Faculty Senate Transmittal and Administrative Action Routing Form

To: Office of the President
From: Faculty Senate Chair, Kristian Finlator
Kristian Markwart Finlator Digitally signed by Kristian Markwart Finlator Date: 2026.10.09 09:54:13 -06'00'
RE: Proposition 07-26/27 ☐**Bill** ☒**Resolution** ☐**Memorial** ☐**Joint Proposition** ☐ **Other**
Date: October 9, 2026

Please find enclosed Faculty Senate Legislation No. 07-26/27 entitled,
"Amending NMSU Forward to Strenghthen the Role of Research, Creative Activity, Extension, Community"
approved by the Faculty Senate on October 1, 2026.

Please Route for Approval:

Faculty Senate Request	☐ Your review and approval. ☐ Please indicate your availability to meet with Faculty Senate leadership to discuss. ☒ For your review and acknowledgement only (approval/veto not required for memorials and some resolutions).
Administration Action	☒ I acknowledge receipt of the above. ☐ I will respond further at a later date. ☐ I approve this legislation and will process according to NMSU Rules & Policies. ☐ 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. ☐ I veto this legislation. ☐ Other: Joseph Bull Joseph Bull (Nov 15, 2026 14:10:11 MST) **Joseph Bull, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs** **Date:** _____ Valerio Ferme (Nov 16, 2026 06:07:53 MST) **Valerio Ferme, President** **Date:** _____

Please return form to:
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Additional Comments

Please use the following to provide additional comments if needed:

As I explained in Faculty Senate, we have metrics that will be shared once we clean the documents. And I will include language about research in the document.

Please ensure the proposition is ADA compliant or will be edited for compliance by the Faculty Senate Recording Secretary.

Proposition: 07-26/27

Proposal Type: ☐Bill ☒Resolution ☐Memorial ☐Joint Proposition ☐Other

(If Joint proposition, also select type)

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

Date Submitted: 9/22/2026

Sponsor(s): Matthew Sievert (COAS), Michaela Burkardt (NTT, COAS), Kristian Finlator (COAS), Omar Holguin (ACES), Abdu Abdelkefi (CoE), Chris Erickson (CoB), Jason Bengtson (Library), Rebecca Palacios (HEST), Jonathan Cook (COAS)

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) 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

(3) 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:

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