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Proposition: 06-25/26

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Title: Supporting CNM and UNM Joint Resolution Against the "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education"

Date Submitted: 1/27/26

Sponsor(s): Karen Kopera-Frye (HEST), Christopher Brown (A&S), and others to follow.

Proposed Committee: TBD

Prior Approvals: N/A

Proposal: The sponsors of this bill ask that the Senate review the CNM and UNM Joint Resolution Against the "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education" (Attached), discuss the specifics of the bill, and vote to join this joint resolution.

Rationale: Chair Vimal, Vice Chair Brown, and Access, Opportunity, and Outreach Faculty Senate Standing Committee Chair Kopera-Frye were approached by Jennifer Rush (CNM) and Justin Bendell (UNM) about joining a Faculty Senate joint resolution back in December 2025. The joint resolution from Central New Mexico and the University of New Mexico Faculty Senates opposes the "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education" document. Vice Chair Brown and Senator Kopera-Frye met via zoom with the 2 Chairs on 12/12/25. Brown and Kopera-Frye indicated to them that they would bring it to our Access, Opportunity, and Outreach Committee. The Joint Resolution was attached for Members to review on the agenda for this meeting. Of those present, there was a positive response to support it. Brown and Kopera-Frye again met with Justin and Jennifer and a group of Senators from other New Mexico Universities on 1/26/26. They provided an update in that CNM has already passed the resolution, and UNM is working on moving it through their Faculty Senate to pass the resolution. Therefore, the purpose of this Bill is to support our fellow Senators at peer institutions in this joint resolution. We would like NMSU Faculty Senate to join the resolution in the spirit of solidarity. Please see attached Joint Resolution.