

**Proposition:** 10-20/21

**Title:** Memorial to support a faculty survey about the Faculty-Talk Listserv

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**Proposed Committee:** We request that this be handled as Consent Agenda Legislation.

**Assigned Committee:** We request that this be handled as Consent Agenda Legislation.

**Prior Approvals:** N/A – this is a memorial

**Proposal Type** (please check one):

☒ Memorial

**Whereas,** the faculty-talk listserv was established in 2008 through a memorial in the Faculty Senate to provide an unmoderated forum for faculty to be able to communicate with each other about issues of interest and importance;

**Whereas,** concerns have been raised by several faculty about the use of the list;

**Whereas,** a number of faculty have chosen to turn off email delivery of messages to the list;

**Whereas,** some faculty may be uncomfortable posting to the list because of concerns about hostile response;

Therefore, on \_\_\_\_\_ the NMSU Faculty Senate proposes that Senate leadership work with the University Affairs Committee, a Faculty-talk task force, and relevant NMSU staff to distribute a survey to the faculty to get input regarding the faculty-talk listserv for the purpose of informing a discussion about whether policies might be implemented to improve the value of the list and the participation of faculty in intra-faculty communication through the list.