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| [UNM Faculty Handbook](http://handbook.unm.edu/) |
| **A61: Academic Council** |
| Approved By: Faculty Senate |
| Approved: Draft 3/23/16 |
| Responsible Faculty Committee: Policy Committee |
| Office Responsible for Administration:Office of University Secretary |

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

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| 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.

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| POLICY STATEMENT |

The Academic Council will have decision-making authority in academic matters that cannot easily or fully be handled by single existing Faculty Senate committees. Academic Council decisions 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. **NOTE: This is confusing—Does the Council have decision-making authority or just the ability to make recommendations?**

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

* Admissions and Registration Committee
* Curricula Committee
* Undergraduate Committee
* Graduate/Professional Committee

Members of the Academic Council are the Chair (elected to a two-year term by a vote of the committee chairs within the Council), three members of the Faculty Senate (elected by that body for two-year terms), and the chairs of any committees of the Council (both standing and ad-hoc committees of the Council, appointed by the Council Chair). Non-voting members of the Council are the Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs and the VP for Enrollment Management.

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| APPLICABILITY |

All UNM faculty.

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

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| DEFINITIONS |

There are no specific definitions required by this Policy.

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| WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY |

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

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| RELATED DOCUMENTS |

*Faculty Handbook*:

**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** “Curricula Committee”

**Policy A61.3** “Graduate/Professional Committee”

**Policy A61.4** “Undergraduate Committee”

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| CONTACTS |

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

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| PROCEDURES |

The Academic Council will schedule regular meetings on a monthly basis, or more frequently if deemed necessary. Meetings will be open to the public. Notification of meetings, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

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| DRAFT HISTORY |

March 2014 –Special Rules Revised by the Faculty Senate

March 2013—Interim Restructure Document Approved by the Faculty Senate

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| HISTORY |

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