

**Proposition:** 02-24/25

**Proposal Type:** Bill Resolution Memorial Joint Proposition Other

**Title:** Proposal to repeal the Amended Senate Bylaws passed at the 2 May 2024 Senate meeting

**Date Submitted:** 8/26/24

**Sponsor(s):** Sponsors = Chris Erickson (COB), Tawny Aguirre (DACC), Faruk Arslan (CoB), Nathan Brooks, (A&S), Christopher Brown (A&S), Michaela Burkardt (NTT), Thaddieus Conner (A&S), Kristian Finlator (A&S), Dylan McDonald (Library), John Sandstrom (NTT), William Walker (A&S).

**Proposed Committee:** Proposed to move as emergency legislation

**Prior Approvals:** N/A – Internal Senate Bill

**Proposal:** Senate Bill, 12-23/24, Revision to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University is repealed. A copy of the repealed Senate Bill is attached.

**Rationale:**

The bill in question, Senate Bill, 12-23/24, Revision to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University, passed on May 2, 2024 (copy attached) conflicts with the current Constitution of the Faculty Senate (although it was consistent with the revised constitution that was NOT passed on May 2. In consultations with Senate Parliamentarian, Lawrence Le Plue, sponsors confirmed that the Constitution takes precedence over the Bylaws. This bill seeks to repeal the Bylaw Change in question so the Senate can proceed under the previous Bylaws which do not conflict with the Constitution.

There are key issues in conflict between the amended Bylaws and the Constitution:

- **Number of Senators from each Senate Representative Group that serve on the FSLC**
- **Removal of a Senator**
- **Evaluation of the Senate Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate -**

**Closing comments and argument**

In light of the conflicts between the Amended Bylaws and the Constitution noted above and the imprudence of removing the process by which the Chair and Vice Chair are evaluated, the sponsors of this bill call for the repeal of the Bylaws Amendment that was passed on May 2, 2024 and that the operation of the Senate shall revert back to the version of the Bylaws that were passed in March of 2021.