

## Proposed resolution on the roles of Regents, the Administration & Faculty

*Whereas, decades of experience in American higher education nationwide have demonstrated that the “shared governance” model of university governance best supports the long-term academic mission of providing excellent education for students; advancing scholarly research, writing, and creative work; and serving the needs of the wider community; and*

*Whereas, shared governance supported and sustained the rise of the American university system as the premier system of higher education in the world; and*

*Whereas, shared governance means that, under the ultimate authority of the Regents, the Administration manages the daily affairs of the University, the Faculty holds substantial control over changes to the core academic enterprise, and the Administration and Faculty jointly shape the long-term mission of the University through regular consultation regarding strategic initiatives under their joint purview; and*

*Whereas, the Constitution of the State of New Mexico grants ultimate authority and responsibility for the University to the Board of Regents; and*

*Whereas, the Higher Learning Commission recently identified strengthening shared governance as a key challenge facing UNM and made reporting it a condition of the University’s long-term accreditation;*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Faculty of The University of New Mexico hereby endorse recent efforts by the Regents, Administration, and Faculty to strengthen shared governance, and call on all parties to redouble their efforts in this regard.*

*Be it further resolved that we, the Faculty of the University of New Mexico, hereby pledge our commitment to shared governance as part of our work for the University, and to working diligently in support of the University’s efforts to confront the looming budget shortfalls and other challenges while fully protecting the University’s core academic mission of teaching, research, and service.*