

A63: Business Council

(New Policy due to Faculty Senate Restructure)

Approved By: Faculty Senate

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Responsible Faculty Committee: Business 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 Business Council is charged with faculty oversight of the business aspects of the University of [New Mexico \(UNM\)](#) including budget, government relations, campus planning, capital projects, etc.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Business Council has authority in business matters that cannot easily or fully be handled by single existing Faculty Senate committees. Business 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 Business Council shall consist of the following Faculty Senate committees:

- Budget Committee
- Campus Development Advisory Committee
- Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee
- Government Relations Committee
- Information Technology Committee

Members of the Business Council are the five (5) 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-officio, non-voting members of the Council are the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and the UNM Controller.

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 A63.1 “Budget Committee”

Policy A63.2 “Campus Development Advisory Committee”

Policy A63.3 “Faculty Staff Benefits Committee”

Policy A63.4 “Government Relations Committee”

Policy A63.5 “Information Technology Committee”

CONTACTS

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

PROCEDURES

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

DRAFT HISTORY

February 25, 2020 – minor edits from Council Chair

May 4, 2017 –Draft new policy to address changes to Policy A60 “Faculty Senate Bylaws”

HISTORY

None—new policy.