

1st Regular Meeting of Fall 2014 Semester
Sunday, August 24, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
NMHU Governance Room, SUB 3rd Floor

I. Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Joseph Dominguez (President)

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call.

President Joseph Dominguez - Present
Vice President Gabriel Gordova- **Absent**
Secretary Jereece Maxwell- Present
Treasurer Danisha Phipps—Present
Senator Joshua Alcon -- **Excused**
Senator Ryan Andrews Armijo - Present
Senator Katie Gannon – Present
Senator Brandon Gourd-Gallegos - Present
Senator Ariadna Izaguirre -- Present
Senator Juan Jauregui - Present
Senator NatashaLujan- **Absent**
Senator Guillermo Martinez – Present
Senator Miranda Martinez- Present
Senator Krystol Myers- Present
Senator Julian Padilla – **Absent**
Senator Chantel Rivera -- Present
Senator Maria Aleana Romero – Present
Senator John- Ramon Vigil --- Present
Senator Giavanna LaFerriere - Present
Senator Daniel Garza- Present
Senator Vincent Nolasco – Present
Senator Sheneika Rochester -- Present
Senator Ngrochap Asong – Present
Senator Iris Mancera – Present
Parliamentarian Marcus Garcia – Present

IV. Approval of Agenda ---- Motion to approve agenda made by Senator Nolasco, 2nd by Senator Jauregui. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting --- Motion to approve minutes of April 27, 2014 ASNMHU meeting by Senator Martinez, 2nd by Senator Jauregui. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Swearing In of Officers Not Present at ASNMHU Gala --- Dr. Trujillo administered the Oath of Office to Graduate Senator Daniel Garza, College of Arts & Sciences.

VII. Review of Parliamentary Procedures/Meeting Expectations – Dr. Trujillo provided a basic review of parliamentary procedures and introducing legislation. In summary, he says that speaking privileges are reserved exclusively for officers and/or guests recognized by the Chairperson. The proper way to address members of ASNMHU is title followed by last name, i.e., President Dominguez, Senator Rivera, Secretary Maxwell or simply “Mr. President, Madam Secretary,

etc.” Dr. Trujillo provided an overview of the difference between bills and resolutions. Bills are legislation in which senate approval is required for allocating funds. Example: A bill in the amount of \$200 for the NMHU Lift Club. Procedures were discussed surrounding club communication and justification for funding, sponsorship by a Senator, introducing the bill, voting, and signature requirements. A resolution is legislation from ASNMHU that proposes amendments to the constitution (A resolution amending the section on salaries/stipends, for example) or states a position by ASNMHU (supporting graduation requirements to be decreased from 128 to 120 credit hours). Dr. Trujillo talked about expectations in the Governance Room, no food or drink, no talking on cell phones or texting during meetings, gentlemen should remove headgear. He also talked about protocol for members arriving late to meetings.

VIII. Filling of Vacancies

- A. Parliamentarian— Marcus Garcia, a graduate student in Exercise and Sport Science from Las Vegas, NM, was nominated by President Dominguez to serve as Parliamentarian as authorized by the ASNMHU Constitution. This position was changed from Attorney General to Parliamentarian by referendum in last year’s election. President Dominguez reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the position and formally nominated Mr. Garcia. Mr. Garcia introduced himself and his qualifications for the position. Motion made by Senator Martinez to confirm the nomination, 2nd by Senator Nolasco. Motion passed with a vote of 12 for and 3 against.
- B. Senator (Undergraduate) --- John Ramon Vigil, a freshman History and Education major from Espanola, NM, was nominated by President Dominguez. Mr. Vigil introduced himself and his qualifications for the position of Senator. He has been very active in student council at the High School level, serving as student body president at his HS and at the State Student Council level. Motion made by Senator Rochester, 2nd by Senator Jauregui, Motion passed with a vote of 14 for and 1 against.
- C. Graduate Senator (School of Social Work) Iris Mancera, Nominated by President Dominguez. Ms. Mancera addressed the Senate and talked about her leadership skills as well as academic interests. Motion made by Senator Martinez, 2nd by Senator Nolasco. Motion passed with a vote of 11 for 2 against and 2 abstentions.
- D. Graduate Senator (School of Business) Ngrochap Asong, Nominated by President Dominguez. Ms. Asong addressed the Senate about her background and interest in serving on ASNMHU. Motion made by Senator Martinez, 2nd by Senator Jaurequi. Motion passed with a vote of 14 for and 1 abstention.
- E. Senate President Pro Tempore- Senator Ryan Armijo, Senator Shanika Rochester, and Senator Guillermo Martinez were nominated. A vote was taken by the Senate and the highest vote getter for the position of Pro Temp was Senator Ryan Armijo. She will serve as a liaison between Senators and Executive and receive a meeting stipend of \$35 per meeting. After being confirmed, Senate President Pro Tempore Ryan Armijo assumed the Chairperson role since the Vice President was absent.

VIII. ASNMHU Budget for 2014-2015. Treasurer Phipps provided a sheet that clearly broke down line items in the budget for 2014-15. She discussed amounts and projected expenses. Treasurer Phipps and President Dominguez discussed limits on funding for clubs/organizations and individuals. Motion made by Senator Martinez to approve the budget as presented. 2nd by Senator Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Committee Discussion/Appointments --- Motion made by Senator Martinez to go into a ten minute recess in order for Senators to consider and indicate committee assignment preferences. 2nd by Senator Nolasco Motion passed unanimously. After the recess, Senate Pro Temp and Secretary Maxwell read the names of committee appointments for 2014-15.

- A. Activities - : Chair Alaena Romero, Giavanna LaFeriere, Brandon Gourd Gallegos, Katie Gannon, Chantel Rivera, John Ramon Vigil, Miranda Martinez
 - B. Finance -- Chair: Danisha Phipps, Daniel Garza, Sheneika Rochester, Ngrodrap Asong
 - C. Presidential Appointments - Chair: Ryan Armijo, Alaena Romero, Sheneika Rochester, Katie Gannon, Juan Jauregui, Chantel Rivera
 - D. Marketing - Ngrodrap Asong, Vincent Nolasco, John Ramon Vigil, Jereece Maxwell, Giavanna LaFeriere, Ariadna Izaguirre, Natasha Lujan.
 - E. Graduate -- Joseph Dominguez, Jereece Maxwell, Danisha Phipps, Giavanna LaFeriere, Daniel Garza, Vincent Nolasco, Sheneika Rochester, Iris Mancera.
 - F. Steering and Rules-- Juan Jauregui, Giavanna LaFeriere, Miranda Martinez, Ryan Armijo
 - G. Ad Hoc: Food Services and Student Regent Screening-- Chantel Rivera, Brandon Gourd Gallegos, Katie Gannon, John Ramon Vigil and Joseph Dominguez, Miranda Martinez, Alaena Romero, Chantel Rivera
 - H. Judicial Branch – Chief Justice Guillermo Martinez, Justice Juan Jauregui, and Justice Iris Mancera.
 - I. Faculty Senate Liaisons – Senator Ariadna Izaguirre, President Joseph Dominguez
- X. Discussion of Date/Time of Regular Meeting Schedule. After some discussion about best days/times for meetings, it was decided that regular meetings should be held at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Motion made by Senator Martinez, 2nd by Senator Rochester. Motion passed with a vote of 11 for and 2 against.
- XI. Officer Reports
- A. President- Welcome back and welcome new senators, scholarship for students
 - B. Vice President – Not present
 - C. Secretary – welcome back, confirmation of email addresses, and sign up for office hours on the sheet provided. Senators must be present at all meetings to receive the maximum required
 - D. Treasurer- Nothing to report
 - E. Parliamentarian – Will have a list of by-laws ready for next meeting, as required by constitution.
 - F. President Pro-Tempore – Nothing to report
- XII. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate - Dr. Fidel J Trujillo:
 Dr. Trujillo reported decreased enrollment on the main campus, with figures down 7-9% from last fall semester. Impressed upon Senate’s role as leaders and representatives of the campus to assist in recruitment and retention efforts by the university. He stated that this first meeting included a lot of business and necessary orientation to ASNMHU topics, but members need to be thinking about ways to improve both the Senate in particular and the university in general. Student government can be improved by promoting more efficient operational methods. He discussed the role of graduate members and the budget they have from graduate student fees. In general, Dr. Trujillo encouraged the Senate to think creatively about ideas to improve student transportation issues. He welcomed new members and greeted returning members and looks forward to a good year.
- XIII. Set Date/Time of Next Meeting- Sunday September 7th at 5pm

XIV. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Senator Martinez, 2nd by Senator Jauregui. Motion passed unanimously.