

**Proposition: 47-16/17**

**Title:** A Memorial in Honor of Robert (Bob) Paz

**Date Submitted:** April 30, 2017

**Sponsor(s):** Rolfe Sassenfeld (Engr), Steve Stochaj (Engr.), Satish Ranadade (Department Head ECE)

**Proposed Committee:** We request that this be heard as Emergency Legislation.

**Memorial:**

Dr. Robert (Bob) Alex Paz was born in Las Cruces, NM in 1962 and earned a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from NMSU. After graduation, he entered graduate school at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where he went on to earn his MS and PhD in Electrical Engineering. NMSU was fortunate to have him join the faculty as a professor in the Klipsch School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Bob was the department's guru in the area of controls and developed several courses in this area. He developed a passion for teaching and was a mainstay at the Teaching Academy. He served as the Chair of the University Teaching Council. Bob was always eager to test and develop new instructional method which challenged students to take ownership of their educational experience. As one student commented "You can't be lazy in the class and he really teaches you how to learn."

Bob Paz passed away on March 26, 2017 the age of 54, having battled Leukemia (AML) for the last 18 months of his life.

By this memorial, the NMSU Faculty Senate honors and applauds Bob's many contributions to NMSU, the College of Engineering, and the Klipsch School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. We extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to Bob's loving family.