

# Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University

## Regular Meeting:

1. I. Call to order
2. The regular meeting of the Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University
3. was called to order on August 20, 2008 at 7:08 p.m.
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5. II. Pledge of Allegiance.
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7. III. Roll Call
8. Secretary Quintana administered roll call. Senator Marquez, Senator Ngalla, & Senator Otame were
9. excused for class and they did advise President Parra-Perez and Secretary Quintana that they had
10. class and that they could not make it on time.
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12. IV. Approval of the Agenda
13. Vice President Butts asked the senators to review the agenda. Senator Rael mentioned that we
14. approved to add another committee last semester, but Judy stated that they were not voted upon just
15. yet. Senator Ulibarri made a motion to add November Voting as item I. under New Business.
16. Senator Rael second this motioned. Senator Rael made a motion to approve the agenda. Senator
17. Glenn second the motion and motion carried. Thanks to the members present at the meetings.
18. Dr. Kravitz mentioned that we needed to assign someone to the represent ASNMHU for the faculty
19. senate meetings. This was to be discussed later in the meeting.
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21. V. Presidential Appointments:
22. Vice President Butts reviewed about the ATHOC Committee and explained to the senate about the
23. procedure. Vice President Butts mentioned that we can now have 21 members to the Senate,
24. however there are only seven seats to be filled. The individuals sitting in the gallery were given
25. 30 seconds to express to the senate why they think they should be in senate and what assets they
26. Felt they could contribute to the Senate as well as the student body. The following individuals were
27. interviewed by the ATHOC Committee:
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29. -Natalie - Natalie's major is sociology. Explained that she was interested because it was important to
30. her that she be the voice for students here on campus.
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32. -Marty Terivio- Marty mentioned that he was involved in Senate last year. The reason why he is
33. applying this year is because he wanted to be more involved with the students. Marty is a business
34. major and in his senior year here at NMU. He helped out with a lot of activities last year.
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36. -Sarah Tafoya- She has an interest in human performance in sports. Sarah is a senior here at NMHU
37. and wants to have a seat on the Senate to help out and make sure the voices are being heard.
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39. -Larissa - Absent
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1. –Robert Ward- Robert Ward is from Fairfax, Virginia who has a lot of experience in politics. He believes that participation was very important and wants to be able to participate.
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3. – John Paul Martinez – John Paul Martinez served as a Vice President and National Honor Society in
4. high school. He will still be at every single meeting even if he is not elected into the senate and will
5. continue to represent the student body.
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7. –Mark- Mark will be a Junior and his major is a political science and has lots of time and dedication.
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9. –Langster- Langster is a freshman and graduated from San Antonio. He served as debate team leader.
10. He wants to get involved on campus and be a great asset to the senate.
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12. –Genevive- She is a major in political science and thinks that the senate can really help her get more
13. involved in the school.
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15. –Tony- Tony is a freshman from Colorado and wants to be able to take his leadership skills off the
16. football team and have more respect for the school.
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18. –Desiree- Desiree is a Junor as an English Major and is a minor in Secondary Education. Desiree has a
19. passion and is actively involved on campus since her freshman year.She wishes to continue to be active
20. and be a voice for the students on campus.
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22. -Rachel Field- Rachel wishes to study in the profession in medicine and wants to continue to be part of
23. the school and party of the community.
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25. –Nick Maestas- Nick has a lot of experience in the Senate from high school. He held officer position in
26. high school and is involved in and around campus and would like this opportunity to further his
27. experience and be a voice for the students.
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29. –Steven Garcia-Steven is a junior majoring in political science with minor in history. He was a Vice
30. President in high school and is starting a program here on campus. He wants to get involved with the
31. community and would like to be involved with the students.
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33. –Jason – Jason is from Albuquerque, NM and wants to be on senate because he feels the students voice
34. needs to be heard and wants to be a part of that voice.
35. The chair sought a motion to go into executive session. Senator Rael made the motion to go into the
36. executive session. Senator Rael made the motion to go into the executive session. Senator Torres-
37. Hughes Second the motion. The motion carried. ASNMHU went into executive session at 7:23 p.m.
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39. Senator Rael made a motion to come out of exexecutive session and Senator Lopez second the motion.
40. ASNMHU came out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. The Senate went into a five minute recess. .
41. Senator Rael made a motion to come back from recess Senator Torres-Hughes second the motion.
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1. Motion then carried.
2. The regular meeting rejoined at 8:29 p.m. Senator Siben and Senator Ivo were recognized to their seats
3. at 8:30. Vice President Butts thanked everyone for patiently waiting and did mention to all the
4. individuals running for a Senate seat and that their records will be kept on file in case any seats come
5. available. The seven new individuals that were appointed are as follows: Langster Duhrem, Genevieve
6. Torres, Desiree Ulibarri, Rachel Fields, Steven Salas, Nicholas Maestas, and John Paul Martinez.

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#### 8. VI. Elect President Pro-Temp

9. VP Butts made sure that the all the senators were aware of the procedure Senator Rael nominated
10. Senator D.Ulibarri. Senator D. Ulibarri accepted the nomination. Senator Means nominated Senator
11. Wade. Senator Wade accepted the nomination. Senator Hughes nominated Senator Means. Senator
12. Means accepted the nomination. Senator C. Ulibarri was nominated by Senator Seandee
13. Senator Ulibarri accepted the nomination.Senator Tresor nominated Senator Maestas, and he
14. accepted. Senator Tresor nominated Senator Siben and Senator Siben accepted.Chair seought a
15. motion to go into executive session. Senator Rael made the motion Senator Siben second the
16. motion. Motion carried.Executives' session began at 8:48 p.m.
17. Senator Rael made the motion to come out of executive session senator Roseby second that motion.
18. ASNMHU came out of executive session 8:56 p.m. After a long deliberation the next pro temp was
19. Then asked to take their seat. This senator was Senator Crystal Rae Ulibarri.

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#### 21. VII. Officer Report

22. A. President Parra-Perrez: President Perrez congratulated everyone that had been inducted. She
23. mentioned how there was a long year ahead of us. Also, that the executives had been
24. busy this summer for the coming year. Shirts wouldl soon be ready due to a confusion on the
25. shirts on behalf of the company they were ordered from. The golf course just had it's grand
26. opening in which students, executives, and senators attended. Today everyone will have seen
27. what committee's everyone will be on. All sentors will be placed on two committees. She
28. hopes it's a good year and wants to make sure we trust and respect each other. She mentioned
29. that anyone should make sure to call us if they ever have any problems and every senator does
30. have access to the Senate office and should use it as frequently as possible should be in the
31. office.
32. B. Vice President Butts: Thanked for everyone that was present at the meeting. She wanted to
33. make sure name plates were going to be correct. She also mentioned how she wants senate to
34. be presence on campus with different events. The senate will be presented with tough
35. situations and when it comes to certain things wants students to know they are being
36. represented to the full potential. Every senator sitting in their position as a senator represents
37. 100 students. Senator Torres Hughes asked if it is commenced today. VP Butts replied that yes
38. today was the start of this. Last but not least, it was mentioned that everyone needs to contact
39. Secretary Quintana about absences and make sure she knows that it's excused or unexcused.
40. C. Secretary Quintana: Asked everyone to look in their binders. There she included the
41. constitution and by-laws for every senator to be accessible to. She also pointed out that there
42. was a calendar for every senator to make use of and look at frequently so there was no
43. miscommunication or confusion about upcoming dates and ongoing events. She went over the
44. attendance policy. She also passed around a sheet in which everyone could confirm their

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1. contact information and make any changes at this time. This information was to be used for  
2. the business cards that were in the process of being made. She also mentioned that everyone  
3. needs to keep on top of using the student e-mails because a lot of information was going to be  
4. sent via e-mail. All senators must be present at all events because it will count against them. If  
5. anyone was to be planning on resigning they need to submit a letter of resignation to President  
6. Perrez and inform her of this. Secretary Quintana would be sending a e-mail with her contact  
7. information for all senators to be able to view and use if they need to contact her as well as any  
8. other senator. She then stood for questioning.

9. D. Treasurer Lopez: Welcomed everyone back. Mentioned that we had a full senate and was  
10. looking forward to working with everyone. He had nothing more to report until later on the  
11. agenda and stood for questioning.

12. E. Vice President Cordova-Romero: Welcome new senators and returning senators. She  
13. mentioned that over 458 new first time freshman registered at NMHU. This has been the  
14. largest count in a long time. There are going to be a lot new things going on around campus.  
15. The new residence hall should be completed a year from now. It should house 278 students  
16. and combo of freshman and upperclassmen. Various wings will help various students. Connor  
17. will still be up and running. Over 80 people had signed up for housing and the housing office  
18. has worked extremely hard and by the end of the week all but four students should be back on  
19. campus. Senator Siben had some questions and concerns about the meal plan and why it was  
20. the rate that it was at. He wanted to know who the students are paying their fee's too. Judy  
21. confirmed that it's being paid straight to the school and then to the restaurant.

22. Senator Bernard was recognized to his seat at 9:19 P.M.

23. F. Dr. Kravtiz: Mentioned that she was a faculty member at the School of Education. She is also a  
24. faculty senate representative. They will be meeting first time next week. Student senate should  
25. always be present and know what's going and have a voice for the students. This meeting will  
26. take place on Wed. at 3:00 at Kennedy Hall.

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## 28. VIII. New Business

29. A. Approval of Budget- Action Item:

30. President Butts explained the Budget and why amounts were set at the bars that they were at.  
31. Senator Ulibarri asked if we were going to award the scholarship. Dr. Cordova made note  
32. that since this scholarship wasn't awarded last year it has to be awarded this year to a student  
33. who has made a difference on campus. Judy made sure to note that we did help the  
34. transportation program and that it's up and running this year. This student can be paid out of  
35. line item. Senator Siben asked for a break down on the budget. Treasurer Lopez did inform  
36. the senate that he would be doing a budget break down bi-weekly to present to the  
37. senate. Senator D. Ulibarri made a motion to approve the budget. Senator Glenn second that  
38. motion. Motion carried

39. B. Senate Retreat:

40. August 29,30, 31 is the dates set for the Senate Retreat in Glorieta. VP Butts made sure to  
41. note that this will help us gain trust in one another and team bonding presentation will be  
42. facilitated there. President Parra-Perez said that an itinerary will be given out prior to the  
43. retreat. We will be departing from the Felix Martinez building at 4:00 p.m.

44. C. Welcome back Fiesta:

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1. There have been many events throughout the week. It's been time for students to mingle  
2. and get to know with one another. It's just a bonding to bring the community together. The  
3. senate was asked by Troy from the Plaza to have the Senate participate and help the student  
4. socialize.

5. D. Two weeks of pleasure:

6. Every day for two weeks there is an event going on for students to participate in.  
7. We will be including rush week in this. This is for all clubs and organizations to boost their  
8. attendance and show their face around campus. VP Butts has a tentative schedule with  
9. venues booked for all events. Schedule will be giving out a schedule via email. The two  
10. Thursday will be Club Hu and sponsored by student senate with a partnership with housing.  
11. The way rush week works; clubs and organizations get points for showing up to events and  
12. at the end of the week whichever club has the most point's wins. Rush week starts the 15<sup>th</sup>  
13. with booths set up in Central. The Cowboy Campus Clean Up will be held. The winner of  
14. rush week will be announced at half time of the first home game.

15. E. What's good:

16. Is done through the housing office. They want us to co sponsor. They talk about drug  
17. abuse, eating disorders, and drinking etc... there are 8 seminars. They might ask us to do  
18. little skits. It's mandatory for freshman to participate. If anyone wants to help contact  
19. President Parra-Perez

20. F. State fair parade-Action item:

21. Ambassadors wants the senate to help out. They want four senators to go in sporting  
22. uniforms and help with the float. They want us to help decorate if we don't want to go to  
23. the parade we can help out Chair sought a motion on the action item. Senator Maestas  
24. made the motion to send four senators to Albuquerque and pay for the hotel as well as do  
25. the man labor for decorating the float. Senator Ulibarri second the motion. President made  
26. not that in glorieta a meeting will be held and well vote on who goes to Albuquerque and  
27. who goes to this event. Motioned carried.

28. G. Committees-Activities Board, Board of Publication, Finance, Presidential Appointments,  
29. Governmental Affairs, Steering and Rules:

30. This item was set on the table to be table until the next meeting. The chair seeked a  
31. motion to table this action item. Senator Means made the motion Senator Martinez  
32. second the motion

33. H. Housing on and off campus:

34. Judy already had covered this in her committee report.

35. I. November voting:

36. Anthony talked to Ben Lujan and he agreed to help facilitate this and find out if it's a  
37. forum or what they wanted to consider it. VP Cordova mentioned that if you bring in one  
38. candidate you have to extend the invitation to the other candidate as well. Senator Salas  
39. mentioned that he wants to promote political awareness to the students. Until they charter  
40. they cannot request buildings to hold events but would like to conventional watching  
41. party next week. He would like to see if the senate would be involved.  
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43. IX. Comments:

44. President Parra-Perez wanted to thank to Dr. Kravitz for being at the meeting. She then asked if anyone  
45. want to volunteer to be there for the Faculty Senate meeting. It's held every other Wed. [PAGE 6]

1. Senator Ryan Means has volunteered and also Seantor Roseby.
2. X. Set meeting and date for next meeting:
3. Chair sought a motion to have a meeting. Senator D. Ulibarri made a motion to have the meeting
4. next Sunday at our retreat Senator Siben second the motion. Motion carried.
5. XI. Senator D. Ulibarri made the motion to adjourn. Senator Salas second this motion and motion
6. carried.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

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