

**Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University
Regular Meeting October 5, 2008 7:30 pm**

- I. Call to Order:
The Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University called it's meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - II. Roll Call:
 - III. Approval of Agenda:
Senator Bernard made an amendment to change resolution #3 to item B in exchange for item C. Seantor Means made an amendment to add New Business Resolution #5 Rugby Club as item C. President Para-Perez mentioned that after a brief discussion and quick checking into that there was approximately \$1200 left for Bills and Resolutions so to keep that in mind when voting and making need based decisions. Senator Siben made a motion to approve the agenda the second was made by Senator Means.
 - IV. Approval of Minutes
Senator Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes the second as made by Senator Blanco.
 - VI. Officers Report
 - A. President Parra-Perez:
Started off by wishing everyone good luck for their midterms and also to have a fun and safe break. Vice President Cordova-Romero was not joining us because it was her anniversary. Treasure Lopez is also missing because his great grandmother passed away so if we could please keep him in our thoughts and prayers. She met with the presidential advisory group and she signed off on the bills and resolutions so it should be a matter of time before clubs and organizations should get their money. Senator Maeastas asked if everything passed for the full amount and President Parra-Perez did make note that everything has passed.
 - B. Vice President Butts:
Vice President Butts started off by mentioning that the name plates are so that everyone in the gala or so that people speaking on behalf of bills and resolutions could recognize us as well as us to one another. The Graduate Senate did meet and they had a function last week in Central Park which was a dinner like event so that they could get to know one another along with anyone else wishing to meet the Graduate Senate. The Academic Affairs approved programs to go through for Social Work and Anthropology for the masters program and the catalog is looking at getting updated as well. That concluded her report and then stood for questions.
 - C. Secretary Quintana:
Secretary Quintana started off by thanking everyone for being there and also wished everyone good luck on their midterms. She told everyone that she had been checking up on the business cards but unfortunately the workers from Repro Graphics have been out hunting so there was no one to print and cut the cards. Also, she has sent out the new contact list and wanted to make sure everyone had received them. Still needed committee reports from those committee's who had met because so far she had only received Activities Board and Finance Committee reports. These are used to calculate absences so they are important. That concluded the report and then she stood for questions.
 - D. Treasurer Lopez:
 - D. Pro Temp Ulibarri:
President Pro Tem Ulibarri mentioned that she didn't have anything to report on right now. She wished everyone good luck on their midterms and for everyone to have a good break.
 - E. Dr. Linder:
Dr. Linder started off my mentioning that the Faculty Senate is scheduled to meet this coming Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. some of the things they should be discussing are whether they want to changing things within Academic Support starting off with charing the Academic Policy with some kind of account or trying to get it changed/revised. Also, accreditation is taking place and both senates are encouraged to expand and attend. At this time indepth review and modifications will be taking place.

52 The Executive meeting is looking at submitting changes for faculty contracts that includes things that
53 were previously included in the old catalog. Also, the Faulty meeting times are looking at getting
54 changed to 4:00 p.m because of time conflicts.
55 -Senator Roseby was recognized to her seat at 7:48 p.m.

56 VII. New Business

57 A. Resolution #3 Ambassadors Club Senator Roseby:

58 The floor was yielded to Aja who thanked the senate for hearing the resolution for the help they are
59 needing for their big Halloween event. This is something that's going to be a very big project for them
60 and is being held in acquiring a big expense because of all the materials. This is one of their fundraisers,
61 but it's also an event that is going to be fun for the campus and also allow the community to participate.
62 Vice President Butts asked what they have done as far as fundraising besides the raffle and the block
63 party. Aja mentioned that that was it so far but were hoping that the haunted house will be a great
64 success and are hoping to get a lot more fundraisers done before this.

65 Senator Maeastas asked if the money that was previously given to them from the senate already all used
66 up. The representative did mention that is has been used for the block party and they've started to buy
67 their fundraiser for Halloween.

68 Senator Roseby asked how many active members they had this year. Ajs said there was about 25
69 members who were active, but they have had a lot of students coming forward to them.

70 Seantor Maeastas asked if they had students fee. It was mentioned that this was a no fee completely free
71 organization for students to join.

72 Senator Ivo asked what impact the ambassadors have on campus. Aja said it gives students something
73 on campus to do for Halloween and also brings the club together and shows team work and leadership
74 skills. It also promotes Highlands in a positive way. It was also mentioned that they would be charging
75 \$4 for community and adults representing the university and \$2 for students and children. Right now
76 that was a rough estimate but this is what they were leaning towards and would discuss it in their next
77 meeting. They have never done a haunted house before this will be the first year but are hoping it will be
78 as successful if not more than their Easter Egg hunt.

79 Senator Maeasts said he's seen flyers around campus that mentions that the club offers scholarships and
80 asked if that comes out of their budget. They mentioned that they work off a point system which
81 determines who gets the scholarships at the end of each semester. They are only stipends. Fundraising
82 that is done is specifically used for events or for t shirts that are required to be used for events.

83 For:

84 Against:

85 Senator Means supports the idea and what they are promoting. He thinks that since we've already
86 supported this group that we should look at reducing the price from \$500 to \$400.

87 Senator Roseby does agree with reducing the amount.

88 Seantor Roseby made a motion to approve for \$175

89 Second by Senator Maestas

90 The Resolution was passed for \$175

91 B. Internatonal Club Resolution #3:

92 Seantor Siben and Senator Ndem were removed from their seats at 7:59 p.m. to speak on behalf of the
93 club. The representatives started off my mentioning that this is the second time the year is at it's the
94 biggest event that the club organizes throughout the year. They use this opportunity to represent the
95 different cultures and traditions. The budget break down they have provided for us give full detail to the
96 amount of money that they are asking for. It is free for all students because they are asking for the help
97 from the students fee's that are provided to the senate for bills and resolutions such as the one they are
98 presenting. The general admission is \$5 for all other people around the community and faculty as well.
99 Vice President Butts asked if the club has had enough time to come up with a show of such caliber that
100 compares to last years show. They mentioned that they are starting this year earlier than the previous
101 year. They only had three weeks last year to prepare for the show. They have over 100 active members
102 this year so they know everything should and will get done with the time they are given to prepare this.

104 Almost everyone is involved in this event which makes it so big and successful. They are asking for the
105 money at this time because they want to make this show better than last years. VP Butts also asked that
106 if they weren't awarded the full amount they were asking for what other alternatives were they going to
107 take to make up the remaining needed fund. Siben said that last year they had a lunch sale to help them
108 make up the money they were asking for and were going to do the same this year. With that lunch sale
109 they expect to make about \$300. If worse came to worse they would consider postponing the show until
110 next semester although this is something they do not wish to do.

111 President Parra-Perez mentioned that she understood that this is the biggest thing that they want to do for
112 the campus, but wants to know what else they have done throughout the semester thus far actively. This
113 is their first biggest event for the year because they have been in exchange of a new president.

114 VP Butts asked that since they have over 100 members why weren't they as active in rush week where
115 they could have gotten more money. Siben mentioned that this was because they are undergoing major
116 changes.

117 Senator Means asked if they really needed the \$200 for decorating.

118 Siben said that yes because they want to make sure they have sufficient decorations to incorporate the
119 different cultures and countries.

120 Senator Glenn asked what happened to the costumes they had last year. Siben said that they were given
121 to the people who participated in the events as a compensation for their time and commitment
122 throughout this project.

123 Senator Bernard was removed from his seat at 8:07p.m.

124 Senator Blanco wanted to give advice and mentioned that at the world college they invite people that are
125 from Santa Fe and other areas to help fundraise if they like the show they donate the money.

126 For:

127 Senator Ivo: I think the international make up the essential components on campus and are active around
128 campus. The international students make up the most population and if they have their culture and they
129 are able to expose their selves as well as incorporating other individuals. Totaly supports the
130 international students.

131 Senator Langster: Mentioned that him being a freshman that highlands has a lot of international students.
132 He would like to see something like this to happen.

133 Against:

134 Senator Means really supports them and what they are trying to do culturally. But he just wants to
135 reduce it to \$500 based on our budget.

136 Senator Meastas: thinks that \$400 would be sufficient with being able to do their bake sales.

137 Senator Maestas made a motion to pass the resolution for \$500

138 Senator Glenn had the second

139 C. Rugby Club Resolution #5:

140 Senator Means was removed from his seat at 8:16 p.m.

141 Started off by mentioning it is an expensive support and looking at the budget break down they want it
142 to be aware that this is a great organization that the university can take part in and they have four away
143 games and four home games. He would really like our support and really represents our university.

144 President Parra-Perez made a point of information that the coach does give a scholarship
145 out of his own pocket. She thinks that we need to support them because we haven't
146 supported them yet.

147 For:

148 Senator Urkuhart: Said they've showed that they are going to provide money for their coach and totally
149 supports them.

150 Senator Seandee: agrees with Senator Urkquhart and agreed with what President Parra-Perez said.

151 Senator Martinez made a motion to approve the full amount.

152 Second was made by Senator Salas

156 Resolution #5 for the rugby club was passed for \$500
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158 D. Homecoming/Parade:

159 The first ten clubs who sign up for the homecoming parade get \$50 to make the parade and the senate
160 will be participating in this. For a week there are different activities kind of like rush week that are
161 going to be taking place. We are going to start now on the bonfire instead of two days like last year. The
162 baton twirlers will be at the bonfire twirling. This year VP Butts wants the senate to stick out and make
163 sure that all the activities are a success. Wants to see instituted this year for homecoming the mums and
164 guarders. Something to get the students involved. We need to the students positively involved for this
165 game and get the football team hyped for this.

166 E. Fall Festival:

167 After Halloween we are going to do a Fall Festival. We are going to ask all clubs and organizations to
168 help us with this. Different activities will be going on at this time and it will be free. VP Butts will start
169 looking at dates and will probably be held in the ballroom so we don't have to mess with the weather.
170 She will be emailing everyone. This could be done possibly on a Thursday and then have club hu
171 following. This would be just for students not for the community.

172 F. Club HU:

173 We shouldn't have set dates for club hu because it was starting to die out. They think that by keeping it
174 surprising that we would get more people involved. October 23, should be the next club hu and the
175 following Thursday right before Halloween. Those two days will be reserved for these events.

176 G. Spirit Awards: At the Senate Gala we gave spirit awards and President Parra-Perez wants
177 to give out awards to people on campus on who we want to recognize. This can be done throughout the
178 year.

179 H. Hacu Oct 10-14: President Parra-Perez mentioned that there is a conference in Denver in which two
180 other senators can go along with President Parra-Perez. It's just networking and getting students to come
181 to our university and it's paid for.

182 VIII. Committee Reports

183 A. Finance: current budget will be presented at the next meeting.

184 B. Pres App/Gov Affairs: one more position available. They will be meeting soon to fill the
185 last position.

186 C. Steering and Rules: met today and are still working on the scholarship stuff. They have
187 everything they need to start an application for students who wish to apply for the
188 scholarships. It just needs to be typed up and are working on form for the instructors to
189 fill out for letters of recommendation and will soon be looking at the constitution and
190 bylaws.

191 F. Activities Board: needs to speak with the AB after this meeting

192 Made a recommendation to make their own shirts based on spray paint and the shirt.

193 IX. Comments:

194 Senator Maseasts wants the plaques to be discussed to see if they were going to be put up.
195 It will be on the next agenda as an action item.

196 Senator Bernard: Mentioned the lunch sale will be October 9

197 Everyone is encouraged to vote and not abstain because you are giving up why you are
198 being elected to be here.

199 X. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting

200 Seantor Ulibarri made a motion to have meeting at Sunday October 19, 2008 at 7:30

201 The second was made by Senator Martinez

202 XI. Adjourn

203 Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.
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