



*ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY
Draft Meeting Minutes for Friday, September 9th 2016*

Call to order

ASNMHU Vice-President Isaac Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:02pm on Friday, September 9th 2016.

Attendees Include:

EXECUTIVES:

PRESIDENT PADILLA
VICE PRESIDENT LOPEZ
SECRETARY LUJAN
TREASURE GONZALES
PRESIDENT PRO- TEMPORE VIGIL

SENATORS:

BACA
CRAIN
GARCIA
MERRILLS-GONZALEZ
GRUENIG
MBADIE
MYERS
PACHECO
PENNANT
QUINTANA
ROCHESTER
TRUJILLO
WU
ABEYTA
WOLFEL

Members not in attendance included:

Senators

Trujillo
Myers

Approval of the Agenda

President Pro-Tempore Vigil motions to amend the agenda as the following: “Agenda Item VII- insertion of the words and Amending following the word approval and before the word of, Move discussion item XI-B to become agenda item VII and be considered an action item, move agenda item XV to become agenda item IX below the

aforementioned move, and table indefinitely item X.” Senator Merrills-Gonzalez also makes a motion to amend the agenda stating action item VI date shall be 2016 and not 2017. Motions is seconded by Senator Garcia, vote passes unanimously per voice vote.

General Consent Items

- President Pro-Tempore Vigil would like to thank the office of Student Affairs that provided the shuttle that took NMHU students to the burning of Zozobra and also would like to thank Student Affairs and KEPD for helping put together the even of Gabriel “Fluffy “ Iglesias.

Approval of the 08-19-16 Minutes

Senator Pacheco motions to approve the minutes of August 19th 2016, second by Senator Wu. Vote passes unanimously per voice vote.

Approval and Amending of ASNMHU Bylaws

Vice president Lopez asks for motion of a approval of ASNMHU bylaws and second before he accepts secondary motions to make amendments to the bylaws. President Pro-Tempore Vigil has put fourth a list of recommended amendments which are distributed to the body. Lopez requests a motion to approve the bylaws, Vigil recommends he read each bylaw with amendments before the approval the bylaws. A short break is given to read the by laws followed by questioning of the bylaws per Vigil. Senator Pacheco makes a motion to approve the bylaw presented by Pro- Tempore Vigil, chair calls the motion out of order, because he states the amendments need to be voted on one by one therefore the motion becomes a secondary motion to the motion of the bylaws. President Pro Tempore reads each of the bylaws to the entire body for clarification and transparency.

Bylaws are passed/or rejected as followed:

Bylaw 1.4: *passed* unanimously

Bylaw 1.1.6: *passed* per voice vote

Bylaw 1.1.7: 7 Yes, 2 No, and 5 abstain(*Rejected*)

Bylaw 1.1.8: 14 Yes (*Passed*)

Bylaw 1.2.17: 11 Yes, 2 No, and 1 abstain(*Passed*)

Bylaw 2.1.1 : 14 Yes(*Passed*)

Bylaw 2.1.2: 8 Yes, 4 No, and 2 abstain(*Passed*)

Bylaw 2.1.3: 9 Yes, 2 No, and 3 abstain(*Passed*)

Bylaw 2.1.4: 11 Yes,1 No, and 2 Abstain(*Passed*)

Bylaw 2.2.2 : 14 Yes(*Passed*)

Bylaw 2.2.4: 14 Yes(*Passed*)

Bylaw 2.2.4/5: 11 Yes,1No, and 2 Abstain(*Passed*)

Bylaw 4.1.1: 11 Yes, 1 No, and 2 Abstain(*Passed*)

Bylaw 4.1.2: 8 Yes, 3 No, and 3 Abstain(*Passed*)

Senator Pacheco motions to approve the ratified bylaws. 11 Yes 3 No. Vote passes therefore bylaws are passed and ratified.

Set Date and Time of ASNMHU Meetings for the Fall 2016 Semester

Senator Abeyta motions to set the next meeting date as Sunday, September 18th at 5:00pm in the Governance Room, second by Senator Pacheco. No debate was made, President Pro-Tempore vigil states that he is working with the office of EOS to get the meetings broadcasted and that a work study will be paid for those hours. Also a link will be provided on D2L for students can know the meetings are being broadcasted every other Sunday. Dean Kimberly Blea recommends that the money being used to pay the work study come out of the Academic Affairs budget. Motion is put to a vote with 13 Yes, and 1 against, vote passes.

Graduate Committee Budget Proposal

Motion made by Senator Rochester makes a motion to approve the graduate budget as follows:

\$2400.00- Stipends, \$600 miscellaneous, 5,000 per semester to fund clubs/ research etc. Overall Motion passes Unanimously.

Increasing Student Success and Academic Excellence

Motion made by President -Pro Temp Vigil to table until next meeting, second by Senator by Garcia. Vote passes unanimously therefore tabled until next meeting waiting for more in formation from Dr. Edward Martinez.

Discussion Items

Committee Assignments:

Vice President Lopez and President Pro-Tempore vigil created a list of committees that each senator will report to, and Secretary Lujan reads the list to the body.

Adjournment Affix

Senator Quintana motions to set a meeting adjournment to affix at 5:45pm second by Senator Pacheco, vote passes unanimously.

Officer Reports

President Padilla- President Padilla reports that the state of higher education is no longer a state priority and the consequences will have a direct effect on the entire generation. Including the topics of tuition increases and debt. Therefore he believes that the first step is to convince the legislature to find new ways to increase state revenues and to strive for fair distribution of funds. Therefore his goals while serving as ASNMHU President are to be a

national example of how to organize a university and represent at the legislature. He noted that he will successfully take 400 students to the legislature but aiming for a total of 1000 students. President Padilla also stated that VP Max Baca is going to sign a contract with either Pepsi or Coke for exclusive rights, in which the funds will be used to help fund transportation to the legislature. Also Padilla states that it is officially in the student handbook that Clubs and Organizations at NMHU are to have an advocacy requirement and all members must participate. President Padilla also gave out a written report last regular meeting and states that we are doing a good job, and that ASNMHU conducted the meeting well.

Vice President Lopez- Nothing to report

Secretary Lujan- The deadline to submit bills will be Wednesday, September 14th at 5:00pm and if Treasure Gonzales can send a copy of the bills for the agenda.

Treasure Gonzales- The only change to the budget was the amount allocated to undergraduate funds and he therefore sent the updated budget to the entire body.

Parliamentarian Tudor- Reports that ASNMHU may be in the reigns of discrimination both in the past and the present. Parliamentarian Tudor believes that using the pledge of allegiance but failing to acknowledge other countries is an act of discrimination, therefore recommending the practice must end and have one of two options. One being that the Pledge of Allegiance is no longer used at the start of the meetings and take them out of the meetings all together, or option two incorporate all other nations and allow them to say their own countries pledge, or continue to do things the way they are being done. Although he believes if ASNMHU does there will be consequences and repercussions, and he will not be held accountable because he informed ASNMHU of the wrongdoings.

President Pro Tempore Vigil- Recommends ASNMHU refers to ASNMHU Government rather than ASNMHU Senate because ASNMHU now represents the branches of Government.

Dean of Students Kimberly Blea- Tabled to next meeting

Public Participation

Justin Cook- A student at New Mexico Highlands University asks that ASNMHU becomes more present on campus and for the secretary to post an update of the minutes, agenda, and budget to the NMHU website. He also would like the \$500.00 cap to be reconsidered and increased because as a club that is first starting such as the ASNMHU band club \$500 is not enough to buy one instrument therefore leaving a heavy burden on its members. Also pointed out that Roberts Rule of Order is mainly to be used by the parliamentarian to govern the body within the rules. But it is noticed that the language used is in first person such as “I, I heard, or this should be” and that is incorrect, because the proper language for a procedure is by using the statement “point of order”, also no discussion should be made without a motion on the floor, nor privately to one another because everything shall be open for the whole body to hear.

A motion was made by Pro-Temp Vigil to suspend time second by senator Garcia, vote passes unanimously, time is suspended.

Omoyemi Ajisebutu- submitted a bill to ASNMHU to receive funding to attend a Midwest Culture Conference in Chicago although her bill was not on the Agenda. There was no information received by Treasurer Gonzales. She was asked to give her bill to Margret Gonzales, though the bill was never received for sponsorship. President Padilla requests that it put on the following meeting agenda.

Adjourn

Adjournment was made at 5:48pm on Friday, September 9th 2016.

Natasha N Lujan

Secretary

09-18-2016

Date of approval
