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PROPOSAL One-year pilot project of the UNM Faculty Senate HSC – COUNCIL

- 1) Purpose of the pilot project:
 - a) To evaluate whether a revised Faculty Senate structure would facilitate and improve the role and visibility of faculty in shared governance;
 - b) To evaluate whether an HSC Council can be an effective mechanism to conduct Faculty Senate business related to the HSC;
 - c) To enhance the role and visibility of HSC faculty in shared governance.
- 2) Functions of the HSC Council during the pilot year
 - a) Discussion of HSC-specific policies, procedures, and issues in all areas, including but not limited to: organizational structure, financial issues, and educational, clinical, and research matters that affect HSC faculties and programs.
 - b) Recommendations to HSC Leadership and Faculty Senate Leadership on matters of importance to HSC faculty
 - c) Consideration and recommendation of:
 - i) New units or programs within the HSC in conformity with the POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR NEW UNITS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY REORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH UNITS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO (Faculty Handbook Policy A88)
 - ii) Other changes that directly affect HSC faculty members and HSC academic needs
 - d) Consideration and modification of all aspects of HSC Council structure and function with the aim of optimization of structure and function during the pilot year
 - e) Formation of sub-councils and ad hoc committees as needed to conduct Council business
 - f) Develop in collaboration with the Curricula Committee, the Undergraduate Committee, and the Graduate Committee mechanisms to expedite approval processes for:
 - i) New courses taught by HSC components or educational programs
 - ii) Curricular changes within HSC educational programs
- 3) Voting Members of the HSC Council
 - a) All HSC Faculty Senators
 - b) Faculty Senate President or designee
 - c) Chairs or their designees (preferably HSC faculty members) of relevant Faculty Senate Committees who are willing to serve on a 12-month basis
- 4) Non-voting Members of the HSC Council
 - a) Deputy Provost (Richard Holder)
 - b) HSC Deputy EVP (John Trotter)
 - c) Others to be decided
- 5) Authority of the HSC Council
 - a) The HSC Council will have decision-making authority on those areas that fall within its functions, subject to ratification by the Faculty Senate. Decisions of the Council will take effect at the time specified by the Council; implementation will

- not be held until Faculty Senate Ratification has been obtained. The Faculty Senate will have the authority to modify or annul the decisions of the Council.
- 6) Relationship of the HSC Council to the Faculty Senate as a whole and to specific components of the Faculty Senate and the University
 - a) The HSC Council will not replace any existing Faculty Senate Committees. However, the representatives of those committees who serve as members of the HSC Council will have the authority to act within the Council on behalf of their committees. This authority will continue for 12 months of the year.
 - b) The HSC Council will work with the office of the Registrar, the Secretary of the University, and with other University offices to expedite matters within the responsibility of those offices.
 - 7) Leadership of the HSC Council
 - a) During the pilot year the President of the Faculty Senate will appoint a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary, from the elected HSC faculty senators. Before the end of the pilot year the Council will formulate a leadership structure and mechanisms for the appointment and removal of leaders.
 - 8) Meetings of the HSC Council
 - a) The HSC Council will meet monthly or as otherwise needed at a place to be determined.
 - 9) Staff needs of the HSC Council
 - a) The EVPHS will provide staff support for the HSC Council meetings
 - b) Minutes of the meetings will be posted on the websites of the Faculty Senate and the HSC