

## Proposed New Regents Policy 6.00

### 6.00 Academic Matters

- A. Policy Statements: As the state's land grant university, NMSU serves the educational needs of New Mexico's diverse population through comprehensive programs of education, research, extension education and public service. In the academic arena, the university's focus is on empowering NMSU students to achieve success in the classroom and realize their goals of becoming productive and contributing members of society. To accomplish this mission, NMSU is committed to the following objectives: (1) promoting timely degree completion through a supportive environment, (2) providing quality academic programs through continuous innovation and evaluation, and (3) guiding enrollment composition through effective recruitment, retention and proactive advising.
- B. Authorization: The Regents of New Mexico State University authorize the Executive Vice President and Provost, as the university system's chief academic officer, with the faculty through the Faculty Senate, to formulate and amend the Administrative Rules and Procedures (Rules) addressing academic matters to support the policy stated above. Such Rules must be consistent with this policy, enacted in accordance with Regents Policy 1.10 and Rule 1.10, and consistent with the shared governance provisions of Policy 1.05.70.:
- C. Reservation of Authority: Under the New Mexico Constitution, the Board of Regents is vested with the authority to provide for the control and management of NMSU. Further, the Board is statutorily authorized to prescribe the courses of study at NMSU, under the advice of the faculty, and to confer degrees and grant diplomas. In order that the Board may ensure that these obligations are properly met, each of the following actions or events requires approval of the Regents prior to implementation:
1. Proposals to create, reorganize, relocate, or eliminate an academic organizational unit such as a college, school, academic department, or a library.
  2. Proposals to establish or eliminate any degree or major field of study.
  3. Proposed rules establishing student admission criteria.
  4. Award of degrees and diplomas.
- D. Repeal of Related Policies. By previous action of the Board of Regents on October 21, 2015, the contents of the former NMSU Policy Manual were replicated in the Administrative Procedures of NMSU (the ARP) and remain in full force and effect. Upon adoption of this policy, the policies in Chapter 6 of the Regents Policy Manual will be superseded by this policy and will be repealed from the Regents Policy Manual, but remain in effect in the ARP until amended or repealed.
- E. Policy Administrator: This policy is administered by the Executive Vice President and Provost.
- F. Scope and Effective Date: This policy will apply throughout the NMSU system, and becomes effective upon approval by the Board of Regents.

**REVISION HISTORY:** *[UGC will complete]*

**CROSS REFERENCES:** Chapter 6 of the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU