

Proposition : 14-25/26

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Title: Memorial in Appreciation of Chair Chaitanya

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Proposed Committee: Request to be considered as emergency legislation

Prior Approval: Request to be considered as emergency legislation

Proposal:

WHEREAS, the NMSU Faculty Senate wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Chair Chaitanya for his exemplary leadership over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Chair Chaitanya skillfully guided the Senate through transitions under two interim Presidents and actively encouraged thoughtful and engaged faculty participation in the selection process for a new President; and

WHEREAS, the NMSU Faculty Senate acknowledges his unwavering dedication to strengthening communication and collaboration between faculty and administration, as well as his consistent efforts to uphold and advance shared governance; and

WHEREAS, his collegiality, professionalism, and tireless commitment to improving faculty conditions have significantly contributed to the Senate's effectiveness and the well-being of the university community;

Rationale:

THEREFORE, the NMSU Faculty Senate indicates its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Vimal Chaitanya for serving two successive and successful terms as Chair of the NMSU Faculty Senate.