

Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University

Regular Meeting November 2, 2008 7:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
The Regular Meeting of the Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University was called to order at 7:37 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
President Perrez asked if we could add rodeo anywhere after new business under abl. Senator Rael asked to add Rodeo fundraiser as item b. Senator Martinez had the second. Senator Ulibarri asked why there were not Officer Reports. President Parra Perez made the justification that she had some complaints that people weren't getting adequate time to speak. Things will be covered under comments and will later be added to comments and can be changed through the constitution.
Senator Urqohart, Senator Lopez, and Senator Tresor to their seats at 7:42 p.m.
President Pro Temp asked to put the officer reports under comments the second was made by Senator Rael. Senator Rael made the motion to approve the agenda as amended Senator Lopez had the second.
- V. Approval of Minutes:
VP Butts asked the senate to look over the minutes that were put in their box.
Senator Rael made a motion to approve the minutes Senator Martinez had the second.
- VI. Spirit Awards
Leroy Cruz and Jeremiah Fresquez are being recognized for their hard work and commitment. They are always working hard and cleaning up after events we have put on. They always do it with a smile on their face and are always doing it together. This is the highest award that can be presented to an individual from the senate and just want to recognize and thank them for their great efforts. Juan Silva who is not present was the master mind behind the Viva Las Vegas event. He was also recognized as RA of the month. Unfortunately he was not able to make it tonight. Senator Martinez said he has helped a lot and organized the Ben Lujan thing that happened this last week. VP Butts mentioned that we need to send an award to facilities in general because they really helped us during homecoming week.
Senator Roseby was recognized to her seat at 7:51 pm.
- VII. New Business
 - A. ABL (Ron)
Asked to be put on the agenda because he is coming to us to see if we have any concerns and take an active role in trying to change these things. He knew there was a senator who was complaining about being rude.
 - B. Rodeo Fundraiser.

Asked if five people if they can work from 5:30- 9:pm to help this with this event. They are going to have a silent auction. This event is going to take place on Saturday November 8, 2008 at the Zamora Arena on the Santa Fe Trail. The five people that are going to commit are Kasey, Nick, JP, Seandee, and Rebecca. There are other sports and organizations that will be helping with this event. A paper was passed around with their numbers so that the individual could contact each senator and give them details as to what to wear.

C. Scholarship (action item)

The senators got a template as to what needs to be turned in for the scholarship application. They need to turn in a transcript and if there are any questions or comments about this template they can let President Pro Temp Ulibarri know. Senator Ivo said that with respect with the last question that it should say information and not formation. VP Butts asked that if they felt that they have adequate time to look this over before voting on it since it was supposed to be e-mailed out. However, there were technical difficulties. Senator Rael made a motion to table this until the next meeting just so it gives the senate enough time to look it over to see if anything needs to be changed. Senator Means had the second.

President Parra Perez asked if everyone was going to be eligible to everyone. President Pro Temp Ulibarri made it clear that it is open to any individual.

D. Budget Adjustment (action item)

VP Butts made it clear that this was on the agenda because people wanted to move moneys around to adjust this budget. Right now we are in the hole \$275 for the semester. Treasure Lopez mentioned that we could move money and his suggestion is to move the money from the out of state travel line. The wisest thing to do is move the money out of next semesters budget as mentioned by VP Butts. Senator Rael mentioned that we have a large excess amount of money in the Book Store and Club HU line item in which we could move they money out of. Treasurer Lopez mentioned that he and President Parra Perrez talked to the people in the Business Office and they could take the money out of the Roll Over money. This action item does not have to be put on the agenda as an action item being that it could be taken out of the Business office roll over money. VP Cordova-Romero mentioned that there is roll over money from the previous years due to enrollment or expenditures that have not been touched and everyone has to be aware that there are moneys that have been set aside for the senate to access the money. It's not for anything and everything, however we can go back and request money from that roll over account and use it for a significant proposal. In the past the roll over moneys have been used for the museum and for Club Hu. If the enrollment stays the same for the Spring Semester then it will help with our budget for that semester. Senator Tresor asked if we could have copies of the expenses we have used this semester so we know what's going on. VP Butts asked if it could be prepared and emailed. Senator Maestas made a motion that we don't see anymore bills and resolutions since we can't disperse any money. VP Butts mentioned that we are coming up towards the end of the semester and clubs and organization should know and have

an understanding that if we don't have the money in the budget then they will have to wait until the next semester. VP Butts mentioned that if clubs and organizations want money they need to wait till January to ask for money. Senator Tresor mentioned that the treasurer needs to distribute a budget report monthly and if we would have had this maybe we wouldn't have gone over.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Finance: the committee doesn't have to meet thus far because they have no bills or resolutions to talk about.
- B. Activities: Senator Ulibarri just wanted to thank everyone for all their help and support.
- C. Pres App/ Gov Aff: Senator Rael wants to meet at least two times before the semester ends so they can talk about things for next semester. He is also going to look into getting people to get their defensive driving course. VP Butts asked if they could meet more than twice since these events for the legislature are going to be taking soon rapidly. Senator Means mentioned that he is unclear as to why he hasn't been contacted for these meetings and that way he makes sure he is fulfilling these duties. Senator Rael made it clear that he will contact and forward information to people in a timely manner. Senator Siben wanted to know if Senator Rael had the correct e-mail address for him since he wasn't getting any e-mails.
- D. Steering and Rules: They were not able to meet because of an emergency that came up and they will be having their next meeting soon and she will contact those people.

IX. Comments

VP Butts mentioned that after two weeks of pleasure and homecoming she has the total points for teams and she went off the lists. Teams who had most of their members there they got one point for attending. The team that is in the lead is the Green team with five points. The pink, orange, blue have four points and the red team has blue. The activities this went off of were. Two senators are really sick this afternoon. One left the emergency room to come to the meeting just to come to the meeting. Senator Fields has strep throat and mono. Keep them in your thoughts. We are going to do points for the last basketball game and volleyball game. Senator Ulibarri wants to know when we are going to get our team color shirts. We will have team shirts but they will be made differently because of the budget. President Parra Perez made a note that we are not going to spend our budget money on shirts when people aren't going to participate just to have a shirt. VP Butts mentioned that she was very disappointed with the homecoming participation. There were only two people who attended the painting of the "H". we need to be able to make time to show up to these events that are being put on. As senators we have a job to fulfill. For the rest of the semester we need to do things as a group and let the students know we are here to support them in different ways. We really need to represent the senate and university in a positive way. Senator Means is happy this was brought up his biggest concern is that when people signed up to be senators if they realized the time and commitment needed to fulfill this position. It's very frustrating to him that there are always so many time conflicts and changing of things because we should be at a higher level. During homecoming he thinks that we need to plan homecoming and different things because it was done after

midterms and this affected students because they just got grades and saw what they needed to focus on and that really hurt homecoming events. VP Butts mentioned that the alumni committee/association is the group who picks these events. We only had four games this year so it would have had to be done in September. Next year homecoming will be done in September. Senator Tresor asked if we could make a recommendation to this committee and maybe suggest a month in which we can have appropriate timing for homecoming. Senator Martinez wants to thank the guy in which allowed us to use his vehicle. Senator Martinez mentioned that they thought the senate was going to be there to help out with the event and with the Ben Lujan event. There was some miscommunication because people just thought they had to be there. We just provided transportation to individuals wanting to vote.

Senator Lopez wants to mention that on November 20th they are having that career thing in Albuquerque and would like to encourage everyone to attend. VP Cordova-Romero mentioned that it's a federal job fair and federal will be there with various job opportunities. He asked for everyone to sign the release form and you have to attend some things to go to some things prior. Everyone who signed up to go on the bus they have to go to the event and not just for a ride to Albuquerque.

Senator Maeastas mentioned that we did not have officer reports and being that we have Dr. Linder here we should have him report. There will be an executive meeting this week and the senate will meet next week. The same issues that were mentioned last time will be covered in this meeting along with the accreditation of whether the university stays open or not. There is a necessity for all groups on campus to be involved in this. The senate will be called upon with the strategic planning. If there are any questions at this time he will be happy to take them.

Senator Means wanted to add one comment that all the security lights are set up and thought that once these things were set up and saw that the security don't interact with the students anymore and students feel they don't have a relationship with the security being that they are always driving around. Maybe we can talk to the security department and try to talk to them to somehow administer a better relationship. A lot of students feel that the security don't care about them and they want to be able to feel comfortable and feel that security is there for them. President Parra Perez mentioned that we are our own jurisdiction so students don't really have any choice but to have contact our security. They are always at every event and working. They are making an effort because they have bikes and are always walking around. Senator Means just wanted to raise his concern and the student's attitude towards them. President Parra Perez asked that once the chief comes to talk to the senate if he could bring his concerns up to him at that time. The places the light poles are set up have been selected by the senate, ITS, and security because of previous events that have happened in the past. The high profile areas were picked accordingly.

Senator Means wanted to warn everyone that his commitment to the senate he was concerned about the way the senate represents themselves because he spent a lot of money on new clothes to represent himself as a senator. President Parra Perez wanted to congratulate our king and queen and is an honor to have them in our senate.

VP Cordova Romero wanted to thank all the senators who attended the inauguration and participated in the homecoming events. Everyone represented the senate in a great way and thanks everyone for being active and present in the events. Senator Means made a very clear and good point and when we are representing the senate we need to take into consideration about our appearance. VP Butts is going to ask Secretary Quintana to sent out a list for attendance so everyone can see where everyone stands. President Parra Perez mentioned that the senate chambers are always a mess and wants to know if we can hold anyone accountable for the events that are being held in here because it's our senate chambers and we always have to clean up after others. We need continue to reinforce this to Margaret and ask why they aren't going to be held accountable for their contracts. Senator Rael said that we have money allocated for new furniture. Treasurer Lopez asked what happens to the money that others pay to use the chambers. VP Cordova Romero mentioned that it goes into the campus life budget and we benefit from this as well. VP Butts stated that there are only two more meetings left in the semester and encourages others to continue to come to the meetings because she would hate to lose any senator this late into the semester

X. Set time and date for next meeting:

Senator Ulibarri made a motion to have a meeting on November 16, 2008 the Second was held my Senator Maeastas

XI. Adjourn

Senator Rael made a motion to adjourn senator Martinez had the second. The meeting is adjourned at 8:51.