

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Faculty Senate Resolution

1203-2

Whereas, shared governance is the fundamental principle upon which the University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate operates,

Whereas, as a consequence of this fundamental principle, the determination of any academic policy should include the critical review and approval of such policy by faculty,

Whereas, it is ultimately the faculty who are responsible for the bestowing of degrees,

Whereas, the Faculty Senate acknowledges the autonomy of colleges to prescribe the requirements for degree programs,

Whereas, it is the department and program faculty who determine the content and form of the academic degree programs inside the classrooms and via their governance of the programs,

Be it resolved that the policies concerning the structure of and procedures within academic programs of any department are the responsibility of the faculty and, as such, are subject to the review and approval of the department faculty. The Department Chair is the steward of the academic programs and should ensure that academic programs have been reviewed and approved by the department faculty.