

**Proposition:** 14-23/24

**Title:** A Memorial in Appreciation of the Service of Faculty Senate Chair Gaylene Fassenko to NMSU Faculty Senate and the Faculty

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**Proposed Committee: Assigned Committee: Prior Approvals:**

**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)

**Proposal:**

Whereas: The leadership and initiative in leading the faculty senate for the past two years maintaining an engaged relationship with the administration and helping NMSU continue to function despite all of the administrative turmoil in the past few years.

Whereas: Dr. Gaylene Fassenko has diligently and efficiently served as the Faculty Senate Chair for three years.

Whereas: Dr. Fassenko provided leadership stability in the Faculty Senate through changes in 3 Provosts and two Presidents and Chancellors.

Whereas: Dr. Fassenko served as the first point-of-contact, especially for Faculty-related matters, with all administrators at NMSU.

Whereas: Dr. Fassenko admirably executed the job of Faculty Senate Chair by working efficiently and collaboratively, while adapting to unpredictability and challenges with dedication and effective communication.

Whereas: Dr. Fassenko has helped keep the Faculty Senate agile, on track, and organized.

Whereas: Dr. Fasenko recruited a new administrative assistant and brought her up to speed after the retirement of the long-time senate administrative assistant Mrs. Gloria Podruchny.

Whereas: Dr. Fasenko helped organize and run the Faculty Senate Leadership Committee monthly meetings with the NMSU administration.

Whereas: Dr. Fasenko coordinated communication efforts with Honors, Student Records, Department Heads, and Financial Aid to create a smoother process for the Master's Accelerated Programs (MAP).;

Whereas: Dr. Fasenko has embodied professionalism, efficiency, follow-through, and institutional knowledge, without which the Faculty Senate would not have been as efficient.

Whereas: Dr. Fasenko responded quickly, effectively, and compassionately to many evolving situations, including athletics, changes in leadership, and failed administrative searches, including the latest failed president search.

Whereas: Dr. Fasenko left her position as Faculty Senate Chair in May 2024.

Let it be resolved on this day, ??, that the NMSU Faculty Senate celebrates Gaylene Fasenko and her extensive contributions to the NMSU Faculty Senate and Departments of New Mexico State University and thanks her for her hard work and dedication through her service.