

1 **ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY**

2 **OCTOBER 19, 2008 REGULAR MEETING**

3 I. Call to order:

4 The Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University began its Regular meeting on October
5 19, 2008 at 7:34 p.m.

6 II. Pledge of Allegiance

7 III. Roll Call

8 IV. Approval of the Agenda

9 Senator Bernard made a motion to add Bill # 10 NMHU "Hugs" and Bill #11 Chemistry Club as item
10 B and C after Career services. The second was made by Senator Rael. Senator Rael made a motion
11 to approve the agenda as amended Senator Martinez had the second.

12 Senator Roseby was recognized to her seat at 7:39 p.m.

13 V. Approval of Minutes

14 Senator Blanco mentioned that page three didn't state or mention the people who were accepted
15 to go to the Denver trip. Senator Siben said there is missing an "R" on treasurer. Senator Martinez
16 made a motion to approve the minutes for October 5, 2008, Senator Blanco had the second.

17 VI. Presidential Appointments:

18 The committee met today to interview Christopher Burns. The interview went really well.

19 Christopher Burns is from Texas, a peer mentor, his major is business management and minor is
20 marketing. He feels he could be a great asset to student senate. He is attending NMHU on a
21 football scholarship. President Pro Temp asked why he wants to be a part of senate. He replied by
22 saying that he could bring new idea and new activities and thinks he could be a great leader and
23 role model to people on campus. VP Butts mentioned that we've had lots of people come to us
24 and say the same thing about getting people involved, but and how could he actually bring people
25 and get them involved. He mentioned by having different football camps, tutor sessions to help
26 students on campus to help students become academically successful, and other activities. He
27 feels he is a great leader on the football team and knows that he can get a lot more of the football
28 team to attend our activities. President Pro Temp Ulibarri mentioned that it seems like he's
29 already involved in a lot of things will he have the time to do student senate. He said that right
30 now he has a lot of stuff going on because of football season but he knows he can manage his time
31 accordingly to be able to do everything.

32 Senator Rael made a motion to go into executive session at 7:46 p.m. Senator Siben had the
33 second.

34 Pres Pro Temp made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:57 p.m. Senator Martinez
35 had the second.

36 Officer Reports

37 A. President Parra Perez:

38 This week is homecoming and it's a big deal and we need active participation from everyone.

39 There is already a schedule that was e-mailed sent out by everyone. All 50 tickets for the Pink
40 Floyd concert went out and we just paid Ilfield out \$600. Everyone does need to participate on
41 our trailer/float for the homecoming parade. She concluded her report and stood for question.
42 No one is excused for anything during the parade.

43 B. Vice President Butts:

44 First off she bypassed that during the game during Chadron and they were saying that
45 Highlands was full of hoodlums and gang bangers. They want Highlands removed from the
46 division that we are currently in. President Parra-Perez was given credit by others because she
47 went to control a group of people who were getting too rowdy for the first home game. The
48 bon fire might not be able to be done because there are restrictions. There has to be a four
49 foot fence that has to be put up, we can only burn cardboard, etc. Therefore there might not
50 be a bon fire this time. She finds it appalling because the past couple of years there have never
51 been complications. Even with the fire department there we have to get these restrictions
52 cleared. We will find out by the at least the end of tomorrow if we can conduct the bon fire or
53 not. The pep rally will be done in Sala de Madrid because all the other facilities are being used.
54 She will be sending a global email out to everyone giving out this information. The pep rally will
55 be a lot of fun and very exciting. Please encourage people to come to the pep rally. The
56 football team played Pueblo for their homecoming the team did lose 14-21.

57 C. Secretary Quintana:

58 Secretary Quintana started off by mentioning that even though it seems repetitious the
59 business cards are not done yet because they are waiting on confirmation from those people
60 who requested business cards. They will not be printed or cut out until they have confirmed
61 the draft that has been sent to the individuals. She asked Senator Burns if he could meet with
62 her after the regular senate meeting so she could get his contact information and that way she
63 can get his business cards processed as well. Also for those of you who aren't receiving e-mails
64 from her you must contact her and let he know so that way you can get the adequate and
65 appropriate information for events in a timely manner. Again as mentioned if those of you who
66 are going to be missing you need to let the secretary know ahead of time and provide
67 appropriate documentation if you are out and sick. There are some of you senators who are
68 border line of receiving a removal of your seat letter because of your absences. I also still need
69 committee reports for those committee's that have met because the attendance needs to be
70 taken from there also if not you won't be able to get paid.

71 D. Treasurer Lopez:

72 Treasurer Lopez started off by saying the printer ran out of ink so therefore there was not
73 enough budget templates printed. The bills and resolutions have not been entered into the
74 computer through Judy's office yet so we are still waiting for accurate calculations from there.
75 There was a discrepancy that was brought up by VP Butts about this so he needs to double
76 check. VP Butts said that she went off the agenda and said that she's been writing everything
77 down for all the bills and resolutions on her agenda's so therefore it will be double checked.
78 That's all Treasurer Lopes had to report on. VP Cordova Romero made a point of clarifications
79 that you could move money off of other line items or make bars in order to get the money
80 situation going off. VP Cordova-Romero and Yvonne Duran are going to sit down after
81 Homecoming week and make sure to re-evaluate everything to get a bigger picture about the
82 money and budgets we have set. There should be more moneys coming into the budget
83 because the of the larger amount of enrollment that has come into NMHU. The expenditures
84 have not been lavished at all. When we come back in January we will have a fund budget we

85 know what we can come around. Senator Rael mentioned that during their Finance committee
86 meeting there was an argument towards this situation. He thinks that if we could pull money
87 out of other line items we should because during the fall there are a lot more clubs and
88 organizations and different things coming up and it's not fair to clubs and organizations that are
89 barely starting up. VP Butts mentioned that if clubs do charter they are told that they can get
90 money from the senate and from the canteen. There is still money they can come get next
91 semester.

92 E. President Pro Temp Ulibarri:

93 Mentioned that she got a letter from the mayor and maybe we could use his assistance in
94 getting the bon fire started. She then stood for questions.

95 F. Vice President Cordova-Romero:

96 There are a few things she is going to seek the senate's involvement in. Friday is the
97 Presidential Inauguration and he has been in office for not even two years yet. The first year he
98 asked that the inauguration not take place and he said he wanted to complete some things first
99 and make sure that things were running on a smooth track. This event will be taking place on
100 Friday at 2:00 and if everyone could be there and make sure that you wear your senate shirt.
101 She needs four individuals who can help pass out programs. If you can then you need to be
102 there at 1:30. Everyone else be there by 2:00. On Wednesday and Thursday we will have a lot
103 of visitors and this year they are honoring the class of 1958 and hopefully we can invited the
104 alumni to come back. She asked that while attending events during campus that we act as
105 professionally and positively as possible. Some issues that were mentioned by VP Butts about
106 game behavior and there is a committee on campus called Game management they meet
107 regularly and discuss events that occur during games and try to find a way to prevent these
108 things from happening. It's about how we treat our guest and visiting teams when they come
109 to our campus. The uses are being addressed by this format. RFP's have been done requesting
110 proposals to renovate buildings and about our student center to do three major projects that
111 are being done. They just finished their interview a consensus and agreement has not been
112 made with any of these people because they are still trying to negotiate. We are now looking
113 at the budget for the New Year during the legislative unit. As we start to negotiate and
114 campaign and negotiate money from the government and are looking at the Gov affairs group
115 look more into this. She then concluded her report and stood for questions.

116 G. Dr. Linder:

117 The faculty senate will be meeting this week. Normally the fourth meeting of the month they
118 have a meeting. This time they are trying something new and are meeting at 4:00 p.m. The
119 senate will meet at 3:00 p.m. they are hoping to increase the number of faculty members to
120 come to the meetings. The problem they have is the low attendance and hope this will help
121 settle things and allow it to run smoothly. The issues that are being discussed are the
122 handbook and collective bargaining that's being deeply looked into. Things have changed on
123 campus so they definitely need to be updated. The other major issue that's going to be
124 discussed is strategic planning. It's time to revisit the strategic plan. There are a number of
125 issues that are going to be re-evaluated. The president has taken a process to review the
126 strategic planning that's supposed to be taking place and how things will be accepted. The

127 committee will be constituted sooner rather than later to review various aspects as far as using
128 technology, physical plans, looking more into the academic plans and to look how to make sure
129 that faculty is adequately review, and looked at when it comes time to discuss things and how
130 they should play out on campus.

131 VP Butts mentioned that the faculty senate is doing catalog changes as far as adding and
132 deleting class. They will be available online and you can start to register on the 11th of
133 December.

134 VII. New Business

135 A. Career Services (Ron Garcia):

136 Sent out a email about this event which is a state wide job fair. It's something that's been going
137 on for quite some time. He wants to take as many students as possible to attend this event.
138 It's going to be held at the University of New Mexico. He used to take students to this event
139 and they used to have a very good representation at this event. NMHU was praised for being
140 the most prepared for this event. This information sheet will give everyone some quick
141 information to keep in mind. Transportation will be provided. To help students prepare for this
142 event there have been some workshop like events to get some more information out. It's
143 mostly federal government and there is a list about the different things and internships.

144 B. Bill #10: Geological Society "Hugs"

145 They want to make people more aware of Geology. They want to do some fundraising but are
146 asking for our help to get started being that they are a new club. They stated that in order to
147 make money they need money. There were a lot of members present today and they have ten
148 active members right now but their first meeting is Monday.

149 Senator Lopez asked them if they are learning from these trips that they are taking. President
150 Parra Perez asked if we could get them to participate actively regardless of the amount of
151 money we give them today and if we could get their participation. The recommendation of the
152 finance committee was to approve the full amount.

153 Senator Ulibarri made the motion to approve for the full amount. Senator Lopez had the
154 second. The bill was approved for the full amount of \$250.

155 C. Bill #11: Chemistry Club

156 President Pro Temp Ulibarri yielded the floor to the representative (Greg Rael)

157 Seantor Rael was removed from his seat at 8:44 p.m. They have been an active club on campus
158 for the past two years. They are asking for money for various events that are going to be put on
159 throughout the year. They go to the elementary to do some workshops and activities for them
160 to engage them at an early age. They also bring a lot of guest lecturers to the campus. They
161 are planning on being involved on campus and are working on a float for homecoming. Senator
162 Maestas asked why we are still seeing bills and resolutions if we don't have any moneys. It was
163 noted that as senators they are allowed to move moneys around and what not accordingly if
164 they all vote on it. Senator Maestas mentioned that we should amend the budget.

165 Senator Roseby made the motion to approve. Senator Apodaca had the second. The bill was
166 approved for \$250.

167 D. Homecoming

168 Everyone needs to actively participate and everything else has been previously talked about.
169 Chris is on the orange team. The events teams will be counted for points as follows:
170 Sashing bbq from 11:30-1:00, HU Idol at 7:00, painting of the H @ 11:00, Thursday is
171 mismatched day, club hu set up, homecoming pageant @ 7:00, purple pride day, inauguration
172 of Ilfields, the bon fire and snake dance, homecoming parade, set up for Club HU will have to be
173 set up at a time for the pageant. The theme for Club HU is school pride. It would be nice to
174 have this set up before the alumni event takes place. Induction starts at 5:00 so if we could try
175 to get Club Hu set up. Treasurer Lopez asked how the point system works. It was addressed
176 that the team that had the most people show up got the points. VP Butts has not been able to
177 get the point system information out yet.

178 E. President Fries Inauguration

179 This was already covered before so try to get the word out. There is an inauguration and then
180 following is a reception.

181 F. Student Regent

182 In December Student Regent Salas will be done. There will be a committee which will consist of
183 the executive team and any other members who would like to be on this committee. There will
184 be a global email sent out. It takes a lot of time and acquires good representation of student
185 body and serves as a member of the board of regents and acts as a voting member. Senator
186 Martinez, Senator Ulibarri, Senator Salsa, Senator Apodaca, and Senator Means want to be a
187 part of this committee.

188 G. Election 2008 Senator Salas

189 The floor was yielded to the four representatives. They are here to encourage adults who are
190 representatives of the university and take an active role in this year's election. It's important
191 that everyone takes ownership in this election.

192 H. HACU DC

193 We are going to send five representatives to this event. It's only fair that the two senator
194 picked to go to Denver to go and two executive members to go. This will be picked out of a hat.
195 If you're a senator that went last year then you are not allowed to go again. The two people
196 picked to go to Denver will be allowed to go if still interested (Langster and Rodrigo)

197 I. Plaques (action items)

198 The plaques have not been put up and the other has not been made because President Parra
199 Perez does not know what to put on the plaques so if anyone wants to come up with something
200 to put on the Fallen Cowboy Plaques that would be great. Senator Maeastas believes that
201 these plaques should be put up and serve their purpose. Senator Rael asked if we should make
202 a motion and bring it to the Graduate Senates attention being that they paid for it. Senator
203 Rael made a motion that we give the Graduate Senate our recommendation as to where these
204 plaques should be placed. They have the choice to accept or decline our recommendation and
205 make a need based decision. Senator Means had the second.

206 VIII. Committee Reports

207 A. Finance : had nothing to report

208 B. Activities: they met on Friday and worked on decorations for the float. They talked about
209 having Olympic Games on wed at 2:00. They came up with some games and have senators

210 there to help out in central park. The theme for the parade is the cars theme. Don't drink and
211 drive and DWI awareness is going to be donated by someone from Santa Fe.

212 C. Pres App/Gov Affairs: They met earlier today and apologized for the senators who weren't able
213 to come because of miscommunication on times and what not. There will be a meeting the
214 following week and that way they can discuss things about the Gov. Affairs and working on
215 legislative priorities. Senator Siben said he hasn't been aware of the meetings or has not given
216 out information.

217 D. Steering and Rules: They met on Thursday at 9:00 they came out with a format and
218 recommendation form for the scholarship. There was a copy sent around to see if there is
219 anything that needed to be added or taken off. This will be sent out to all senators and will be
220 an action item at the next meeting. Everyone needs to take a good look at it and bring those
221 changes. Their next meeting is October 31, 2008. They are looking and revising the
222 constitution and bylaws.

223 IX. Comments:

224 Budget adjustment will be put into the next agenda.

225 Senator Bernard mentioned that if we give senators more time to speak that everyone wants an
226 interview of respect and time when speaking. Senator Siben mentioned that he raised his hands
227 about three times and just feels that somehow the chair should be fair and look into time and there
228 is very little time to ask about the budget and other items. They have comments and questions and
229 feels they are not being heard. President Parra Perez mentioned that she does understand what is
230 going on and the concerns, but by following Roberts Rule we should be speaking less than we are at
231 some points more than others.

232 X. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting

233 Senator Roseby made a motion to set a meeting for Sunday November 2, 2008 at 7:30. Second
234 was made by Senator Rael.

235 XI. Adjourn:

236 Senator Urquhart made a motion to adjourn second was made by Senator Martinez.

237 The meeting was adjourned at 9:31

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