

How to Join

University-wide Elections:

In February, the Office of the University Secretary makes a call for nominations to open seats on AF&T, CoG, and the Faculty Senate (At-large Senators). Faculty nominated for these positions submit brief bios, and the Voting Faculty participate by electronic ballot.

College Elections for Faculty Senate:

Each College at UNM is responsible for providing, by elections held in the departments, the number of Senators specified by the Office of the University Secretary. Senators serve staggered two-year terms.

Service on Faculty Senate Committees:

The Faculty Senate requests nominations of faculty for Senate committees each summer. Faculty nominated for committee vacancies are appointed by the Senate.



Current Leadership

Pamela Pyle
President, Faculty Senate

Jackie Hood
Chair, Academic Freedom &
Tenure Committee

Sever Bordeianu
Chair, Committee on
Governance

Office of the University Secretary

Kenedi Hubbard
University Secretary

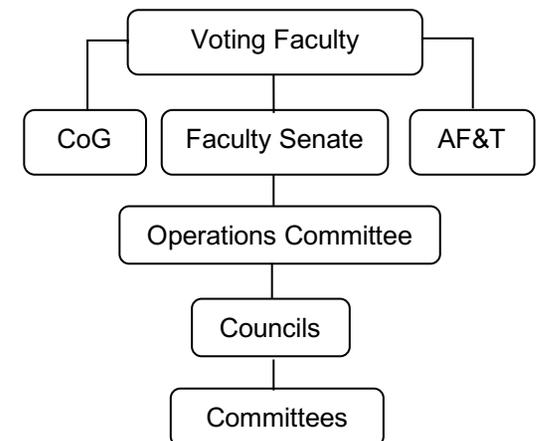
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Faculty Governance

A brief guide



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Committee on Governance (CoG)

The Committee on Governance is a constitutionally-designated standing committee of the general faculty, and its five members are elected by the entire voting faculty. The Committee prepares, in conjunction with the University Secretary, agendas for general faculty meetings; oversees elections, including referenda; recommends adjustments, improvements and refinements in the faculty organizational structure; represents the general faculty to the Senate; and, calls meetings of the general faculty when necessary.

The Faculty Senate

The Faculty Constitution delegates to the Senate the responsibilities of the University Faculty set forth in the Constitution (see below). The Senate has 68 members, 63 of whom represent voting faculty in each academic unit, and five of whom are elected at large by the entire voting faculty.

The Senate Operations Committee performs administrative functions to facilitate the work of the Senate and its committees; transmits committee reports to the Senate; coordinates activities of Senate committees; recommends changes in committee structure; studies Senate procedures and makes recommendations for their improvement; coordinates the work of Senate committees and the administration by forwarding relevant committee reports and recommendations; functions as a committee on committees; and assists, as needed, the Senate President and President-elect in representing the faculty before the administration and Regents.

Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AF&T)

The principal responsibility of the AF&T Committee, which is made up of 13 tenured faculty elected from the entire voting faculty, is to discharge the functions assigned to it under the provisions of the Policy on Academic Freedom and Tenure (Section B of *The Faculty Handbook*); from time to time to review the policy and recommend appropriate changes to it; to hear appeals regarding sabbatical leave applications; and, to make recommendations for appropriate changes in the sabbatical leave policy of the University. The Committee provides outreach and training on the issues under its purview including promotion, tenure, faculty appointment, and academic freedom.

Faculty Governance at UNM

The tradition of faculty governance at the University of New Mexico is found in the Faculty Handbook, Faculty Constitution established in 1949. The University Faculty has broad powers assigned to it by the Board of Regents and the Faculty Constitution and has the right of review and action in regard to: 1) formulation of institutional aims; 2) creation of new colleges, schools, and departments and divisions; 3) major curricular changes and other matters which in the opinion of the President of the University or his delegate to affect the institution as a whole; 4) requirements for admission and graduation and for honors and scholastic performance in general; 5) approval of candidates for degrees (honorary degrees and posthumous degrees); 6) policies of appointment, dismissal, and promotion in academic rank; 7) research, and 8) general faculty welfare. However, actions taken by the University faculty shall be subject to the authority of the Regents in matters involving finance, personnel, and general University policy.