


The Associated Students
Of
New Mexico State University

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
RESOLUTION #14

The attached legislation has been properly approved by the members of the Sixty Second Senate of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University in accordance with ASNMSU Law.


Bethany Mendoza, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk 11/15/2018
Date


Linda Cisneros, ASNMSU Vice President 11/05/2018
Date

**SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Introduced by:	<u>Tanash, Shareef, Mucundanyi , Seyedkavoosi, Radaideh, Jha</u>	Date: <u>08/21/2018</u>
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A RESOLUTION

1 CONCERNING THE TRANSPARENCY BETWEEN THE NMSU ADMINISTRATION AND THE GRADUATE
2 STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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4 WHEREAS, we, the Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU), represent the
5 student population of the New Mexico State University (NMSU); and

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7 WHEREAS, the ASNMSU was astounded by the replacement of the Dean of the Graduate School and the
8 merging of the Graduate School with the Office of Vice President of Research; and

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10 WHEREAS, despite the Dean of the Graduate School having a heavy impact on graduate student life and
11 success at NMSU, no official communication from the NMSU Administration was shared with graduate
12 students regarding the decision to replace the dean of the Graduate School and merge this position with
13 Vice President of Research; and

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15 WHEREAS, the ASNMSU feels that the decision and subsequent communication on this matter lacked any
16 form of transparency to graduate students; and

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18 WHEREAS, the graduate students at NMSU are a closely-knit family through the Graduate School's
19 support and have been included in many major decision-making processes on campus; and

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21 WHEREAS, the current lack of transparency relating to the Graduate School leadership has led many
22 students to feel unwelcome and undervalued; and

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24 WHEREAS, graduate students are an integral part of the University, the ASNMSU feel strongly that
25 student opinion should be taken into consideration, or at the very least graduate students should be
26 communicated to regarding important decisions which greatly impact the graduate school experience; and

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28 WHEREAS, graduate students are Aggies and demonstrate strong Aggie spirit, as such, the ASNMSU
29 believes that fostering student life and involvement through student centricity is what the Aggie spirit is
30 about.

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32 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of New Mexico State University urges the New Mexico State
33 University administration to share with the graduate students, the goals and vision they have for the Graduate School, and the
34 objective behind merging the positions of the Vice President of Research and the Dean of Graduate School.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Associated Students of New Mexico State University, that ASNMSU understands that
36 any decision taken by the administration is intended to be in the best interest of the graduate students.

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Associated Students of New Mexico State University stands by the statement from
39 Graduate Student Council and humbly requests that any decision impacting the graduate students in the future directly be
40 communicated to the graduate student community through college newsletters, emails, open forum, or any other appropriate
41 channel of communication.

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Associated Students of New Mexico State University encourages the university
44 administration both inform and consider the input of impacted students regarding decisions of structural change that alter a
45 college's academic environment.

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the NMSU Board of Regents, the President of New
48 Mexico State University, the Chancellor of New Mexico State University, the New Mexico State University Dean of
49 Students, ASNMSU President, ASNMSU Vice President, the President Pro Tempore of the ASNMSU Senate, Dean of
50 Graduate School, President of Graduate Student Council, all NMSU College Deans, all NMSU College Council Presidents,
51 the Chairman of Faculty Senate, ASNMSU Fiscal Advisor, the ASNMSU Advisor, the Round-Up, the Director of ASNMSU
52 Public Relations, and KRUX.