Associated Student of New Mexico Highlands University
3rd Regular Senate Meeting
Sunday February 23rd, 2014 @3pm
Governance Room (SUB 3rd Floor)

I. Call Meeting to Order- 3:04pm

II. Pledge

III. Roll Call

Crystal (Tina) Sione (Graduate) Present
Jaun 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
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
Kushman Shrestha (Undergraduate) Present
Ryan Andrews-Armijo (Undergraduate) Present
Juan Jauregui (Undergraduate) Present
Sheneika Rochester (Undergraduate) Present
Jereece Maxwell (Undergraduate) Present
Sasha Rollins (Graduate) Absent
Kennith Ryan (Graduate) Present
Geno Castio (Graduate) Present
Gia LaFerriere (Graduate) Present
Khanh Pham (Graduate) Present

Those marked by * were tardy.

IV. Approval of Agenda: motion by Dominguez, 2nd by Castio. Motion passes unanimously.
V. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Cordova, 2nd by Dominguez. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Unanimous and General Consent:

VII. Action Items
Vacancies- Nothing to report yet
- Grad Student Seat- Nothing to report yet

Bills and Resolutions
Amanda Aragon- travel funds to a conference. Geo heritage study. build knowledge on satellite imagery. Information will be presented at highlands. asking for $875, recommended $500. Motion to give recommended funds made by Castio, 2nd by Jauregui 2 for: Brister, Jauregui
Motion passes unanimously.

Adrian Carter- snapping turtles in rio-mora national refuge to track the behavior of snapping turtles and the lack of bull frogs in the area. asking for $1500. Does plan on presenting information. he needs money to trap the turtles so he can study them. Recommended $500 Motion to give recommended funds made by Williamson, 2nd by Myers
2for: Williamson, Sione
Motion passes unanimously

Jose Griego- Biology grad student. studying a specific type of frog. using frogs to study the effects of different climates and living conditions. Planning to present at research day. Requesting $1000. Recommended amount $500
Motion to give recommended funds made by Dominguez, 2nd by Jauregui
2for- Dominguez, Jauregui
Motion passes unanimously

Casey Taylor- Biology. Urban black bear populations. black bears that are coming into city limits. She wants to know how many bears are coming into town and living there during the summer. plans to present at multiple locations. Asking $1000. Recommends $500
Motion to give recommended funds made by Williamson, 2nd by Armijo
2for: Castio, Cordova
Motion passes unanimously

Vincent Nolasco- trip the NCAA trip to Cleveland, Ohio for Wrestling. Funds would help to cover food and lodging. Asking for $800. Recommends $347
Motion to give recommended funds made by Romero, 2nd by Castio
2for: Williamson, Hargrave
Motion passes 18 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Picayune Club- not present
Gabriela Hernandez: Joteria Undocumented Tour. She does LGBT work. Requesting $641, full amount recommended.
Motion to give recommended funds made by Williamson, 2nd by Myers
2for: Allen, Williamson
Motion passes unanimously.

LIFT club- asking money for their trip. And their festival of light celebration. Asking for $500
Motion to give recommended funds made by Armijo, 2nd by Cordova.
2for: Pham,
Motion passes: unanimously

VIII. Officer’s Reports:
President Tina Sione: Thank you all for coming. Wishing we could grant everyone the money they are requesting but glad we can help in some way.
Vice President Juan Sanchez: Nothing to report
Treasurer Khemoi Christie: Not present yet.
Secretary Grace Thompson: Sorry for the delay last week, head is getting better.
Attorney General Guillermo Martinez: There will be some changes in the constitution to go over.
President Pro Tempt Joseph Dominguez: Nothing to report
Chair Committees: Activities: Come see Grease! Finance, Steering and Rule, Presidential App,
Graduate: There has been a lot of money given away from the graduate committee, how is our method of business? Marketing, Justice.

IX. New Business: Allen: concern with deconstruction of the roads. lots of potholes. complaints from students. What can we do to help with fixing these.

X. Old Business:

XI. Dean of Students Report – Dr. Fidel J. Trujillo: Given by designee, Rhiannon Lizardo, Office of Campus Life.

The university participated in an “Active Shooter” Training on February 14th, conducted by the Las Vegas Police Department. The training included the “Run, Hide, Fight” curriculum. It was attended by Housing staff (RD’s and R’s), as well as Student Affairs personnel and Human Resources Representative. There are plans to host similar training for the boarder campus community in the future.

Dr. Trujillo has been appointed as Chair of the search and screen committee for the Athletic Director position. Committee members include Dr. Carol Linder (faculty); Anthony Palvic (Assisant Football Coach); Dominic Chavez (Business Office); Kimberly Blea (CVPP Director); David Luna (H-Club President); and student representative Grace Thompson. The vacancy announcement will post soon.

The office of Accessibility Services is planning to conduct training on the American with Disabilities Act, as it pertains to service animals and required documentation. This is after some complaints in campus facilities about students with pets in the buildings citing protections under ADA. The date/time/location of the training has not yet been announced.
There is a Board of Regents meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 27th, 2014, with committee meetings taking place on Monday, March 24th.

Students, athletes, and club/organizations are encouraged to attend an amazing production sponsored by the Campus Violence Prevention Office that emphasizes consent and healthy boundaries on April 1st at 7 p.m. in Ilfeld Auditorium. The interactive play will address the serious issues related to preventing sexual assault and rape.

The Career Services Office announced the date of the Spring Career Fair. It will take place April 3, 2014 in the SUB.

The NMHU Student Leadership Banquet is scheduled for April 9th, 2014 in the SUB ballroom.

Dr. Trujillo sends a reminder to ASNMHU executives and senators that individual students (including undergraduates) are eligible to request funding from ASNMHU for school-related activities even if they are not affiliated with a campus club or organization. They need to follow established procedures for requesting funding, but the fact that they are not part of a club or organization does not preclude them from requesting or receiving funding from ASNMHU.

Follow-up meetings with A’viands Food Services about proposed increases in meal plan rates have not formalized actual amounts. Student requests for Soft-serve Ice Cream machine have been heard and arrangements are underway to obtain the equipment.

XII. Public Comments:

XIII. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting: Executive order by President Sione to have the date and time of the next meeting to be March 2nd, 2014 at 3pm.

XIV. Adjournment: Motion set by Armijo, 2nd by Castio. Motion passes unanimously. 4:07pm