

Senate Meeting #1
Sunday, 1-26-2014
Associated Student of New Mexico Highlands University
1st Regular Senate Meeting
Sunday January 26, 2014 @3pm
Governance Room (SUB 3rd Floor)

Call Meeting to Order at 3:00pm by Juan Sanchez (Acting Vice President)

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Done by Senator Thompson (Acting Secretary)

Crystal (Tina) Sione (Graduate)	Absent
Juan Sanchez (Undergraduate)	Present
Grace Thompson (Undergraduate)	Present
Kemoy Christie (Undergraduate)	Present
Guillermo Martinez (Undergraduate)	Present
Adam Brister (Graduate)	Present
Maria Alaena Romero (Undergraduate)	Present
Ramon M. Martinez (Undergraduate)	Present
Khanh Pham (Graduate)	Present
Gabriel Cordova (Undergraduate)	Present
Easton Hargrave (Undergraduate)	Present
Krystol Myers (Undergraduate)	Present*
Jordan Williamson (Undergraduate)	Present
Devon Allen (Undergraduate)	Present
Joseph Dominguez (Undergraduate)	Present
Jonathan Martinez (Undergraduate)	Absent
Danisha Phipps (Undergraduate)	Present*
Kushum Shrestha (Undergraduate)	Present
Ryan Andrews-Armijo (Undergraduate)	Present
Juan Jauregui (Undergraduate)	Present
Sheneika Rochester (Undergraduate)	Present*
Jerece Maxwell (Undergraduate)	Present*
Sasha Rollins (Graduate)	Absent
Kennith Ryan (Graduate)	Present
Geno Castio (Graduate)	Present
Gia LaFerriere (Graduate)	Present

* Indicates Tardiness

Approval of Agenda: Kemoy- correction to name spelling. Motion to approve made by Cordova, 2nd Jauregui. Motion passes. Unanimous

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion set to approve last meeting's minutes by Armijo, 2nd Cordova. Motion passes. Unanimous.

Recognize senator Phipps, Rochester, Maxwell: 3:04pm

Unanimous and General Consent:

*Congrats to Women's Track Team:

"NMHU women's track and field won the DII championship at the Air Force Invite over the weekend- the Cowgirls won four events (Pentathlon, Long Jump, Pole vault, 5000) and took the national lead in the pentathlon and long jump performance lists. West Las Vegas grad Jayme Quintana took 3rd in the 800 and ran a leg on the 5th place mile relay to help the HU squad win the meet by more than 20 points."

*Report from Las Vegas Bowl Game (with \$250 senate had given). From exercise and sports club.

*Concern from Senator Brister about the minutes from meetings being posted on the NMHU website. Response from Dean Trujillo given.

Action Items: No comments

Vacancies:

Vice President Position: Fulfilled by Juan Sanchez. Oath taken

Secretary Position: 1st Armijo, 2nd Cordova. For: Brister and Rochestor. Unanimous. Oath taken.

President Pro Temp Position:

Nominations:

*Dominguez, by G. Martinez, 2nd Brister.

*Armijo, by Cordova, 2nd Jauregui

*Allen, by Christie, 2nd Phipps : Nomination Declined

Speeches given stating resume points

7 For Dominguez, 3 for Armijo, 3 Abstentions.

Joseph Dominguez- Pro Temp. Oath taken.

Amendment to agenda- motion made by Cordova to change from "Graduate senate seats" to just "senate seats to fill". 2nd by Jauregui. Motion passes. 13 for, 0 against, 1 Abstention.

Senate Seats to Fill

Candidates:

*Geno

*Kahn

*Giavanna

*Alaena

Motion to have an executive session. Armijo, 2nd Cordova. Motion passes. Unanimous.

Motion made to exit executive session. Cordova, 2nd Dominguez. Motion passes Unanimous.

Motion to vote in all four members into the senate. Cordova, 2nd Dominguez

2 For: Cordova, Brister

2 Against:

Motion passes. Unanimous.

Oath taken

Bills and Resolutions:

Discussion of graduate funds. The question on the table was whether or not to join the graduate funds and the undergraduate funds together.

Inasio- graduate student. Bill to obtain funding to do comparative analysis in the desert. Asking for \$622.73. Needs a chainsaw, tools to fix the chainsaw, wood, staples, shovel, tools about \$400, needs assistance as well (due to recent injury). Presenting his research is in his plan.

Graduate chair- Approves full funding.

Motion set by Williamson to grant full funding of \$622.73, 2nd Castio.

Motion passes. Unanimous.

Brister- graduate senator/student. Requesting money to research volcanos. He is requesting \$1,300.00.

Motion to grant him the money set by Jauregui, 2nd Cordova.

2 for: Williamson, Ryan

2 against:

Motion Passes. 17 for, 0, against, 1 abstention.

Brister- On behalf of Molly Wright. Research on forest fires and effects on amphibians. She is requesting funding for \$1,600.00. Doing a trip and taking some undergraduate students. She is expected to do a presentation at the end of her research. Graduate funds recommend \$1,300.00.

Motion set to grant the recommended funds by Cordova, 2nd Dominguez.

2 for: Cordova, Dominguez

2 against:

16 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Recognize Senator Myers to her seat at 4:48pm

Officer's Reports:

President Tina Sione: not present

Vice President Juan Sanchez: Addresses the new members about committees and some expectations of senators.

Secretary Grace Thompson: Thank you for the appointment. First order of business will be to get the Senate minutes more formally done and posted on the NMHU website.

Treasurer Kemoy Christie: Shirt and stole information given. Stipend money allocation information reflecting attendance. Gloria Brown scholarship is out.

President Pro Tempt Joseph Dominguez: Thank you for all who voted for him, congratulations to new senators.

Attorney General Guillermo Martinez: Welcome back from break. Ideas for constitutional change please submit soon. Welcome new senators.

Chair Committees: Activities: keep going to events, Finance: no comment, Steering and Rule: attendance question about committee meetings, Presidential App: good meeting today, Graduate: no comment this week, Marketing: requested information about Gloria Brown to post it, Justice: no comment.

New Business: No comments

Old Business: No comments

Dean of Students Report – Dr. Fidel J. Trujillo:

*Leaving your mark on ASNMHU: photography session to plan. Also to move the group pictures from past senates into the new Student Union Building.

*Big ticket item this year during the state legislative session is the Lottery Scholarship. A lobbying effort is being discussed.

*Planning an active shooter training tentatively scheduled for early March. What to do in the event of a shooter on campus.

Set Date and Time of Next Meeting: February 9th, 3pm

Motion made by Cordova, 2nd by Williamson

Motion passes: Unanimous

Adjournment: Motion made by Armijo, 2nd by Cordova. Motion passes: Unanimous