



## Faculty Senate Transmittal and Administrative Action Routing Form

To: Office of the President

From: Faculty Senate Chair, Vimal Chaitanya

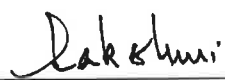

RE: **Proposition: 07-24/25** ☐ Bill ☐ Resolution ☒ Memorial ☐ Joint Proposition ☐

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Date: November 21, 2024

Please find enclosed Faculty Senate Legislation No. 07-24/25 entitled, "**Resolution Requesting Reassessment of the Practice Restricting Main Campus Students From Simultaneous Enrollment at NMSU Branch Campuses.**" approved by the Faculty Senate on January 9, 2025.

### Please Route for Approval:

<b>Faculty Senate Request</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Your review and approval. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate your availability to meet with Faculty Senate leadership to discuss. <input type="checkbox"/> For your review and acknowledgement only (approval/veto not required for memorials and some resolutions).
<b>Administration Action</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge receipt of the above. <input type="checkbox"/> I will respond further at a later date. <input type="checkbox"/> I approve this legislation and will process according to NMSU Rules & Policies. <input type="checkbox"/> I approve this legislation on a provisional basis. It will become effective immediately, and I will place it on the Agenda for a future meeting of the Board of Regents. <input type="checkbox"/> I veto this legislation. <i>Being discussed.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div> Lakshmi Reddi, Interim Provost</div><div>Date: <u>6.6.25</u></div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div> Valerio Ferme, President</div><div>Date: <u>06/09/2025</u></div></div>

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**Proposition: 07-24/25**

**Proposal Type:** ☐Bill ☒Resolution ☐Memorial ☐Joint Proposition ☐Other (If

**Joint proposition, also select type)**

**Title:** Resolution Requesting Reassessment of the **Policy Practice** Restricting Main Campus Students From Simultaneous Enrollment at NMSU Branch Campuses

**Date Submitted: December 3, 2024**

**Main Sponsor(s):** R. Gioannini (NTT), T.Aguirre (DACC)

**Sponsors:** K. Lopez Gallagher (Alamagordo), K. Finlator (A & S), D. Magoc (HEST), E. Hetrick (NTT)

**Proposed Committee:** Student Success

**Prior Approvals:**

**Proposal:** This resolution would ask the administration to **revisit the policy Practice** that does not allow **undergraduate students enrolled at Main Campus to be able to simultaneously enroll in NMSU system branch campus courses and have the courses count towards their degree.**

**Rationale:** Currently, there is **no wording** in the **Administrative Rules and Procedures** nor the **Regents Policy Manual** specifically **forbidding concurrent enrollment in class on Main and branch campuses.** Concurrent enrollment had been allowed prior to 2020. The rule to disallow concurrent enrollment in branch and Main campus courses is addressed in a memo from former Provost Parker dated July 30, 2020. The main reasons cited for restricting concurrent enrollment were that Main Campus should “meet the demand for courses required in degree plans” and to encourage students to complete their degrees “in a reasonable timeframe.”

It is recognized that many students are not "traditional" students and barring them from taking branch campus courses can cause hardship, such as missed work, child care issues, etc. Because of this barrier, some students have chosen to take some 1000 and 2000 level courses at other community colleges, both online and in person in an attempt to meet degree requirements. These credits transfer in without difficulty. The **NMSU system loses a revenue stream by not allowing its students to enroll in branch courses and places an impediment to degree completion for some students.**

Administration should consider the implications of taking courses on different campuses in relationship to scholarships.

- The Student Success sub-committee of NMSU Faculty Senate learned from President Torres on November 14, 2024 at the **NMSU Faculty Leadership Committee meeting, that there was a proposition for the Legislative**

**Finance Committee** stating that this policy should be revised as it is **not friendly** to students.

- **Incoming Freshmen could benefit from small class sizes.** Moreover, it might be a disservice to a new Freshman student straight out of high school to be put in a class size of over 100.
- **It is suggested** that students would be restricted to taking 9-12 credit hours outside of their “home campus”.
- Often, students at NMSU struggle to find the classes that they need because there are not enough sections at NMSU main campus. According to our research, this applies particularly with **Math and Chemistry**.
- Moreover, some students would rather take a face-to-face class rather than an online class to **meet their learning styles and needs**. Or, vice versa to meet the **busy demand of their schedules**.
- The committee has been made aware of instances where students have been **told to take classes at EPCC, CNM, or some other community college because they are not allowed to take classes at DACC, Alamogordo, or Grants campuses**.
- Many main campus and community college faculty would like to see **collaboration and not competition**.
- President Torres stated at the Faculty Senate Leadership meeting with the Administration on November 14, 2024 that **there is national data that shows that students who transfer to four-year colleges from community colleges actually perform better**. She also mentioned that we should gather this type of data at an institutional level.