A NMSU Faculty Memorial in Support of Students at-risk of Harassment, Discrimination and Deportation (Proposition 17-16/17)*

Whereas NMSU is a diverse community of students, faculty and staff grounded in dignity and respect for all individuals;

Whereas NMSU is very proud of our heritage as a land grant and Hispanic Serving and Minority Serving institution, firmly committed to the ideals of acceptance, inclusion, and empowerment of all individuals, regardless of ethnic background, sexual orientation or gender identity, political and religious beliefs, or immigration status;

Whereas the Faculty at NMSU are foundational to creating academic environments where students can grow, learn and thrive free from threats and harassment;

Whereas potential policy proposals at a national level threaten these safe learning environments, specifically for DREAMers, undocumented students and international students;

Let it be resolved that the Faculty Senate supports a safe learning environment for all NMSU students, and stands with those students who are experiencing threats of discrimination or deportation, against any interference with their ongoing education.

We also support efforts to ensure respectful, thoughtful, dialogue across campus, especially in light of the angry and vitriolic presidential campaign that just concluded.

*SOURCE: On December 1, 2016 the NMSU Faculty Senate voted in favor of the above legislation.