

To:

Office of the President

From: Faculty Senate Chair, Becky Corran

Faculty Senate Transmittal and Administrative Action Routing Form

Proposition: 06-19/20 Date: January 17, 2020 Please find enclosed Faculty Senate Legislation No. 06-19/20 entitled "Memorial in support of NMSU's Land Acknowledgement Statement", approved by the Faculty Senate on January 16, 2020. Please Route for Approval: X Your review and approval. Based on Policy 1.70 B. 2. b., your action is due within 40 working days from receipt of this transmittal, or February 26, 2020. aculty Senate □ A previous veto of legislation affecting academic policy has been overridden by 2/3 vote of the Faculty Senate; pursuant to the timeline provided in Policy 1.70 B. 2. c., your action to rescind that veto is requested within five business days of receipt. Please indicate your availability to meet with Faculty Senate leadership to discuss. No action required; for informational purpose. I acknowledge receipt of the above. I will respond further at a later date. I approve this legislation, and will process according to NMSU Rules & Policies. □ I approve this legislation on a provisional basis. It will become effective immediately, and I will place it on the Agenda for a future meeting of the Board of Regents. resident I veto this legislation. Other: Thank you for your input, we will take it into consideration when we issue NMSU's Land Acknowledgement.

Date: 6/17/20 Statement. Carol Parker, NMSU Provost ohn D. Floros Please return form to: Chancellor Review:

Required □ Optional Gloria Podruchny Faculty Senate Recording Secretary Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor Date MSC 3445 President's Office Email: glopodru@nmsu.edu / Phone: (575)646-2593

Proposition: 6-19/20

Title: Memorial in support of NMSU's Land Acknowledgement Statement

Date Submitted: 11/4/2019, Amended 1/14/2020

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Proposed Committee: Emergency Legislation

Assigned Committee: Scholastic Affairs

Prior Approvals:

Proposal Type (please check one):

| ⊠ Memorial |
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| ☐ Proposition to change policy (please include ARP/RPM reference(s) from |
| https://arp.nmsu.edu/) |
| \square 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) |
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Proposal:

Whereas, NMSU is committed to establishing a Land Acknowledgement Statement, and

Whereas, decolonization is an ongoing process and NMSU recognizes this memorial as a living document that will be amended in the future in order to add recognition of tribes and seek guidance to repair relationships with Native communities and the land, and

Whereas, in committing to the process of decolonization, we urge the NMSU system to expand support for Indigenous students, staff and faculty through sustained investment in academic programs and student services for Native Americans, as well as authentic participation in decision-making processes, and

Therefore, on this 6th day of February, 2020, the NMSU Faculty Senate formally requests that NMSU post this memorial with the following Land Acknowledgement Statement on the About Us and History pages on the NMSU website, posted at Corbett Center, and that the Land Acknowledgement Statement is read aloud before special events such as Commencement, Indigenous Peoples Day, athletic and artistic events.

New Mexico State University honors Native American knowledges and worldviews based on intimate relationships to the natural world. The genesis of the Southwest Indigenous Peoples, including the Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache, established their guardianship of the lands now occupied by New Mexico State University. As the

state's Land-Grant University, we acknowledge and respect the sovereign Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples. We pledge to have a meaningful and respectful relationship with the sovereign Indian Nations, Indigenous communities, and Native American Peoples within the institution.

Rationale: A Land Acknowledgement Statement is a formal statement that recognizes the significance of Indigenous Peoples to their campus communities. These statements are often part of formal university events, and many universities have adopted statements in recent years.