

**Proposition:** 16-19/20

**Title:** Memorial Requesting Graduate Council Recommendations for All Graduate Curriculum Proposals as per ARP 4.81 and 4.81A

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**Proposed Committee:**

**Assigned Committee:**

**Prior Approvals:**

**Proposal Type** (please check one):

Memorial

Proposition to change policy (please include ARP/RPM reference(s) from <https://arp.nmsu.edu/>)

Proposition for curriculum addition/change (please include all curriculum change forms and signature pages as outlined here: <https://provost.nmsu.edu/forms/>)

Other (please describe below)

**Proposal:** Request formal consultation of Graduate Council for all proposed new or altered graduate programs leading to a graduate certificate, masters degree, or doctoral degree prior to its submission to the Faculty Senate and inclusion of the Graduate Council recommendations with the corresponding proposition submission documentation. Additionally, it is requested the corresponding section of the ARP (Appendix 4.81-A) be modified to reflect the involvement of the Graduate Council in the approval process of graduate certificates, degrees, and majors.

**Rationale:**

Whereas, graduate programs are a vital component of any research institution, and

Whereas, strengthening and expanding graduate program of study are key in designation of a research extensive, R1, university as defined by the Carnegie Institute, and

Whereas, designation of New Mexico State University as an R1 institution is specifically stated in the NMSU LEADS 2025 strategic plan, and

Whereas, graduate faculty are uniquely qualified to review proposed new (or significantly altered) graduate programs, and

Whereas, the Graduate Council is comprised of faculty elected by the graduate faculty of the University to serve as their representatives,

Therefore, the NMSU Faculty Senate formally requests that relevant units in the Central Administration abide by the terms of 4.81.3 and ensure that all proposals for changes to, or development of, new academic programs be routed to the Graduate Council for full review prior to subsequent consideration by the Faculty Senate.

It is also requested that a line be included in the approval matrix in ARP Appendix 4.81-A indicating approval by the Graduate Council for Graduate Certificates, Masters degrees, Doctoral degrees, and Graduate Majors.