



Faculty Senate Transmittal and Administrative Action Routing Form

To: Office of the President

From: Faculty Senate Chair, Vimal Chaitanya

RE: Proposition: 09-24/25  Bill  Resolution  Memorial  Joint Proposition  Other

Date: January 30, 2025

Please find enclosed Faculty Senate Legislation No. 09-24/25 entitled, “**Memorial in Appreciation of Dr. Monica Torres for Serving as Interim President.**” approved by the Faculty Senate on February 6, 2025.

Please Route for Approval:

Faculty Senate Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Your review and approval. <input type="checkbox"/> Please indicate your availability to meet with Faculty Senate leadership to discuss. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For your review and acknowledgement only (approval/veto not required for memorials and some resolutions).
Administration Action	<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. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	<p>_____ Date: _____</p> <p><b>Lakshmi Reddi, Interim Provost</b></p> <p>_____ Date: _____</p> <p><b>Valerio Ferme, President</b></p>

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**Proposition:** 09-24/25

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

*(If Joint proposition, also select type)*

**Title:** Memorial in Appreciation of Dr. Monica Torres for Serving as Interim President

**Date Submitted:** 27 January 2025

**Sponsor(s):** T. Aguirre (DACC), K. Lopez-Gallagher (NMSU-A), C. Brown (A&S), O. Holguin (ACES), V. Chaitanya (Engineering), S. Hanson (ACES), M. Darapuneni (ACES), K. Grover (ACES), E. Lehnhoff (ACES), G. Duff (ACES), J. Hunter (A & S), J. Cook (A & S), J. Dalager (A & S), L. Hermanson (A & S), T. Conner (A & S), J. Bronstein (A & S), R. Obregon (A & S), K. Finlator (A & S), T. Cleveland (A & S), H. Baek (A & S), A. Ashley (A & S), I. Hanson (A & S), W. Walker (A & S), M. Furuhashi (A & S), H. Hampton (A & S), K.T. Manis (Bus), C. Erickson (Bus), F. Arslan (Bus), R. Rahman (Bus), Z. Shen (Bus), O. Bello (Engineering), M. Elshinawy (Engineering), R. Li (Engineering), H. Badawy (Engineering), R. Jayaraman (Engineering), T. Manz (Engineering), K. Kopera-Frye (HEST), L. Saiki (HEST), S. Lynch (HEST), J. Tomaka (HEST), J. Rice (HEST), C. DeBlieck (HEST), P. Smoak (HEST), F. Boutsen (HEST), W. Stem (HEST), D. Magoc (HEST), S. Walker (CES), S. Gordan (CES), K. Knight (CES), E. Gamboa (DACC), T. Price (DACC), G. Pina (DACC), L. Grant (DACC), T. Allred (Alamogordo CC), K. Lopez-Gallagher (Alamogordo CC), A. Romero (Grants CC), S. Elliss (NTT), M. Burkardt (NTT), R. Schumacher (NTT), R. Gioannini (NTT), C. Anaya (NTT), J. Sandstrom (NTT), D. Overstreet (NTT), I. Villicana Pedraza (NTT), E. Hetrick (NTT)

**Proposed Committee:** N/A, we ask that this be considered as emergency legislation.

**Prior Approval:** N/A, we ask that this be considered as emergency legislation.

**Proposal:**

WHEREAS, Dr. Torres was asked to step into the role of Interim President of NMSU from her position of Chancellor of the Community College System because of her proven leadership skills;

WHEREAS, Dr. Torres graciously agreed to serve and worked diligently to build a respectful relationship between NMSU's Central Administration, Faculty Senate leadership, and Senate members at large. Of note, she met on a weekly basis with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate and Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Torres took the time to attend monthly meetings of Faculty Senate leadership and worked collaboratively to find solutions to concerns that were raised in the meetings. Of note, Dr. Torres provided access to key data that Senate Leadership requested and also secured \$100k in one time funds to support faculty in publishing in open access journals that requested payment of article processing charges.

THEREFORE, the NMSU Faculty Senate formally shares its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Monica Torres for serving as Interim President of NMSU while the university conducted a national search for a new President. The Faculty Senate also recognizes her tireless work ethic, her commitment to both excellence and equity, and her active participation in the shared governance process.