

1 Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University

2 Regular Meeting: September, 4, 2008 7:30 p.m.

3 I. Call to Order

4 The regular meeting of the Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University was  
5 called to order at 7:37 p.m on September 14, 2008.

6 II. Pledge of Allegiance:

7 III. Roll Call:

8 IV. Approval of Agenda:

9 Senator Apodaca tabled Second by Senator Rael

10 A motion was made to add Item I. International Students Tuition for Institution Rates to be  
11 brought down after two semesters by Senator Siben second was made by Senator Tresor.

12 Vice President Butts mentioned that it might be tabled because we are on a time limit.

13 Motion to appove agenda by Senator Rael the second was made by Senator Siben.

14 Senator Roseby recognized to her seat at 7:42 p.m.

15 V. Approval of Minutes:

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17 Senator Roseby made a motion to approve the minutes Senator D. Ulibarri second the  
18 motion.

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20 VI. Officer Reports

21 A. President Parra-Perez:

22 President Parra-Perez started off by saying that we only had two hours for the meeting,  
23 anything that didn't get done would be tabled for the next meeting to get taken care of  
24 effectively and efficiently. The way the voting was to take place was two for and two  
25 against with discussion with voting immediately proceeding. Two weeks of pleasure  
26 came with a great start and great participation. Rush week was the following week.  
27 Teams are getting points for attending. The Santa Fe and Albuquerque parades went  
28 really well. At the Santa Fe parade the Ambassador placed first in the cowboy area.  
29 President Parra-Perez did mention that we needed to get everyone's shirt sizes. Donna  
30 Martinez contacted her and wants us to help sponsor some of the event that will be  
31 taking place at Ilfield which would allow them to let students in for half price or even  
32 free. Also, Senator Marquez's grandfather passed away and Senator Durham's  
33 grandmother passed away as well and asked if we could keep them in our thoughts and  
34 prayers.

35 B. Vice President Butts:

36 Vice President Butts went over the voting process again being that we are on a time  
37 limit we will have two people who can speak for the motion on the table and only two  
38 who can peak against it. She thanked everyone for the great turn outs at the first week  
39 of two weeks of pleasure and all that participated in events. Things will be different the  
40 following week because not everyone is expected to go because everything is done

41 within groups in which one is involved with. Vice President Butts mentioned that the  
42 football players played a good game and were ahead up to the last two minutes of the  
43 game which resulted in a loss to Mesa State. She also mentioned that there was a player  
44 who was injured and had to go through surgery. The soccer team lost both games this  
45 weekend.

46 C. Secretary Quintana:

47 Secretary Quintana thanked everyone who participated and showed up to all the events  
48 for the first week of two weeks of pleasure and encouraged everyone to keep up the  
49 great work and promptness for the following week. She also reminded everyone about  
50 the corrections of their business cards and informed everyone that she couldn't submit  
51 paper work until she had all the correct information needed so that way there wouldn't  
52 be any other mistakes on the business cards. Secretary Quintana then stood for  
53 questions.

54 D. Treasure Lopez:

55 Treasure Lopez mentioned that he would be putting together a budget breakdown of  
56 what has been spent thus far for the next meeting and would have that ready for  
57 everyone. Treasure Lopez also mentioned that the Finance Committee had met earlier  
58 in the day and all made an amendment that they want a speaker to be present at every  
59 meeting in which they have submitted bills and resolutions for. They want them to  
60 meet with them first and then with the senate. This way if any questions need to be  
61 asked before making a recommendation could be done at this time by the Finance  
62 Committee. All the Finance Committee meetings will be held at 6:30 before every  
63 regular meeting for anyone who wishes to attend. Treasure Lopez then stood for  
64 questions.

65 E. President Pro- Temp C. Ulibarri:

66 President Pro- Temp C. Ulibarri thanked for all the participation from the last week and  
67 hopes to see everyone participating the next week.

68 F. Vice President Cordova-Romero:

69 G. Faculty Representative:

70 Dr. Peter Linder. Started off by stating that he is a representative for the undergraduate  
71 senate this year. He did serve in this position last year. The Faculty Senate met on  
72 Wednesday and they were taking up with two of the things that have come up in the  
73 senate meetings. The reorganization of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences has split up  
74 into 5 departments which might split up into eleven splitting up things even more. The  
75 departments have to be representative despite the amount of people in the  
76 committee's. Upcoming accreditation by the North Central Association is also coming a  
77 year early and they are a little worried about this. There are a lot of things that need to  
78 be done in terms of their visit. With this accreditation the students we graduate are able  
79 to do what we want them to do in terms of doing jobs and going on to graduate school  
80 and what not and making sure we have these things in place. Finally, one thing the  
81 Faculty Senate would like is from someone from the Undergraduate Senate to attend  
82 their meetings. This is very valuable in terms of what they are up to and being able to

83 see and hear and understand things from the student perspective. The next faculty  
84 meeting is a week from this coming Wednesday in Kennedy Lounge. They meet every  
85 second and fourth Wednesday of every month starting at 3:00 p.m.

86 VII. Old business:

87 A. Career center- Ron Garcia (tabled)

88 Senator Rael made a motion to untable the Career Center and Senator JP had the second.  
89 Senator Bernard and Senator Ndem were recognized to their seats at 7:55 p.m.

90 Senator Tresor wanted to talk about the career center because he is interested in what  
91 students who graduate are doing. He also wants to know how hard and easy it is to find  
92 jobs and internships upon completion of graduation. How good they are doing after they  
93 graduate and etc. Last semester they had someone working there who was Natasha Padilla  
94 and now he is unsure of who has taken over this position. We have about 3,000 students  
95 enrolled at Highlands and ratios to him are just not enough. He can't just have one person  
96 taking care of this large amount of students. Last time the Vice President said she had a  
97 particular interest in this however all she could do was just update on the status on the  
98 career. Vice President Cordova-Romero mentioned that they have a full time director right  
99 now. Mrs. Padilla is no longer with the university. There is one person who's his only  
100 commitment is to check up on these students. The Director, who is Ron, has 20 years  
101 experience in this field. Hopefully he can move the program forward and get great feedback  
102 from all this hard work that has to be put in. Senator Siben said that as the community  
103 grows then maybe they should try to help the students create some contacts. Like in  
104 business they should help students by bringing in professionals to talk to students about  
105 their job interactions so they can have some kind of interaction with someone who has  
106 experience in those fields. It was mentioned that Ron wants to develop internships. With  
107 the five people there it has created opportunity for students to come and look into these  
108 internships and co-ops .

109 Senator Maestas was recognized to his seat at 8:00 p.m.

110 President Parra-Perrez said that Ron e-mailed her and asked if the senate could talk to their  
111 100 students and get the word out to encourage people to come out to this event. This will  
112 be done this coming week.

113 Senator Siben wants to see employers who can help international students as well.

114 B. Accreditation- Dr. Hill-

115 Thanked the senate for inviting her to come speak. Dr. Hill is a psychology professor here  
116 at the University. She mentioned that NMHUs is accredited by the regional creditors. They  
117 are called the higher learning admission. This is to send grades and transfers to various  
118 places where they will be official. If we were not accredited we would shut down. Every ten  
119 years you have to go through an accreditation visit. The next one is in 2009. It is important  
120 that everyone around the community gets involved. They are working on getting a draft  
121 written and will be opened for public comments for the spring. They would like some  
122 student visitation in that process. They have a steering committee and five working groups.  
123 They would like more students and as much student input as possible. She is going to e-mail  
124 Vice President Butts as to what these concerns and questions may be and try to get

125 everyone to communicate to the student body. They want as much participation as possible.  
126 Initiative they are starting here at campus and the problem we have here at NMHU is  
127 accessing the learning of our students. They have programs that have been in place for over  
128 100 years that students don't even know are in place. We need to be able to tell people that  
129 they are doing their jobs and that students are getting what they expect as far as learning  
130 and leaving here with the appropriate materials and information needed. They want to  
131 develop a coherent program that looks at very different aspects on our community  
132 individually and as a whole. They want to survey the senate and staff as well. This is the first  
133 part of the process they want to see what kind of perspectives as of what a New Mexico  
134 Highlands graduate should look like and design an assessment process to see if they are  
135 getting where others see the vision to be.

136 Senator Tresor asked when she wanted the survey to be ready. She said she doesn't serve  
137 on that committee and that they should already have it ready and should be getting e-mails  
138 from her this week on these two issues.

#### 139 C. Candidate Debate:

140 There is a Candidate Debate that will be taking place this Saturday (September 20, 2008 and  
141 Mel Root is sitting in the gala. They want students to attend this event, But what they are  
142 asking is that the first 20 min be dedicated for student questioning the next will be for the  
143 community. There will be snacks and refreshments. Senator Salas agreed to be the  
144 moderator for this. It will be in the Student Senate Chambers at 10 a.m. Vice President  
145 Cordova-Romero mentioned that many students should attend even if they can't vote. They  
146 have a significant part of the past here at NMHU. They want people to vote and hear what  
147 they have to say. They will be talking about their background and platform and want at least  
148 5 questions from the students and want the questions pre-selected. Then they want the  
149 public to ask questions. This is the first of their two or three debates.

#### 150 D. Bill #1: Performing Arts Club seen D. Ulibarri-

151 Senator D. Ulibarri yielded the floor to Senator Fields. Senator Field then read a letter from  
152 the person who was supposed to represent this bill because he/she couldn't be there at the  
153 meeting. The letter started off by apologizing for not being in attendance for this meeting  
154 because they are preparing for their next performance which is soonly coming up. They are  
155 hoping for the senate to approve their asking of \$250. Currently they are working on a  
156 comedy show, that will be shown in Kennedy Hall on October 3,4,5 and the others will be  
157 shown in Illfield throughout the year. They have asked for donations from local business.  
158 Their asking of money will be used for needed materials. \$60 for 4 gallons of page \$40 for  
159 printing of the posters and signs needed.

160 Vice President Butts asked for two people to speak for it and two to speak against it.

161 For:

162 Senator Rael: Mentioned that they might not seem as an active group on campus but they  
163 do reach out to the community and represent NMHU in a positive way.

164 The recommendation of the Finance Committee was asked and it was stated that they did  
165 made a recommendation to approve the full amount.

166 Senator Siben made a motion to approve Bill 1 for full amount the second was made by  
167 Senator D. Ulibarri.  
168 Bill # 1 was passed for \$250.  
169 E. Bill #2 ALFA Senator JP Martinez:  
170 The yield the floor to the ALFA representative. Ilene Madrid asked for the \$250. They are  
171 active with two various events. They are asking for the money for travel expenses. They  
172 have a convention in Massachusetts in the fall.  
173 For:  
174 Senator Tresor: Mentioned that he knows the association and is a member of the  
175 association. Two weeks ago they went to Arizona for a convention they had a lot of  
176 students be able to make contact with them and were able to bring job opportunities for  
177 them.  
178 Senator Siben: Mentioned that he wants to encourage this because it allows for career  
179 building on campus. He likes the club because it's open to a diversity of groups.  
180 Against:  
181 Motion was sought to approve the bill.  
182 Senator Tresor made a motion to approve Bill 2 for full amount and Senator Siben had the  
183 second.  
184 Bill #2 passed for the amount of \$250  
185 F. Bill # 3 Ambassadors-President Pro Temp Ulibarri  
186 Yield the floor to President Parra Perez  
187 Yields the floor to Ilene Madrid: Ilene Madrid mentioned that they do various events and  
188 campus community service and always involved in rush week. They won second place last  
189 year. They do campus tours for individuals or for group tours. They do lots of fundraisers.  
190 They want the \$250 for a haunted house that's going to be done in October the money  
191 would go to costumes for people participating in the haunted house.  
192 Questions:  
193 Senator Siben asked what the haunted house about?  
194 Ilene mentioned that it's open to the community and they are going to charge an entry fee  
195 that will be reduced for students. There will be different rooms and themes that people go  
196 into such as grave yard, science lab and different themes.  
197 For:  
198 Senator Maeastas stated that we should support this bill because it's for the community and  
199 also it's a positive thing for the community and for representation of Highlands.  
200 President Parra-Perrez mentioned that one should go to the meetings if you don't have time  
201 to be a member. They aren't greedy they are giving 1/3 to the people who helped out with  
202 the parades.  
203 Treasure Lopez mentioned that the recommendation of the Finance Committee was to  
204 approve for the full amount. Just because they are asking for that amount you as senators  
205 can approve a lesser amount or various amounts accordingly and as best seen fit.  
206 Senator D. Ulibarri made a motion to approve for full amount. Senator JP had the second.  
207 Bill # 3 passed for \$250.

208 H. Baton Twirling:  
209 The two representatives mentioned that there are eight members who are interested.  
210 They need to purchase uniforms, but they will fundraiser for this. The batons are \$25  
211 each and in order for people to practice outside of school they need their own batons.  
212 For:  
213 Senator Lopez mentioned that he sees that they practice hard on and off campus and  
214 thinks we should give them the money.  
215 Sentor D. Ulibarri agreed with Senator Lopez and both were her residence and always  
216 saw that they were dedicated.  
217 Sentor D. Ulibarri made a motion to approve \$250 and Senator Lopez has the second.  
218 I. Resolution #1 Lambda Kappa Psi Senator Glenn:  
219 Yields the floor to the four ladies representing the bill.  
220 Jeannie Montoya is the president. The budget was not attached for Treasure Lopez,  
221 along with the bill. It was mentioned that last year they came to see us. They came and  
222 miscommunication happened. They want to come to us for our funds to purchase shirts  
223 and sweats. Any help would be much appreciated. They have been very active on  
224 campus. They started last year on August 31, this is their second year. Along with rush  
225 week and pledge they've helped with events such as for Club Hu and attending all the  
226 events senate has held. They prove that they are active and are going to continue this  
227 participation. They want to reunite our students. They will be participating in rush  
228 week and are going to have their annual mud volleyball tournament.  
229 Vice President Butts asked what fundraisers they've had. Jeannie Montoya said they've  
230 had bake sales, car washes and dances.  
231 President Parra-Perez asked how many members they have and as of right now there  
232 were only 13 members. The reason why all the other members weren't present at this  
233 meeting was because none of them could go because they have school which is their  
234 priority. They do what they can to help each other out. They've highly supported senate  
235 and campus events. President Pro-Temp Ulibarri asked who they faculty advisor was and  
236 she said Melany. Senator Otame asked what impact the club has on campus and  
237 community. Ms. Montoya mentioned that they have unity and bringing people together  
238 and want to keep people interested in highlands and stuff.  
239 Senator Rael asked where they sought their quotes from. What are the monthly dues?  
240 She said \$20. Senator Torres-Hughes asked how they performed their selection process.  
241 She mentioned that it was just a pledge process. They have to be females in college and  
242 wants to make sure the person is active at Highlands. One goal is for them to go  
243 national and they are ready to move forward.  
244 One of the senators asked if we could go into executive session.  
245 Sentor Rael said we should not go into executive session because they should have the  
246 right to hear what we have to say and the reasons for accepting or declining the Bill.  
247 For:

248 Treasure Lopez mentioned that they are definitely deserving of this money for several  
249 reasons. Other fraternities and other sororities got large sum amounts of money. Just to  
250 be fair, they can't be successful without money or funds.

251 Senator Siben mentioned that he doesn't really know much of the club. From what they  
252 have said and being that they have stood here in front of us should show something.

253 Against:

254 Senator Rael mentioned that they are active and have worked closely with them and  
255 respects them. It's hard to start a club up. When he was involved with TKE and came for  
256 the senate with money they did not come and ask for t-shirts and binders and stuff like  
257 that. Every member had to pay a high amount for fees. He doesn't think this holds very  
258 much weight, on the budget he doesn't see anything that shows anything for seeking to  
259 go national level and attention and get accreditation. He would like to see those fee's  
260 being that they are part of goals they should hold high presidency over t-shirts and  
261 different things like that.

262 Senator Maestas mentioned that we should review the budget to suit their more active  
263 members and their anticipated members this week would be more appropriate for now.  
264 He doesn't think a lump sum of money would be wrong to award them however, it  
265 would be more reasonable amount of money for the amount of numbers they have  
266 sought. He wouldn't mind passing it if they have a significant amount of active  
267 members.

268 Senator Siben makes a motion to approve resolution and Senator Otame had the  
269 second. There was objection to this so we will have to go to a hand count.

270 Hand raise: in favor: 4

271 Against: 14

272 As resolution approved this resolution was not passed.

273 Vice President Butts mentioned that Lambda kappa psi can come back to re allocate  
274 money to different places or change the entire amount from the senate

275 Senator Ndoping made a motion to approve \$500 and the second was made by  
276 President Pro-Temp C. Ulibarri.

277 Point of reference by President Parra-Perez: will take it to a group of people of the  
278 school part of the presidential advisory group and then she'll sign the bill or resolution.  
279 The president has the right to veto this bill.

280 Senator Otame mentioned that we are here to represent the students and have concern  
281 about passing and not passing the bills. It was mentioned that the President has the  
282 ability to make an ADHOC committee to review this.

283 Senator Rael made some comments about the advisory group. It was just for us to get  
284 information out to the student body.

285 Native American club: the community is growing and many students coming in. It would  
286 be nice for the tuition to change after someone being in school for a certain amount of  
287 time. Most of the students have difficulties finding jobs because they can only work on  
288 campus. This will encourage students to stay here at NMHU. This would help them and  
289 encourage new students to come.

290 Vice President Butts mentioned that if we change it for international students then we  
291 would have to change out of state rates and in state students. This would change  
292 different things as far as funding for students. This is set by the Board of Regents, Vice  
293 President Romero-Cordova mentioned and they are set by guidelines. Ours is the  
294 lowest in the region. It would take a lot of convincing of the regents and you would have  
295 to come up with some kind of proposal. We are constitutionally bound by what the  
296 rates should be. They have talked about tuition rates, the international rates are the  
297 lowest in the region for many of our students.

298 VIII. Committee Reports:

- 299 A. Finance: before they make any recommendations they want to meet with the club  
300 spokes person before making any recommendations
- 301 B. Presidential appointments/ gov affairs: they have not met because there are no seats.  
302 We have been informed that we have one slot open. President Parra-Perez found this  
303 out at the Board of Regents meeting. Senator Rael will be looking at emailing his  
304 committee this week to let them know when the next meeting will be. He will be asking  
305 people from his committee to be getting their defensive driving course certificates.
- 306 C. Steering and rules: They had a meeting last Friday. They want to get guidelines set up  
307 for the scholarship. It's time for us to update our constitution and bylaws. They need to  
308 be updated every year and constitution every three years. And they are looking over  
309 that. The big thing they discussed was the scholarship. There were two ideas presented.  
310 There was nominating a student and the majority of the vote was a scholarship  
311 application that's open to all students not just people we know on campus. There were  
312 questions as to how it was going to be awarded. Are we awarding more this year since it  
313 wasn't awarded next year. It's \$1000 for the year. They can give more than one  
314 scholarship. The budget was set up to allocate two \$1,000 scholarships. It was usually  
315 given at the end of the year not the beginning of the semester. There is a process for  
316 awarding the scholarship. You can't just give the money to a student it has to go  
317 through financial aid. It has to be awarded through their student account. It can be  
318 given out in the middle of the semester. Another question was if it included our  
319 surrounding universities such as Rio Rancho, Raton, etc. People who attend off campus  
320 sites don't pay off campus fees so therefore it's made to be as a main campus thing.  
321 Next meeting is on Thursday.
- 322 D. Activities:  
323 Senator D. Ulibarri: wants to talk about the Viva Las Vegas theme. There is a signup  
324 sheet for this event. There was a meeting today for either decorating or cleanup crew.  
325 They want everyone to report to the student center at 5 to decorate. There are over 200  
326 balloons to be filled up. Everyone needs to dress up. The flyers were made and a few  
327 changes need to be made. Everyone should be there at 9:30 for this event. Housing is in  
328 charge of VIP and an extra one for a guest. VIP is set for 100 people. Juan got ABL to set  
329 up a table of fruit and cheese. Two fondu fountains and virgin drinks along with poker  
330 tables. There should be No alcohol. No alcohol because we are representing NMHU and  
331 no drinking at or prior to Club Hu.



332 Treasure Lopez asked if we are doing the dress up days. Those are for homecoming.  
333 If someone can't find a costume or dress up you must wear your senate or housing  
334 polo's. There are tons of hotels in Vegas in which you can dress up as (themed wise).  
335 Everyone needs to dress up. The clubs that participate get points to dress up as well. At  
336 each event everyone needs to sign up with Vice President Butts or President Parra-Perez  
337 to receive the points. At this Club Hu they wanted to have the ballroom as a dance floor.  
338 Different music will be played in the ballroom. Today's regular music will be played in  
339 the atrium.

340 IX. Comments

341 X. Set time and date:

342 Senator Rael made a motion to meet on September 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m and President Pro-  
343 Temp had the second.

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345 Senator Rael made motion to adjourn.

346 President Pro-Temp C. ulbarii had the second.

347 Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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