

Report Curriculum and Planning
December 16, 2024
Gus Piña, Chair

Proposition: 07-24/25 Resolution to allow NMSU main campus students to enroll in and receive credit for NMSU system branch courses.

Summary of the Proposition

This proposal requests a reevaluation of the policy that prevents Main Campus undergraduate students from enrolling in courses at NMSU's branch campuses simultaneously. Established after a memo from former Provost Parker in July 2020, the policy aimed to meet course demand and promote timely degree completion.

However, students face significant challenges, including limited course offerings at Main Campus, especially in Math and Chemistry, as well as issues related to work and childcare. Many students prefer the smaller class sizes at branch campuses. As a result, some have sought courses at other community colleges, potentially decreasing revenue for NMSU.

December 12th, 2024 Meeting

The Curriculum and Planning (C&P) Committee convened with members of the Student Success Committee and proponents of the proposition. During the discussion, the C&P raised concerns about the language used in the proposition, particularly regarding the term 'Policy.' Given the absence of an official policy at NMSU, the committee expressed that referencing a non-existent document could lead to potential issues with the proposition. Consequently, a motion was proposed to replace the term 'Policy' with 'Practice' throughout the proposition where appropriate.

The committee reached a decision to endorse the proposed modification, with a vote reflecting 7 members in favor out of 8 members.

The committee unanimously supported Proposition 08-24/25 regarding the Resolution Changes to ARP 4.46, with no need for further discussion, as the proposal was presented.