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Title: Amending NMSU Forward to Strengthen the Role of Research, Creative Activity, Extension, Community Engagement, and Outreach

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Proposed Committee: N/A

Prior Approvals: N/A

Proposal:

- Whereas, NMSU's Mission Statement defined under [NMSU Forward](#) is "To Excel in fulfilling the Land Grant mandate as a national research university in the region"; and
- Whereas, NMSU holds both the [Carnegie R1 Research Activity Designation](#) and the [Carnegie Community Engagement Classification](#); and
- Whereas, the [criteria](#) for earning and retaining this R1 designation consist of research expenditures averaging at least \$50M per year and research doctorate production averaging at least 70 per year; and
- Whereas, NMSU's strategic direction should recognize and support the full range of faculty responsibilities in teaching, research, creative activity, extension, community engagement, and outreach; and
- Whereas, the NMSU Faculty believe that NMSU Forward should include goals for research, creative activity, extension, community engagement, and outreach, as well as graduate students' degree completion and career preparedness; and
- Whereas, these activities enrich teaching, provide experiential learning and professional development opportunities for students, and contribute to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of New Mexico's communities; and

- Whereas, NMSU Forward does not yet adequately articulate goals and outcomes for these aspects of the university's mission; and
- Whereas, the President and his Executive Team will build upon the NMSU Forward framework during their retreat in early November;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

- (1) The NMSU Faculty Senate requests that NMSU Forward be amended to include explicit goals and appropriate measures of outcomes for research, creative activity, graduate education, extension, community engagement, and outreach, reflecting its Carnegie R1 research designation, Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, and the breadth of its land-grant mission; and
- (2) Suggested language for these revisions is provided in the accompanying [red-lined copy of NMSU Forward](#) for consideration and further discussion between faculty and the Administration; and
- (3) Metrics and key performance indicators for academic units are recommended to be developed at the academic unit level and in conversation with the faculty; and
- (4) The Faculty Senate stands ready to collaborate with the Administration on revisions to NMSU Forward and requests that faculty leadership, including Senate representatives and faculty with responsibilities across the university's mission, be actively involved in its further development, implementation, and review.

Rationale: