

Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University
2nd Regular Senate Meeting
Sunday February 9th, 2014 @3pm
Governance Room (SUB 3rd Floor)

I. Call meeting to order: 3:03

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
Kushum Shrestha (Undergraduate)	Absent
Ryan Andrews-Armijo (Undergraduate)	Present
Juan Jauregui (Undergraduate)	Present
Sheneika Rochester (Undergraduate)	Present
Jerece Maxwell (Undergraduate)	Present
Sasha Rollins (Graduate)	Absent
Kennith Ryan (Graduate)	Absent
Geno Castio (Graduate)	Present
Gia LaFerriere (Graduate)	Present
Khanh Pham (Graduate)	Present

* Indicates unexcused tardiness

IV. Approving the agenda

Motion made by: Cordova, 2nd by Armijo.

Motion pass: unanimous.

Recognize VP Juan Sanchez at 3:08pm.

V. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting.

Motion made by: Cordova, 2nd Castillo.

Motion passes: unanimously.

VI. Unanimous and General Consent Items

Dean Trujillo- Welcome to the NMHU campus to our new Provost: Dr. Teresita Aguilar. She is the 2nd ranking administrator on campus behind the President of the University and oversees academic affairs. She was selected from a talented pool of over 90 applicants. Dr. Trujillo provided a brief summary of Dr. Aguilar's qualifications and background. Dr. Aguilar then introduced herself and thanked the Senate for the opportunity to do so. She is a native Texan. She has been attending events on campus and in the community to help in the transition. Like many students, she is a first generation college graduate. She has been very visible in meeting with faculty and staff. She is accessible to students and very approachable.

Recognize Senator Myers at 3:18pm

Unanimous and General Consent Continued...

Request about the Fifth Quarter Grill. Mr. Sean Medrano intends on submitting a proposal and is interested in student wants/needs. How can we improve the facility? Interested in offering a low budget menu with a variety of food and drinks to accommodate the needs of students and low income members. His number is 505-426-7585. Sports bar grill theme. Music opportunities for people to come out. It was shut down in the fall (too cold for golfers, managers were not making a profit). Maybe add some frisbee golf for student as an intramural sport.

VII. Action Items

A. Vacancies

- a. Grad Student Seat: No one present to fill the seat at this time.

- ### **B. Movie club- a bill so that we can go screen movies and go to the IMAX Theater. They show movies two to three times a week. Vincent Coffee and Olivia Kendall. They are asking \$700. Recommend that we give them \$250.**

Motion set by: Cordova, 2nd Jauregui

2 for: Williamson, Allen.

2 against:

Motion passes. For: 13. Against: 0 Abstentions: 4

- ### **C. UGSW- undergrad social work club. They are making Easter baskets for under-privilege children. They are 30-35 students in the club. Help with this is something that senate members could help with. \$250 was recommended by the finance committee.**

Motion set by Armijo, 2nd Dominguez.

2for: Sione, it benefits the community and not just the students. Helps with the image of our school. Christie, it's a good gesture to the community.

2against

Motion passes unanimously.

- ### **D. D.A. Garza- Guedo dome in France. Doing research there to understand how magnum moves. Also to assess volcanic activity. He needs to be there to do his research. Encourages**

international studies. Good representation for the University. He has grants in the process. It is a hazardous procedure to study such volcanoes. Recommendation is \$800

Motion set by Cordova, 2nd by Castillo

2for: G. Martinez- good for our students to bring back information from overseas. Brister.

2against:

Motion passes: unanimous.

- E. Geno Castillo- graduate student. Asking for citizens' help with funding. \$1291.00 for magnetic geographic research. Materials and assistance. Funding from anywhere else? some funding from sigma pi and some other areas. His paper would be published in 2015 and ready for the geological society event in 2015. Recommend \$1000 by the graduate committee.

Motion by Cordova, 2nd by Maxwell.

2for: Cordova, good investment for our senate. Sione, funding from graduate students. good idea to give the money.

2against:

Motion passes unanimous.

- F. Chelsea Stoinski- test on sobriety test, how effective are these test? No recent research on this subject. They predict that these tests are not effective anymore. Proposing \$900 for their research to be done in Salt Lake City Utah. Hoping to be published. It is recommended that we give them the \$900.

Motion set by: Cordova, 2nd by Armijo

2for: Williamson- , Cordova- beneficial for those on our campus

2against: Tina- just because.

Motion passes: unanimous.

- G. Gamma Alpha Omega. Money to go the regional conference to learn from their other sisters in Arizona and how to help the community and mentoring children. Community outreach includes food drives and other things. Six members will be going. Asking for \$450. Recommended that we give them the \$450.

Motion made by Cordova, 2nd Williamson.

2for: Williamson- good outreach. Sione- they really do help the community. They are good models for our school.

2against:

Motion passes: Unanimously.

VIII. Officer's Reports:

President Sione: Thanks you to senators. Mentioning of upcoming events on campus. There is a possibility that she will not be returning to senate and maybe even the school. ☹

VP Juan Sanchez: Positions that are open, thanks to all.

Treasurer Christie: Gloria Brown scholarship information and she will need help going through all of them. Where we are at money wise with the Gala, fundraising for the baskets. Shirts will be coming soon. Stoles for graduation will be ordered and those graduating will get to keep their stoles.

Motion to spend \$500 to merge with UGSW by Rochester, 2nd by Phipps.

Motion passes: 10 for. 2 opposed. 3 abstentions.

Recognize Senator Hargrave at 4:27pm.

Secretary Thompson: Sign up for office hours on the sheet provided.

AG Martinez: There will be a meeting with the steering and rules committee after the senate meeting.

ProTemp Dominguez: Nothing to report.

Chair Committees

- Activities: events coming up. Those who would like to help with the gala please let me know ASAP.
- Finance: lots of clubs doing fundraising at this time, please support them.
- Steering and rules: meeting after this meeting.
- Presidential Appointment: Our interviewee called in sick today.
- Graduate: make sure those applying earn their money, ask questions when they present.
- Marketing: Meeting about events.

IX. New Business: X

X. Old Business: X

XI. Dean of Students Report- Dr. Fidel J. Trujillo:

Homecoming has already been scheduled for the Fall Semester, it will take place on September 20, 2014 versus Western New Mexico University. Athletic Director vacancy announcement will be posted soon. Dr. Trujillo discussed Lottery scholarship and potential changes being discussed at the legislature that include increasing GPA requirements from 2.5 to 2.75; increasing the number of required credit hours from 12-15; reducing the number of semesters from 8 to 7; decoupling the lottery scholarship from tuition to a set stipend. No decisions have been made. Spoke about the national debt, asking students to sign onto a resolution developed by the University of New Mexico, Anderson School of Management. The spring semester is when the university has budget meetings to consider and decide on the budget for the next fiscal year. Students will be invited to participate in formal discussions regarding tuition and fees. Because the university has not increased meal plan rates in the last two years, students can expect a "modest" increase this year. When asked what modest means, Dr. Trujillo said around 3 or 4%. Student Senate President Tina Sione then asked if, since meal plan rates are going up, is it possible to get a soft-serve ice cream machine in the cafeteria. Senator Jordan also chimed in that the slushy machine that was in Archuleta would be nice, too. Dr. Trujillo said that those are reasonable requests and would discuss them with Food Services personnel.

XII. Public Comments:

Sione: Lottery scholarship new ideas.

Thompson: Thank you to Brister for bringing more graduate students to the senate floor.

XIII. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting: February 23rd @3pm

Motion made by Cordova, 2nd by Castillo.

Motion passes: 15 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

XIV. Adjournment: 5:01pm

Motion made by Williamson, 2nd by Armijo

Motion passes: unanimous.