

## Proposed resolution on the HLC accreditation report

*Whereas the Higher Learning Commission, as a condition of its ongoing accreditation of the University of New Mexico, has specified the highest priorities facing The University of New Mexico as reaffirming the University's commitment to shared governance and creating decision-making structures and processes that empower shared governance; and*

*Whereas, the Higher Learning Commission has asked that immediate steps be taken to address these priorities, and that UNM report on those steps and their outcomes by January 2011; and*

*Whereas, significant such steps have been taken and further steps are anticipated in the months ahead; and*

*Whereas, the University faces important decisions in the months ahead, both regarding the normal course of University governance and regarding planning for and implementing the extraordinary budget reductions in the current fiscal year and foreseen for the future fiscal year; and*

*Whereas, the very definition and spirit of shared governance requires that faculty be part of reporting back to the HLC regarding the steps taken and their outcome;*

*Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty of The University of New Mexico hereby request that the President-Elect of the Faculty Senate convene a Faculty Commission on Shared Governance to write a faculty report to the Higher Learning Commission by January 2011 assessing the steps taken to reinforce shared governance at the University, and their outcomes as of that time.*

*Be it further resolved that said Commission should include the President and President-Elect of the Faculty Senate; at least one other member of the Faculty Senate; two members of the Committee on Governance; and three other faculty members chosen for their understanding of and commitment to the mission of The University of New Mexico; and that the overall Commission reasonably reflect the diversity of disciplines and backgrounds represented within the UNM faculty.*

*Finally, be it further resolved that the general faculty members and member of the of the Faculty Senate of said Commission shall be nominated by the President-Elect of the Faculty Senate, subject to confirmation by the Faculty Senate; that the members of the Committee on Governance shall be chosen by a vote of that Committee; and that the Commission will cease to exist upon adoption of its final report to the Higher Learning Commission unless specifically re-authorized by the Faculty Senate.*