

Proposition: 21-20/21

Title: A Memorial in Honor of Karen Duggan, NMSU-Alamogordo

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Proposed Committee Assignment: Emergency Legislation

Proposal Type (please check one):

Memorial

Proposition to change policy (please include ARP/RPM reference(s) from <https://arp.nmsu.edu/>)

Proposition for curriculum addition/change (please include all curriculum change forms and signature pages as outlined here: <https://provost.nmsu.edu/forms/>)

Other (please describe below)

Whereas, New Mexico State University Alamogordo has lost a beloved friend and colleague with the passing of Karen Duggan;

Whereas, Karen was a dedicated, loyal, talented and ever helpful member of the NMSU-Alamogordo community; to many, she was the Face of Student Services at NMSU-A and was a tremendous advocate for the school and its teaching mission;

Whereas, Karen served the NMSU-Alamogordo campus since 2005, starting as a Records Technician at the bookstore helping students, faculty, and staff; she managed all mail services, copy services, and the switchboard;

Whereas, in 2008, Karen relocated to the Facilities and Maintenance Department continuing with many similar duties as well as taking on new responsibilities related to the facilities department.

Whereas, Karen moved to Student Services in 2015 as Administrative Assistant where she oversaw the Information Desk, ran the switchboard, maintained the calendar for all Student Services departments; she trained work-study students and provided them with needed guidance and assistance, always with a smile;

Whereas, while Karen's primary responsibility was to help students and visitors navigate our campus, she was also integral to the image of NMSU-A as an artist; she created commencement and convocation programs and many visual marketing materials used to represent NMSU-A to our community; she also created special graphics projects for the NMSU-Alamogordo president;

Whereas, Karen was so important as an artist that it became a part of her job description; when Karen was involved in a project, everyone knew that the end product would be of professional quality;

Whereas, Karen was always ready to help; she served as the staff representative on many committees, would help anyone out with a fax or an errand, was a patient and kind listener, and she knew everyone, knew where everything on campus was located, and never sent a student in the wrong direction for help;

Whereas, Karen Duggan leaves a remarkable legacy and will forever be remembered by our university family;

The NMSU Faculty Senate extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to the family, friends, students, and colleagues and all others who knew and admired her. Karen will be forever remembered by her welcoming smile as you entered NMSU-A Student Services, her soft-spoken guidance to the visitors on our campus and her remarkable artistic talent, and her presence will always be with us in her countless creative contributions.