

Proposition: 28-16/17

Title: Resolution in support of the 2017 NMSU Foundation Ignite Aggie Discovery Campaign

Date Submitted: 21 February 2017, rationale revised 20 March 2017 by Brown, no objection by University Affairs

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Proposed Committee: University Affairs

Assigned Committee: University Affairs

Prior Approvals: N/A – this is a memorial.

Proposal: By this proposal, we ask the Faculty Senate to endorse the following resolution that supports the 2017 NMSU Foundation Ignite Aggie Discovery Campaign.

Rationale:

The mission of the New Mexico State University Foundation, Inc. is to foster personal and corporate philanthropy, to continually excel in its fundraising performance, to be a prudent and productive steward of its endowments, and honor its profound fiduciary responsibility to its donors, all within its commitment to proudly serve and assist NMSU in becoming one of the nation’s pre-eminent universities.

The NMSU Foundation seeks to raise funds in support of many important activities and initiatives at NMSU, and their capital campaign is a critical component of their work. The 2017 comprehensive campaign, “Ignite Aggie Discovery”, is founded with a goal of raising \$125 million for NMSU programs supporting students, faculty and staff. The campaign strategies focus on raising \$50 million in scholarships for all students across the system, and raising funds to support faculty chairs, professorships, research, and teaching programs.

At the request of the NMSU Foundation, we ask the Faculty Senate to approve this resolution that recognizes the ~~important~~ importance of this event and invites NMSU faculty and staff to participate.

Resolution

WHEREAS, The New Mexico State University system, in partnership with the New Mexico State University Foundation Board of Directors, volunteers, faculty and staff will embark on a comprehensive campaign to raise \$125 million dollars.

WHEREAS, the official name of the campaign will be Ignite Aggie Discovery; and

WHEREAS, this is the third comprehensive campaign and the largest cash campaign in the history of New Mexico State University; and

WHEREAS, the campaign will focus on cash and pledges to increase student scholarships and programmatic support while continuing to seek funding to expand our land grant mission throughout the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the partnership with the Faculty of New Mexico State University, during the campaign is of mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, an invitation is extended to the New Mexico State University Faculty to participate in the public announcement at two events; and

WHEREAS, the first event is the joint celebration with Employee Council for Founder's Day and our Faculty and Staff on April 26, 2017 at 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in Trader's Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the second event is the celebration announcing to the public the launch of the Ignite Aggie Discovery comprehensive campaign held on April 28, 2017 at 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, with a short program, hors d'oeuvres and champagne toast; and

WHEREAS, these events are meant to honor the Faculty and Staff and Students who are the heartbeat of the New Mexico State University system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the NMSU Faculty Senate, on half of the broader NMSU Faculty, recognizes The Foundation Ignite Aggie Discovery campaign events related to the 2017 Foundation Capital Campaign occurring on April 26 and April 28, 2017 as important events. Furthermore, The Senate invites NMSU faculty and staff to participate and celebrate in our collaborative efforts to support the launch of the Ignite Aggie Discovery Campaign.

RESOLVED, this XXX day of XXXX 2017 at Las Cruces, New Mexico.