Constitution, in addition to the senate's composition.

The final paragraph addressing how the senate selects its representatives to the University Budget Committee is proposed to be deleted and instead inserted into the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

Other non-substantive clarification and organizational revisions are also proposed. For example, the [revised] paragraph [formerly addressing composition] cross referencing to the Faculty Senate's Constitution was moved up. The sentence reading "Propositions shall be keyed to affected portions of any manual or policy document" was edited and moved into the paragraph on faculty senate legislation.

Lastly, this revision also adds the definition of "shared governance" in accordance with AAUP definitions, and makes other changes, consistent with discussion with the Provost.

1.05.70

Shared Governance and the role of Faculty Senate

1. **Shared Governance.** Shared governance refers to the governance of the ~~university~~ University in which responsibility is shared ~~between-among~~ the Board of Regents, the Faculty and ~~administration~~ Administration. As used in this policy, “Faculty” refers to the general faculty, defined as all tenured, tenure track and college faculty at all of the university’s campuses. For purposes of this policy, the ~~university~~ University president ~~President~~ and the ~~executive~~ Executive vice ~~Vice president~~ President and ~~provost~~ Provost, and their respective direct reports, shall be collectively referred to as ~~the administration~~ “Administration”. Shared governance shall remain a central tenet of academic decision making at New Mexico State University.
 - 1.1. By law, the Board of Regents governs the NMSU system ~~campuses~~, under the advice of ~~faculty~~ Faculty, by the enactment of policies, and by its delegation of operational authority, through the University President.
 - 1.2. Consistent with the principles of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), the Faculty, represented through the Faculty Senate and other faculty representatives, shall be involved in personnel decisions, selection of administration, preparation of budget, and determination of educational policies. The Faculty shall have primary responsibility for curriculum and subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status and those aspects of student life which related to the educational process. Faculty shall have primary responsibility for developing and applying policies affecting the ~~university’s~~ University’s academic mission in regard to education, research, and service, subject to the authority of the Board of Regents, the ~~university~~ University president ~~President~~, and the ~~executive~~ Executive vice ~~Vice president~~ President and ~~provost~~ Provost.
 - 1.3. The Faculty shall also be involved in the administrative planning processes. To facilitate this, Faculty members serve on the many and varied administrative committees.
 - 1.3.1. The Faculty Senate ~~chair~~ Chair shall be a member of the Academic Deans Council and the Administrative Council.
 - 1.3.2. The Faculty Senate ~~vice~~ Vice chair ~~Chair~~ shall be a member of the Associate Deans Academic Council.
 - 1.3.3. As directed by Administration, members of the general Faculty serve on other advisory committees, including but not limited to: the University Budget Committee, the University Research Council, and the President's Associates Board. Moreover, the Faculty Senate may select the requisite faculty representative; in addition, Administration may select a member of Faculty directly.
2. **Faculty Senate.** The Faculty Senate has legislative jurisdiction over policies affecting the ~~university’s~~ University’s academic mission in regard to education, research, and service, including the definitions of purpose and objectives. The

Faculty Senate is elected by the Faculty at large. The Faculty Senate Constitution Provisions provides specifications relating to the Faculty Senate's composition, elections, terms of office, officers, committees, meetings, ~~legislation~~ legislative processes, and methods to amend the constitutional amendment, and bylaws are outlined in the Constitution Faculty Senate Constitution. See Appendix 1-D. Additional details about the operation of the Faculty Senate are contained in the Faculty Senate Bylaws. The ~~chair of the~~ Faculty Senate Chair will have 50 percent assigned time for Faculty Senate work, based on the teaching load. The Faculty Senate ~~vice-Vice chair~~ Chair will have 25 percent assigned time.

- 2.1. The Faculty Senate shall key its propositions that affect academic policy to the corresponding provision in the NMSU Policy Manual or other policy document(s).
- 2.2. Propositions affecting academic policy approved by the Faculty Senate are subject to acceptance or veto by the University President. If the University President does not accept or veto the proposition within 40 working days, the proposition will be placed on the next agenda of the Board of Regents for consideration and action.
- 2.3. If the University President approves a proposition, it will be ~~presented to~~ placed on the next agenda of the Board of Regents for final approval.
- 2.4. If the ~~university~~ University ~~president~~ President vetoes a proposition, a two-thirds vote of the present and voting Faculty Senate may return the proposition to the ~~president~~ President and, if the ~~president~~ President does not rescind the veto within five (5) working days, the ~~president~~ President ~~will present the proposition to the Board of Regents with a request for consideration and action~~ proposition will be placed on the next agenda of the Board of Regents for approval and consideration.
- 2.4.1. Faculty Senate legislation will become effective upon approval by the Board of Regents, or upon such other date as may be specified in the legislation or by the ~~university~~ University ~~president's~~ President's provisional authority.