

**Proposition:** 03-20/21

**Title:** Senate bill proposing improvements to NMSU's curriculum approval process

**Date Submitted:** 31 August 2020

**Sponsor(s):** Brown (A&S), Garcia (ENG), Vaughn (DACC) and others to follow.

**Proposed Committee:** TBD

**Assigned Committee:** TBD

**Prior Approvals:** This will move concurrently through ADC, ADAC, Graduate Council, and other NMSU review units.

**Proposal Type:**

Proposition to change policy, [ARP 4.81, Degrees, Majors, Minors, and Other Academic Programs of Study](#)

## **Background**

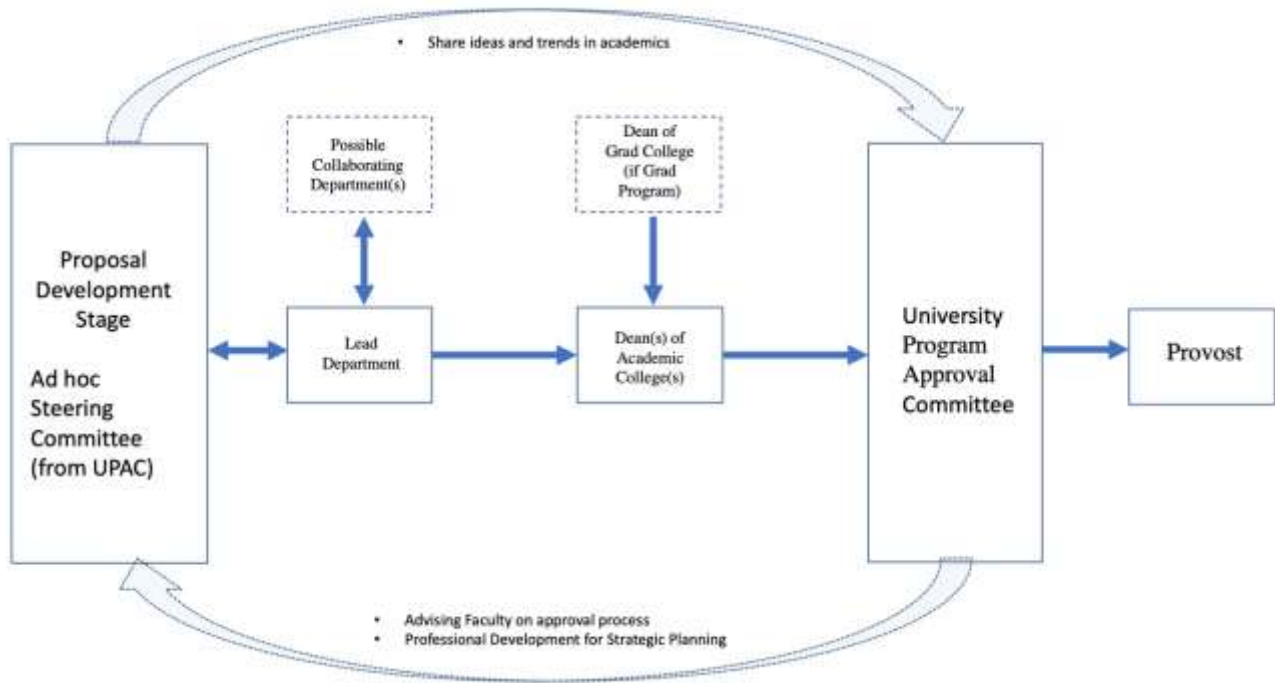
NMSU's process for reviewing and approving new and revised academic programs is very extensive and results in long delays in getting these programs reviewed, approved, and in place. At the invitation of Provost Carol Parker, a task force met over the summer and developed a concept paper for the University Program Approval Committee (UPAC - copy attached). This Senate bill proposes changes to (ARP 4.81 - Degrees, Majors, Minors and Other Academic Programs of Study) that would replace the approval matrices with an amended process in which several of the current review groups would be incorporated into the UPAC.

## **Proposed membership of UPAC**

- Academic Deans Council - Chair or designate
- Associate Deans Academic Council - Chair or designate
- A representative from the CC Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs
- Faculty Senate - Vice Chair or designate
- Graduate Council - Vice Chair or designate
- Graduate Deans Office - Dean/Associate Dean
- Graduate Student Council - Chair or designate
- Registrar's Office - Associate Registrar for Curriculum Systems
- University Research Council - Chair or designate
- ASNMSU - President/Vice President or designate
- Vice Provost for Digital Learning - Vice Provost or designate

**Leadership** - Given the primary role of the Faculty Senate and NMSU faculty in the development of academic programs, we propose that the Vice-Chair (or designate) of the Faculty Senate co-chair the UPAC with the Chair (or designate) of ADAC.

**Proposed program review process** - The diagram below lays out a general flow by which this process would occur:



## Proposal

By this bill, we propose that the current language of ARP 4.81.3 be amended to replace ARP **Appendices 4.81-A and 4.81-B**. The details of the amended approval flow will be developed as the proposal moves through the standing Senate Committee that is assigned the bill.