

New Mexico Tech - Faculty Senate Standing Committees 2025 - 2026 Academic Year

Officers (2-year term)

2024-2026

Chair: Linda C. DeVeaux

Vice-chair: Curtis O'Malley

Parliamentarian: Brian Borchers

Academic Freedom and Tenure (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Deep Choudhuri, Jun Zheng

2025-2027 Anders Jorgensen, Hamdy Soliman, Sanchary Chowdhury

Academic Standards and Admissions (2-year term with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Yulia Mikhailova, Benjamin Duval, Clint Richardson

2025-2027 Rakhim Aitbayev, Gaby Benanil

Ex-officio members including but not limited to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Registrar, the Dean for Student Success, the Director of Financial Aid, and the Director of Admission.

Benefits (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Taylor Dotson, Troylyn Zimmerly

2025-2027 Brian Borchers, Ivan Avramidi, Huixin Zhan

Budget & Research (3-year term, with a 2/2/2 rotation):

2023-2026 Rakhim Aitbayev, Ashok Ghosh

2024-2027 Doug Wells, Sue Bilek

2025-2028 Haoying Wang, Deep Choudhuri

Computing on Campus (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Anders Jorgensen, Mehrdad Razavi, Dongwan Shin

2025-2027 Hayley McCulough, Daniel Portner

Ex-officio members including but not limited to the Director of Information Technology and Communications (ITC), Director of the Academic Center for Technology, the Library Director, the Dean of Students, an undergraduate student representative and a graduate student representative.

Curriculum Committee (2-year terms, with a 3/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Isabel Morris-Svoboda, Jiakai Zhang, Tan Nguyen

2025-2027 Stewart Thompson, Alex Rinehart, Ben Duval

Ex-officio members including but not limited to the Registrar and the Dean for Student Success.

Education & Research Efficiency (4-year term with 1/1/1/1 rotation):

2022-2026 Ryan Norris

2023-2027 Jiakai Zhang

2024-2028 Masoud Naghdi

2025-2029 Gilberto Gonzalez-Parra

Faculty Development (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Sanaa Al Gharaibeh, Hamid Rahnema

2025-2027 Suraj Ghimiri, Alexander Gysi, Krishna Roy

Ex-Officio members include the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Honorary Degrees & Awards (2-year term, with a 1/2 rotation):

2024-2026 Adonis Leal, Omid Moradian

2025-2027 Mostafa Hassanalain

Mental Health Committee (2-year-term, with 2/2 rotation):

2024-2026 Scott Teare, Jianjia Yu

2025-2027 Yulia Mikhailova, Michaelann Tartis

Ex-Officio members An undergraduate student representative, a graduate student representative, the VP for Student Life or their designee, the Director of the Counseling Center or their designee and the Dean for Student Success.

Nominating (2-year term, with a 2/2 rotation):

2024-2026 Claudia Wilson, Kaarin Goncz

2025-2027 Taylor Dotson, Michaelann Tartis

Ombudspersons (2-year term, one representative from faculty, one from staff):

2024-2026 Richard Sonnenfeld, Gloria Gutierrez-Anaya

Regents-Faculty Conference (2-year term with 2/2 rotation, half Engineering and half Arts & Sciences Faculty):

2024-2026 Donghyeon Ryu, Taffeta Elliott

2025-2027 Hamdy Soliman, Richard Sonnenfeld

Permanent Members: Faculty senate executive committee.

Retention (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Iain Crump, John Kolen, Michelle Creech-Eakman

2025-2027 Brian Borchers, Xuanye Li

Ex-Officio Members: Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Director of the Office for Student Learning, the Director of Admission, the Registrar (who is also the Higher Ed Coordinator), the Dean for Student Success, the Director of the Office of Counseling Services, the Director of Student Access Services, Director of Financial Aid, the Director of Residential Life and an Undergraduate Student Representative.

Faculty Sabbatical Leave (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Mingji Zhang, Andrei Zagrai, Dan Cadol

2025-2027 Tie Wei, Bixiang Wang

Space Utilization and Campus Planning (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Dave Meier, Tie Wei

2025-2027 Nicole Hurtig, Kooktae Lee, 1 opening

Ex-officio members including but not limited to the Director of Capital Projects, Registrar, a undergraduate student representative and a graduate student representative

Student and Faculty Conduct (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 William Ampomah, Seda Senay, Menake Pisayena

2025-2027 Jaakko Putkonen, Clint Richardson

Ex-Officio Members: 2 undergraduate student representatives appointed annually by the SGA, and 2 graduate student members appointed annually by the GSA.

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Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee (2-year term, with a 2/3 rotation):

2024-2026 Taffeta Elliott, Matthew Johnson, Sampurna Arya

2025-2027 Kaarin Goncz, Minnie Mao

Ex Officio members: Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Registrar, Director of Admissions, Director of the Office of Student Learning, Dean for Student Success, Director of Student Affairs and Director of Veterans Affairs, an undergraduate student representative, and an undergraduate transfer student representative.

For committee descriptions read the [faculty senate standing rules](#) document in the academic affairs website.