

A61: Academic Council

(New Policy due to Faculty Senate Restructure)

Approved By: Faculty Senate

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Responsible Faculty Committee: Academic Council

Office Responsible for Administration: Office of University Secretary

Revisions to the Policy Rationale, Policy Statement, and Applicability sections of this document must be approved by the full Faculty Senate.

POLICY RATIONALE

The Academic Council is charged with oversight of the teaching and curricula of the University of New Mexico (UNM) including the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Academic Council has authority in academic matters that cannot easily or fully be handled by single existing Faculty Senate committees. Academic Council recommendations shall be reviewed by the Faculty Senate Operations committee and are subject to ratification by the Faculty Senate. Recommendations proposed by the Council will be taken to the Senate Operations Committee for deliberation and decisions.

The configuration of the Academic Council shall consist of the following Faculty Senate committees:

- Admissions and Registration Committee
- Faculty Senate Curricula Committee (FSCC)
- Senate Graduate and Professional Committee (SGPC)
- Teaching Enhancement Committee

Members of the Academic Council are the chairs of the committees that compose the Council. The Council Chair will be elected to a two-year term by a vote of the chairs of the committees in the Council. Ex-official, non-voting members of the Council are the Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Enrollment Management.

APPLICABILITY

All UNM faculty, including the Health Sciences Center and Branch Community Colleges.

Revisions to the remaining sections of this document may be amended with the approval of the Faculty Senate Policy Committee and Operations Committee.

DEFINITIONS

There are no specific definitions required by this Policy.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

- All UNM faculty.
- Academic administrators and staff.
- Administrative staff responsible for policy development.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Faculty Handbook: Note: Committee Charges Policy numbers are being changed to align with their respective Council per the new Faculty Senate Restructure

Policy A51 “Faculty Constitution”

Policy A53 “Development and Approval of Faculty Policies”

Policy A60 “Faculty Senate Bylaws”

Policy A61.1 “Admissions and Registration Committee”

Policy A61.2 “Faculty Senate Curricula Committee (FSCC)”

Policy A61.3 “Senate Graduate Professional Committee (SGPC)”

Policy A61.3.1 “Honorary Degree Subcommittee”

Policy A61.4 “Teaching Enhancement Committee”

CONTACTS

Direct any questions about this policy to Office of the University Secretary.

PROCEDURES

The Academic Council will schedule regular meetings. The Council Chair will meet regularly with the Operations Committee but no less than once each semester.

HISTORY

None—new policy.