

# Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University | MEETING MINUTES

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November 8, 2015 | 5:00pm | Student Union Building – Governance Room

Meeting called to order by: **Vice President Cordova**

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**5:01pm**

## ROLL CALL

*Senator:*

Angelica Gonzalez *Excused*

Tarissa Mellin *Present*

Alejandra Roa *Present*

Ariadna Izaguirre *Present*

Shyann Romero Martinez *Present*

Tamlyn Crain *Present*

Trenton Ward *Present*

Krystol Myers *Present*

Xiaowei Wu *Present*

Jereece Maxwell *Present*

Isaac Lopez *Present*

Giavanna LaFerriere *Present*

Natasha Lujan *Present*

Leticia Merrills-Gonzalez *Present*

Rachael Zayas *Present*

Steven Gonzales *Present*

*President:* Joseph Dominguez *Present*

*Vice President:* Gabriel Cordova *Present*

*Secretary:* Alaena Romero *Present*

*Treasurer:* Danisha Phipps *Present*

*President Pro- Temp:* John Ramon Vigil *Present*

*Parliamentarian:* Marcus Garcia *Present*

## Approval of Agenda:

- Motion made by Senator Ward, second by Senator Mellin. Motion passes unanimously.

## Approval of October 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes: *Secretary Alaena Romero*

- Motion made by Senator Crain second by Senator Ward. Motion passes unanimously.

## General Consent Items:

- Dr. Fidel Trujillo congratulates and thanks the Career Services Department (and Director Ron Garcia) for the career fair that was held this past week. There was a record number of employers (42) and record number of student participants (636). In contrast, UNM's Career Fair, held the following day, attracted 22 employers and a little over 100 students.
- CESDP hosted its annual "Back to School Family Institute" in Albuquerque with a great turnout over the weekend. Dr. Trujillo presented at a break-out session that was well attended.
- Senator Merrills-Gonzalez thanks President Minner and his wife for opening their home to ASNMHU Senators on Thursday.

## Treasurer Report: *Danisha Phipps*

Undergraduate Balance: \$6,720

Graduate Balance: \$2,400

Homecoming: \$0

Misc: \$477.39

Retreat: \$415.55

- President Pro-Temp proposed another Spring Retreat for incoming senators because there are new senators that have been appointed, some officers will graduate at the semester, and some officers did not attend the first retreat.

## Action Items:

### *Undergraduate Senator Vacancies*-President Dominguez

- Thanks the Presidential Appointment Committee for meeting and they have met with chair of the committee, President Pro-Temp Vigil and they have nominated two students:
- *Kendall Buchman*- Freshmen NMHU Volleyball player from Albuquerque, NM  
Motion made by Senator Zayas and second by Senator Gonzales and is passed unanimously.  
Senator Buchman replaces Senator Joshua Alcon who resigned.

- *Destiny Pacheco*- Sophomore, studying Psychology and works in Student Support Services. Motion made by Senator LaFerriere second by Senator Ward. Motion passes unanimously. Senator Pacheco replaces Senator Chantel Rivera, who resigned.

**Graduate Bills:**

- **Behnaz Yekkeh**
- *is requesting \$745.00 studying the impact and flow of Galileans River*  
-Recommendation from Graduate Committee is recommended by \$675.00  
-Motion made by President Pro-Temp Vigil and second by Senator Lopez Motion passes (16 For/ 1 abstention)
- **Student Ambassadors:** \$500.00 to purchase jackets for their club.  
-Recommendation by the finance committee is \$500.00  
-Motion made by Pro-Temp Vigil and second by senator Wu. Motion passes unanimously.
- **NMHU Women's Center:** \$500.00 for newsletter and money for t-shirts.  
-Recommendation by finance committee \$500.00  
-motion made by Pro-Temp Vigil second by Senator Ward. Motion passes unanimously.
- **Undergraduate Social Work Association:** Undergraduate social work students and are requesting money for their Thanksgiving food drive. \$500.00
- Motion made by Senator Izaguirre second by Senator Zayas. Motion passes unanimously.
- **Ceaser Librian Thanksgiving Drive**  
-Motion to move Retreat money from budget to Misc. Fund  
-Motion made by Senator LaFerriere and second by Pro-Temp Vigil. Motion passes unanimously.  
-Motion approved for Funding to Activities Committee. Motion made by Senator Merrills-Gonzalez second by Senator Mellin, Motion passes unanimously.

**Informational Items:**

**Executive Reports:** *President Dominguez Report:*

- Board of Regents meeting tomorrow on November 9, 2015. His informational report consists of highlighting ASNMHU activities during the Fall 2015 semester, including a breakdown of funds allocated to campus clubs and organizations and to graduate students for research and professional development. As well, he will formally present Resolution #1 on the student feedback to the Strategic Planning process, mission, vision, and priorities.
- President Dominguez asks students to keep an eye out and discourage vandalism if witnessed, there was previous vandalism on steps by the Felix Martinez Building on the newly constructed sidewalk.

*Vice- President Cordova:*

- Welcomes new senators that were sworn in. Senators appear to dress professional and a reminder that there should be no cell phone use during meetings.
- Gratitude of student ambassadors and their dedication to recruitment.
- Appreciation to President Minner and his family for dinner and meeting with senators.

*Secretary Romero:*

- New senators can meet after the meeting to receive contact information.

*President Pro-Temp:*

- Last dinner scheduled on **Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm** at President Minner's house.
- Career Fair was this past week had 636 students attend. This will encourage employers to return to NMHU.

**Committee Reports:**

*Activities: Senator Izaguirre*

- Thanks senate and Dr. Fidel Trujillo for assisting in donating to the Thanksgiving drive.
- Activities Committee will be meeting after the senate meeting.

*Finance: Treasure Phipps:*

- Thanks Senator Crain for collecting bills for the week.
- ASNMHU Shirts should be worn by senators and executives each week, particularly at scheduled meetings.

*Food Committee: Pro-Temp Vigil*

-President Pro-Temp mentions Aviand's is in the process of soliciting ideas to name the cafeteria and has choices that students can vote on.

*Graduate: (NOTHING TO REPORT)*

*Judicial Branch: (NOTHING TO REPORT)*

*Marketing: (NOTHING TO REPORT)*

*Presidential Appointments: President Pro-Temp Vigil*

- Congratulations to the new senators and in the future there will be questions and a point systems that the Presidential Appointment Committee will use to evaluate incoming potential senators.

*Steering and Rules:*

- Currently working on graduate representation and internal business. Will meet after senate meeting.

*Faculty Senate Committee:*

- New renovated Media Arts building will be finished in June 2016 and there will be a camera set in the building to see how the progress is going.

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

-Informational meeting with Kimberly Blea of HU CARES and Dr. Trujillo regarding clarity of policy language pertinent to Sexual Offenses, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking. Also looking at coordinating federal reporting requirements under Title IX and the Clery Act, the annual crime statistics reports.

-Veterans Day celebration will be at 2:00pm in Centennial Park on Wednesday Nov 11, with participation of local Vietnam Veterans, re-enactment group from Ft. Union, and a keynote delivered by Chris Potter, a sophomore at NMHU and US Navy Veteran who served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is also the liaison for Veterans Upward Bound.

-Recognizes Office of recruitment and their successful College Night in the Student Union Ballroom. Over 300 students from 11 school districts participated in the event and departments from NMHU and Luna CC were showcased.

-Tomorrow (November 9<sup>th</sup>) is the first day of the transportation initiative through the Office of Campus Life. The schedule is as follows: Monday- Thursday from 6-9pm, Friday 10am- 2pm and 6-9pm. Driver will pick up students by Einstein's Bagels and drop off points include Walgreens, Lowe's Grocery Store, Walmart, the train station and bus depot. There will be no cost for these services and students must show student ID before boarding bus. No dependent children or outside parties are allowed.

-November is Native American Heritage Month and celebrations will start on November 9-13<sup>th</sup>, including "Rock Your Moccs" the popular Pueblo Throw, and the Miss Native NMHU Queen pageant.

**Announcements:**

-Vice President Cordova thanks students that have received funding for bills and NMHU Student Regent Armijo for staying throughout the whole senate meeting.

-Senator Zayas mentions that if anyone has any interest in Knitting to contact her, a Knitting group with NMHU First Lady Joan Minner has started up.

-Senator Izaguirre thanks Senator Zayas, Senator Romero-Martinez and Senator Crain for assisting in the 5k HU Cares Run.

**Next ASNMHU Meeting:**

- President Dominguez mentions that there are only two more meetings left in this semester and we will continue to keep meetings bi-weekly.
- Motion made by Senator Crain for meeting date set to November 22 at 5pm second by Senator Izaguirre. Motion passes unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

- Motion made by Senator Zayas and second by Senator Izaguirre. Motion passes unanimously.