

Proposition: 03-23/24

Proposal Type: Bill Resolution Memorial Joint Proposition Other

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Title: Memorial Calling on the NMSU Administration Financially to Support Programming for Indigenous People's Day and Comply with Promises Made in 2018-9.

Date Submitted:

Sponsor(s): Bronstein (A&S), Bond (NTT-Alamogordo)

Proposed Committee: DEI

Prior Approvals: None

Whereas, in 2019 the state of New Mexico designated the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day;

And whereas, in the 2018-2019 academic year, the NMSU Faculty Senate successfully passed Proposition 3/2018-2019, which was signed as approved by then-president John Floros and then-provost April Mason;

And whereas, the proposition directed the following action items:

- acknowledging and embracing Indigenous Peoples' ceremonies and events
- hosting outstanding Indigenous speakers or a speaker's series
- highlighting student and faculty research, etc.
- asserting that the University's campuses, centers, and offices are on the traditional territories and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples of Chihene Nde', Mescalero Apache, Lipan Apache, Raramuri, Ysleta Del Sur, Tortugas Pueblo, Piro, Manso, Tewa People, the Aztecs of the North, Navajo Nation, Laguna Pueblo, Acoma Pueblo, Zuni Pueblo, Sandia Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo
- Create initiatives to target the recruitment, retention, and success of Indigenous students, staff, and faculty.

And whereas, the university has failed to uphold its promise to fund and host speakers, highlight student and faculty research, approve a land acknowledgement statement, or

fund initiatives to recruit, retain and mentor to success Indigenous students, staff, and faculty;

And whereas, the provost and the VP of DEI have asserted that it is the faculty's responsibility alone to provide programming, despite the absence of targeted funding;

Therefore, the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University calls on the university administration to advocate for funding for these promised initiatives in the 2024 legislative session.

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