

**Proposition:** 16-19/20

**Title:** Memorial Requesting Graduate Council Recommendations for All Graduate Curriculum Proposals

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**Proposed Committee:**

**Assigned Committee:** Long Range Planning

**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..

**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 the Graduate Dean route all proposals for changes to, or development of, new graduate academic programs to the Graduate Council for full review as part of the approval process.