

Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University

Regular meeting: September 28, 2008 7:30 p.m.

- I. Call to order
The regular meeting of the Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University was called to order at 7:37 p.m. on September 14, 2008
- II. Pledge of allegiance
- III. Roll call
Senator Rael, Senator Marquez, Senator Apodaca, Senator Ngalla, & Senator Salas.
- IV. Approval of agenda
Senators Letter of Resignation to be added to New Business under Item D. (action item)
Item E. ASL Club Bill (was misplaced so it will be discussed)
Add bill 8 Black Student Association
Add Bill 7 Newman club
Add Bill 6 media arts club
Motion to approve agenda as amended was seconded by Senator Torres-Hughes
- V. Approval of minutes:
Motion to approval of minutes was made by Senator Martinez
Second was made by Senator Torres-Hughes
- VI. Presidential Appointments:
They didn't meet today but they have one appointment.
Kacey Urquhart: Wrestles and is an RA. Thinks he would be a good asset because he wants to see what the students needs are and be able to approach these problems. He was a member of PALS which worked with underprivileged kids. He wants to set a solid foundation and improve the style of highlands.
Senator Ndem asked him how he intends to fix things. He answered by saying he would start with asking the students for their opinions and be able to update certain facilities and be able to elaborate on the other buildings that still need to be improved.
President Pro-Temp asked him if he would consider himself a vocal person. He answer by stating that he was somewhat vocal but likes to get things done and doesn't feel at all times that he has to voice his opinion unless it's a needed situation and he is more of a hands on person. Kacey also mentioned he was a sophomore. His major is political science with a minor in social work. He was asked if he would have enough time to be in senate. He does have the time and has already talked with the wrestling coach and they will work with him.
Senator Roseby was recognized to her seat at 7:47 pm.
Senator Ulibarri made a motion to go into executive session Senator Martinez had the second.
Executive session at 7:48 p.m.
Motion to come out of executive session at 7:54 was made by Senator Ulibarri
Senator Durham had the second.

Senator Maestas was recognized to his seat at 7:54 p.m.

VII. Officer Reports:

- A. President Parra-Perez: Thanked everyone for a successful participation for two weeks of pleasure. Congrats to Ambassadors and BSA for placing. Vice President Butts did attend the Board of Regents meeting and will take care of that in her report.
- B. Vice President Butts: Mentioned that she did sit in the Board of Regents Meeting. A lot of things were addressed in a very long meeting. One concern was the security light poles. The trenches have been poured in, in the various places where they are to be installed. Installation should be done within the next couple of weeks. Surveillance cameras will also be put up around campus. They will consist of cameras 8 total. The text messaging system was able to take place last week. Certified officers on campus will be armed with guns and tazors. They have gone through extensive training and it will take effect immediately. They are trying to get security guards who aren't certified to become certified. Thanks for everyone who helped with two weeks of pleasure. The website got an extra 6,000 hits. Vice President Butts sat in the Graduate Senate meeting and they would like to sponsor Club HU. The Lambdas have the next scheduled Club HU. The team's standings still has to be looked over to see how the points are going to be distributed. The standing will be e-mailed out throughout two weeks of pleasure. Almost everyone has gotten their polo's, so everyone who hasn't got their shirts they will be given after the meeting and they need to sign off on them. The football team won 13-7.
- C. Secretary Quintana: Thanked everyone for the great participation throughout the two weeks of pleasure it was very great to see everyone out there. Also, the business card information has been put it so those should be handed out shortly. Secretary Quintana also mentioned that the people who have had committee meetings need to turn in their committee reports ASAP because the only committee reports she's gotten are from is the Activities Board. These reports are very well needed in order to figure out where senators stand as far as attendance. She then stood for questions.
- D. Treasure Lopez: Apologized for losing his folder and is sorry for not having the bills at hand. He had nothing further to report on.
- E. President Pro-Temp Ulibarri: Thanked everyone for participating through two weeks of pleasure. Heard lots of great comments about everything.
- F. Vice President Cordova-Romero:
Mentioned that the biggest issue was that the Board of Regents did pass the arming of officers. All three senates voted against this it was 60-40% vote. The constructions of the residence halls are vastly going up. There is a committee who reviewed RFP'S there is an RFP who will help the university to come up with a master plan for the entire university. Master plan is to talk about the growth of the campus as far as the physical production and how we are going to tie everything in. Felix Martinez building is going to go under renovation. The Business Office would be moved to Felix Martinez. The request for architectural design for the new student center will be taking place soon as well.

- G. Dr. Linder: Started off by saying that there was no faculty senate meeting this week. The general faculty meeting went long so therefore there was no meeting. The concerns were about the reorganization of the colleges of arts and sciences. Dr. Fries wanted to discuss the whole campus security issue as far as the arming of security on campus. One of the issues faculty senate is going to take up is the strategic process and the academic dishonesty have become a more serious problem and is going to see if we can charge the academic affairs committee to see if there can be a different plan taking place to make sure all students understand the academic dishonesty program. Dr. Fries brought up that university is allocating money to have a study done in Farmington to establish a bigger facility.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Bill #5, Native American Club (tabled)

Senator Means made the motion to untable the Native American Club Bill # 5

Senator Torres-Hughes had the second.

Senator Ulibarri yield edthe floor to Courtney Hudson. Courtney is the vice president of the Native American club and the president of the Pow wow club. The estimated cost for the Pow Wow is \$10,000. In order to fundraise they need money to start the fundraising. They are doing Navajo taco sales and other types of fundraising. They are going to be doing more activities for the Native American month. They need money for the t-shirts and MVP and to pay the refs for a all men's basketball competition they want to have. They want to bring dancers to come dance from Okay reservations. Their pageant is also coming up and they need money to buy gifts for the judges. There will be three questions for the representative. The bill was for \$750.

Vice President Butts asked that if they are going to host to events in November, where is the money going to be used? Courtney answered by stating that they are going to have something going on every week in the month of November. The pageant isn't until November.

President Pro-Temp Ulibarri asked how much money have they raised. They have around \$400 in their account and they just made \$300 with the Navajo taco sales. She also asked if they had tried any other fundrasiers. She stated that they hadn't yet because they've been so busy with other things, and because they've started a peer mentoring group and want to have a retreat. The participation is on and off. They've been trying to go to casinos to get donations and also do raffles.

Vice President Butts asked how many active members they had. Courtney said that there were over 30 that are active members of the club.

Senator Tresor asked who are the participants of the basketball tournament. She said they were only going to be males. The reason for this is because there is only one court and only a set number of teams. President Parra-Perez mentioned that they would probably have a greater turn out if there girls who can participate.

For:

Senator Torres-Hughes: Said that he was for it because presentation regarding finances was very well present and that his had been the best clarified and that the

representative answered every question directly it's going to go for a good cause, and is very glad that they are including the community and encouraging others to interact with each other. Thinks we should go for it.

Senator Means: Also said that he would like to support this bill because they have made a great contribution to our university. They are a big part of our community and this would be a great experience for our community. It would be one of the most active organizations we have on campus and be able to give a great exposure to our community.

Against:

Senator Maeastas: mentioned that the amount is insignificant because they have a basketball tournament is coming up soon to help the fundraiser.

There was no recommendation from the finance committee because they didn't meet Quorum.

Senator Maeastas made a motion to pass the Bill for \$250

Senator Martinez had the second.

There was discussion and after a vote came it came to a conclusion that the Bill for \$250 dollars will not be passed.

Senator Bernard made a motion to approve the amount of \$350

Senator Tresor had the second.

Bill #5 passed for 350.

IX. New Business:

A. GO Bond notpolitical.com:

If it does pass NMHU will get about 8 billion dollars. Please encourage everyone to vote. He wants to urge people to vote for everything else that's going on especially money for the university. If you are not registered to vote you can register to vote and there are a lot of students around campus that can help you register to vote. This is a big election and the GO bond really brings a lot of support and revenue to NMHU and allows us to do capital projects.

B. KEPD/ Ilfiend (action item)

President Parra Perez sent everyone an email of what Donna Martinez was asking the senate to help with. Donne wanted to know if we could sponsor an amount of money for students to attend events that are being held in Ilfield. It is an action item so we will vote on it and there was an extensive amount of time to look over the email. Students want to attend these events but the pricing is expensive so sponsoring amount of money allows more students to participate at a cheaper or free cost. Senator Maeastas asked if we had money set aside for this. This money would come out of a different line item because there were a few line items that had more money than needed. President Pro-Temp Ulibarri asked if we could purchase 50 tickets and the first 50 students to show a valid id would be able to get in free. President Pro-Temp Ulibarri asked if we could do half price for students. Vice President Cordova-Romero mentioned that historically the senates have co-sponsored the event according the cost of the performance and this allowed for them to cut the prices for the students. The one thing

about ilfied is that it doesn't get outside funding from the university. Senator Maestas liked the idea of having people sign up for the tickets and however many people sign up they get free tickets.

Senator Meastas made a motion that 50 max students who sign up would receive free tickets. Senator Torres-Hughes had the second.

C. Resolution #2, Soccer Club, Senator Roseby:

Senator Bernard and Senator Ndem have been removed from their seats at 8:35 p.m.

They started off by thanking everyone for allowing them to speak. In order to keep up with the league they are responsible for their transportation to and fro, along with the licenses. He did give a budget break down. There are many teams and they were able to get jerseys from previous years. There are approximately 20 of them that are active members.

Vice President Butts asked why they only participated in certain events throughout rush week. Senator Bernard mentioned that they are trying to represent highlands in all their missions and trademarks. They didn't have any idea in about the scavenger hunt. Senator Torres-Hughes is concerned because they have not spoken of any fundraisers because we only have a limited amount of money. They are planning on doing a food sale sometime this week. They are also volunteer refs for games and they get \$10 per game. President Pro - Temp Ulibarri asked how much money they have in their count. The account has been performing too many transactions so they don't have an exact amount.

Senator Tresor asked how many games do they have in Las Vegas and how many games are in Albuquerque.

Senator Bernard stated that there are three games in Las Vegas depending on the teams and the acceptance of other teams coming to play here. They have to pay some costs for using the lights and the facilities and so on and so forth. They only have three scheduled so far. President Pro-temp asked that if being that they are representing NMHU if they could get uniforms that correlate with school colors.

For:

Senator Otame mentioned that he likes playing soccer and thinks this is a wonderful idea and have seen they do a great job and see to their efforts to make this happen. He also mentioned how it improves the image of this university.

Senator Glenn was recognized to her seat at 8:48 p.m..

Senator Maeastas supports this bill in becoming a legitimate team on this campus. It's important that they have our support. The money is in transportation and the jerseys. It's a good amount of money for them and continue to do fundraising they will be able to reach their goals.

Against:

Senator Means said he supports the funding but is against the amount from my perspective they should be able to fundraise for that large sum amount of that money so he thinks we should review the amount.

Senator Torres-Hughes said he thinks the amount should be reduced and would like to see a little more fundraising because there are other clubs who also need money

Senator Otame made a motion to approve the amount for \$750

Senator Maestas had the second.

There was discussion

10 for

4 against

1 abstention

The resolution passed for \$750, this resolution must go through the president advisory committee.

D. Senator Resignation:

We have a senator, Andrew Marquez who wishes to resign. It has to go through the senate and we have to approve his resignation. In the case that we don't he has been excused from the senate for absences anyway.

Senator Torres-Hughes made a motion to approve his resignation

Senator Durham had the second.

Senator Marquez's resignation has been approved and now there is a seat available

E. Bill # 9 ASL Club

Senator Means has been removed from his seat at 8:54 p.m. to speak in behalf of this.

They have taken on the responsibility to reach out to the deaf community. There is not a lot of access to the deaf community so that they can learn sign language and become more fluent in ASL. They have movie nights, trips to Santa Fe to the school of deaf, and a few other activities. They are asking for \$250 from the senate because they need transportation and money for pizza and movie nights. With the ASL club they sign at their meetings it's full every semester (classes) aren't able to get into class and gives opportunity for people who can't get into the class to be able to be exposed to the language and the culture.

Questions:

Senator Maestas asked since the bill is not in front of us what the amount they are asking for is.

Treasure Lopez made it clear that they were asking for \$250

The chair asked for two senators to speak for and two against

President Pro-Temp Ulibarri mentioned that since they do so much on campus and are very involved and allow connecting to the community that we should support this bill. Senator Tresor motioned that he is learning sign himself and has the opportunity to take the class with this and wants to link the deaf community with the other students and thinks this would be a great contribution.

Senator Tresor made a motion to approve the bill for full amount.

President Pro-Temp Ulibari had the second.

F. Bill #8 BSA

Senator Fields yields the floor to Lavel

Lavel is the president of BSA and they are going to be hosting black culture week they are going to have a step show and a gospel night along with Black history night and some other events throughout the semester. They need money to pay the performers.

Parra-Perez mentioned that they did come in second for rush week they also did it on their own the 9/11 memorial and they were club of the year and always have a lot of active members. Her question is what they've done to fundraise their own money.

Lavel stated that they've had bake sales and a student auction members of BSA. They have donations and if they have any events the banks help them with this. They raised almost \$1,000 to go to a convention last year. They have almost 60 active members. VP Corodva-Romero said they also have sponsored that during the democratic convention and citizenship on campus. They are extremely seen on campus and very active.

For:

Senator Meastas motioned that as member of BSA they've done a lot of stuff in and around the school. They've brought in some rappers from California and there was some participation. Their money would be put to great use on campus. BSA is very popular and has a lot of support and are very active around campus.

Senator Roseby stated that they should get the money because they are visible and they are very active.

Senator Ulibarri made a motion to pass the bill for the full amount

Second was made by Senator Durham

G. Bill # 7: Newman Club

The floor was yielded to the representative of the club.

The spokesperson mentioned that they try to encourage spirituality to others. They do community service around the community and their biggest fundraiser they have is the crop walk. They also have done various clean ups on and around campus. They do bake sales and different events. They sing at church every Sunday.

Senator Tresor asked who the advisor/sponsor was the representative mentioned that it was Gloria Lopez

Vice President Butts asked how many active members there were. The representative stated that 15 active members are active right now

For:

Seantor C.Ulibarri said they've been doing a lot of bake sales and have bbq's and are very active on campus

Senator Bernard motioned that the world we live in is very terrible so if they are trying to promote spirituality around campus then it's a very good.

Senator Tresor made the motion to approve the amount for the full amount

Second was made by Senator Blanco Rojas.

H. Bill # 6 : Media Arts Club

Senator Glenn yields the floor to the speaker.

Veronica is the president of the media arts club. The club has done a lot for itself as a club they hosted three professionals to speak to them on behalf on their profession in the world and what life is like after college. They also to academic trips to Santa Fe to visit the culture and contemporary art museums. Last year they had a raffle sponsored by the Plaza Hotel and the Kiva raising over \$700. They participated in homecoming a couple of years back. This year they have participated in rush week. They've had a yard sale raising \$173. They plan on doing another raffle, which a poster of Carlos Santana. With the money they have raised they've painted redecorated and remodeled the media arts lobby. Their department is so behind them, they are getting new furniture from their department. Also they have been given money to bring in speakers and getting new equipment. This year they don't plan on doing any big events just raise money and get a lot of people into the club. They want to do a film-a-thon and different universities to submit a 3-5 min video. They are asking money from the senate to ask speakers from Santa Fe to come speak to them as to what they do. They want to provide the speakers with food and gas. They want to include other groups.

They have 16 active members

For:

Senator Glenn wants to see more participation from them, but thinks it's a good idea.

Senator Bernard would like to see this bill passed because of their great commitment on campus.

Against:

Senator Durham was concerned because it seems like they have a lot of support from their department why would they need money from the senate.

Senator Treso said the need for \$250 is to save for next semester and doesn't understand why they would need the money now. They have a lot of support and they think that we should wait it out.

President Pro Temp made a motion to give for the full amount.

Senator Ndem had the second

The bill passed for \$250

Senator Ulibarri made a motion to table committee reports for the next meeting due to time constraints.

President Pro-Temp had the second.

X. Comments

Vice President Butts mentioned that the name plates are almost done. They needed a printer that needed to print cardstock. They will be done for the next meeting. Also, before we start setting time and date for the next meeting with in the next week we will be on fall recess.

President Parra Perez, wants a bio about is at least a paragraph by Thursday. She also mentioned that she needs someone to be a representative for the faculty senate. The meetings are on wed. Senator Torres volunteered to be the representative.

XI. Set time and date for the next meeting

Senator Martinez made a motion to have our next meeting Sunday October 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Senator Durham had the second.

XII . Adjourn

Senator Ulibarri made the motion to adjourn

Senator Martinez had the second

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.