

**Associated Student of New Mexico Highlands University**  
**5th Regular Senate Meeting**  
**Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 @3pm**  
**Governance Room (SUB 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

I. Call Meeting to Order: 3:08pm

II. Pledge

III. Roll Call

Crystal (Tina) Sione (Graduate)	<b>Absent</b>
Juan 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)	<b>Absent</b>
Krystol Myers (Undergraduate)	Present
Jordan Williamson (Undergraduate)	<b>Absent</b>
Devon Allen (Undergraduate)	Present
Joseph Dominguez (Undergraduate)	Present
Danisha Phipps (Undergraduate)	Present
Kushum Shrestha (Undergraduate)	Present
Ryan Andrews-Armijo (Undergraduate)	Present
Juan Jauregui (Undergraduate)	Present
Sheneika Rochester (Undergraduate)	Present
Jereece Maxwell (Undergraduate)	Present
Kennith Ryan (Graduate)	<b>Absent</b>
Geno Castillo (Graduate)	Present
Gia LaFerriere (Graduate)	Present
Khanh Pham (Graduate)	Present
Vincent Nolasco (Graduate)	<b>Absent</b>
Julio P. Garcia (Graduate)	Present

IV. Approval of Agenda- Requested to add New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, and Picayune Club. Delete from agenda Fred Ignacio (grad student request for funding). Move Treasurer's report to before action items.  
Motion to approve the agenda made by Sen. Cordova, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Castillo

Motion passes unanimously

- V. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting- Motion set by Sen. Cordova, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senate President Pro Tempore Dominguez  
Motion passes unanimously

VI. Unanimous and General Consent

- a. Dr. Trujillo introduced Nicholas Maestas (former ASNMHU Senator) and Lorenzo Gutierrez, (his former student at UNM Upward Bound) to discuss internship opportunities.

Lorenzo Gutierrez and Nicholas Maestas: Information about Ben Ray Lujan's congressional internship.

This is an opportunity to receive some hands-on experience with a congressional campaign, event organizing, and working with a US representative. Major networking chance. Any interested people are encouraged to apply. A fifteen hour a week commitment, non-paid. Great chance to build your resume. There are also opportunities for paid internships in the Congressman's DC office and field offices across northern NM.

- b. New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, informational speech about health insurance in New Mexico and requirements of the new Affordable Healthcare Act. Deadline to sign up for open enrollment is March 31st. Penalties for not having health insurance were covered. If students are covered by their parents (until age 26) or by an employer, then they are fine.

Recognize Senator Pham at 3:26pm

Thank you from the Gloria Brown scholarship recipients.

Treasurer's Report

We are in a deficit as far as stipends go. Complete explanation of the budget and recommendation of what Senate should do with respect to moving funds around to cover the deficit. Dr. Trujillo pointed out that more than half of the budget for ASNMHU is currently being spent on salaries/stipends, both for officer tuition stipends and meeting attendance stipends for Senators. Sen. Brister said he would introduce a constitutional amendment to address this.

VII. Action Items

- a. Bills and Resolutions

1. Clubs, Organizations, and Individuals

- i. Forestry Club- revisited. Recommendation by Finance Committee to allocate \$500. motion made by Sen. Castillo to give them \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Rochester  
2 for: Sen. Brister, Sen. Rochester; Against: None.  
Motion passes unanimously.

- ii. NMHU International Humanitarian Delegation- NMHU International Humanitarian Delegation - revisited. Recommendation by Finance Committee to allocate \$500. Motion made by Sen. Castillo, 2nd by Sen. Meyers  
2 for: Sen. Jauregui, Treasurer Christie  
2 against: None  
Motion passes unanimously
- iii. H.U.G.S. Highlands University Geological Society- Requesting funds to go on a field trip in Arkansas during this summer. Trying to analyze various crystals and bring some back to make jewelry. They do multiple other fundraisers to help their club (chili and duck races). Recommendation by Finance Committee to allocate \$250. Motion made by Sen. Cordova, 2nd by Sen. Castillo.  
2 for: Sen. Cordova, Sen. Jauregui  
2 against- None  
Motion passes unanimously.
- iv. Conservation Club- Requesting funds to host a clean up the river event. Need money for trash bags, snacks, drinks, grabbers (to get trash in the river out), latex gloves, hand sanitizer. Happening on April 26th. Recommendation by Finance Committee: \$250. motion made by Sen. Castillo, 2nd by Sen. Phipps  
2 for- Sen. R. Martinez, Sen. Brister  
2 against- None  
Motion passes 16 for, 0, against, 1 abstention
- v. International Club- April 4th and 5th take some of the international students to support NMHU Rodeo team in Las Cruces, NM. Help them to experience American culture. Also hosting a dinner for international students and their families who are graduating this year. Gifts at the end of the semester for volunteers. Asking for \$500. Recommendation by Finance Committee: \$250. Motion made by Sen. Castillo, 2nd by Sen. Jauregui.  
2 for- Sen. Brister, Sen. Romero  
2 against: None  
Motion passes unanimously
- vi. Student Ambassadors- planning on taking a trip to UNM to learn about their ambassadors program. Learning how to make NMHU's program even better. Requesting \$323. Recommendation to allocate \$250 by Finance Committee. Motion made by Sen. Cordova, 2nd by Sen. Armijo.  
2 for- Sen. Armijo, Sen. Dominguez  
2 against- None  
Motion passes unanimously

- vii. Shanti Ramakrishnan - requesting money for her research of small mammal studies focusing on plague and preventing small mammals from dying of it. Needs money for equipment that she cannot borrow. Recommendation by Graduate Committee for approval.  
Motion made by Sen. Cordova, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Castillo.  
2 for- Jauregui, Castio  
2 against-  
Motion passes unanimously.
- viii. Picayune Club- asking for \$500 to print the Picayune journal. Needs money to help with printing and distributing cost. Recommendation by Finance Committee was \$250, Dr. Martinez said he needed full amount. Sec. Thompson said money could be reverted from activities line item in order to fully fund the request. Motion made by Sen. Rochester for \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jauregui.  
2 for- Sen. Jauregui, Sen. Castillo  
2 against- None  
Motion passes 16 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

Motion to take a 10 minute recess by Sen. Brister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Jauregui. Motion passes unanimously

Motion made to add resolutions 10, 11, and change the name of 11 to number 12 by Sen. Cordova, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Dominguez. Motion passes unanimously.

## 2. Constitutional Amendments

- i. ASNMHU Resolution #3 (Amending Article 1-2-G to clarify the process for students protesting ruling or decisions) introduced by Sen. Armijo, adds a deadline by which students can contest decisions of the senate or campus clubs to within 10 days from the day the minutes are posted online. Recommendation is unanimous from the Steering and Rules Committee that we pass this change. Motion made by Castillo, Second by Sen. Jauregui. See attached Resolution.  
2 for- Sen. Brister, Sen. Jauregui  
2 against-  
Motion passes unanimously.
- ii. ASNMHU Resolution #4 (Amending Article II Section 7-A-7 on the scope of the Graduate Committee and how funds are allocated) introduced by Sen. Brister, changes the role of Graduate Senate in handling funding requests to the committee. Instead of direct allocations from the committee to the student or club, the committee will review requests, and make a recommendation to

the full senate, so as to not conflict with other sections of the constitution that require full senate approval for funds over \$75. Recommendation is unanimous from the Steering and Rules Committee as well as the Graduate Committee, that we pass this change. Motion to approve by Sen. Jauregui, 2nd by Sen. Castillo. See attached Resolution.

2 for- Sen. Jauregui, Sen. Brister

2 against- None

Motion passes unanimously

- iii. ASNMHU Resolution #5, introduced by Sen. Brister (Amending Article II, Section 8-B regarding swearing in of elected/appointed officers) See attached Resolution. Recommendation is unanimous from the Steering and Rules Committee that we pass this change.

Motion to approve made by Sen. Armijo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Jauregui

2 for- Sen. Romero, VP Sanchez

2 against- None

Motion passes unanimously

- iv. ASNMHU Resolution #6 introduced by Senator Jauregui (Amending Article III, Section 2-C regarding dates when budgets are submitted) makes the required date to submit the budget be at the first official meeting of the fall semester (excluding retreats or ad hoc meetings) instead of June 1st. Students are not here typically in the summer. Recommendation is unanimous from the Steering and Rules Committee that we pass this change. Motion to approve made by Sen. Cordova, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Castillo. See attached Resolution.

2 for- Senator Rochester, Senator Cordova

2 against- None

Motion passes unanimously

- v. ASNMHU Resolution #7 introduced by Senator Garcia (Amending Article III, Section 5-C to delete subsection C, redundant or conflicting language). Current language asks VP to submit a budget by June 1, and this is a responsibility of the President, in consultation with executives. Recommendation is unanimous from the Steering and Rules committee that we pass this change.

Motion to Approve by Sen. Cordova, 2nd by Sen. Phipps

2 for- Sen. Cordova, A.G. Martinez

2 against- None

Motion passes 16 for, 0 against, 1 abstention

- vi. ASNMHU Resolution #8 introduced by Sen. Dominguez (Amending Article III, Section 9, to add a subsection G for how the Parliamentarian is appointed) this did not go through the

committee so no recommendation was made, however the AG supports it. Right now the constitution is silent as to how the position is filled. Amendment (see attached resolution) allows for appointment from rank of Senators or student body. Motion to approve made by Sen. Jauregui, 2nd by Sen. Brister  
2 for- Sen. Jauregui, Sen. Brister  
2 against- None  
Motion passes 16 for, 0 against, 1 abstention

vii. ASNMHU Resolution #9 introduced by Sen. Laferriere, (Amending Article V, Section 2 A & B to also change when budgets are submitted). Language in finance section needs to be consistent with other amendments, to move budget submission deadline from June 1 to first meeting of the fall semester. Recommendation is unanimous from the Steering and Rules Committee that we pass this change. Motion to approve made by Sen. Castillo, 2nd by Sen. Jauregui (see attached resolution)  
2 for- Sen. Castillo, Sen. Jauregui  
2 against- None  
Motion passes 16 for, 0 against, 1 abstention

viii. ASNMHU Resolution #10, introduced by Sen. Ramon Martinez, puts caps on monetary amounts that clubs and individuals can ask for. Lively discussion on amounts for club/organizations requests and individual student requests. Some discussion on limiting number of times clubs and/or students could request funding each semester and per year. Motion to approve option B of proposals submitted (\$1000 funding cap and no time limits) by Sen. Jauregui; 2nd by Castillo. No recommendation from Steering and Rules. (See attached Resolution)  
2 for- Sen. Jauregui, Sen. Castillo  
2 against- Treasurer Christie; Sen. Rochester  
Motion does not pass. 5 for, 7 against, 5 abstentions

ix. ASNMHU Resolution #11- concerning the stipends and salaries for ASNMHU officers. Amendment to decrease them introduced by Sen. Brister. New payment would be for set amounts to pay the executive officers a set amount at \$1000 for all but the AG who would be paid \$750 instead of tying stipends for executives to in-state tuition. Each senator would be paid \$20 per meeting instead of \$30, Pro temp would be paid \$25 a meeting instead of \$35. The recommendation from the steering and rules committee goes through by a 4 for, 2 against margin. Lively discussion ensued on servant leadership, cost-savings and what money could be spent on if not spend on ourselves. Need to hold officers accountable for time and effort. Opponents of proposal stated that student senators

and executives are students, too. Motion to approve made by Sen. Brister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Jauregui. (See Attached Resolution)  
2 for- Sen. Brister, Sen. Armijo  
2 against- Sen. Dominguez; AG Martinez  
Motion does not pass 6 for, 10 against, 1 abstention

ix. Motion authorizing Steering and Rules Committee to work with Dr. Trujillo and Campus Life on summarizing the amendments for placement on the ballot while having full resolution language and constitution available at the polls for reference made by Sen. Jauregui, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Castillo.  
Motion passes unanimously.

3. General items

- i. Resolution #12 (Supporting 120 minimum credit hours for BA)- Introduced by Sen. Dominguez. Supporting administrations proposal to change number of credit hours required for most BA degrees from 128 to 120 and encourage faculty to do the same. Motion to approve by Sen. Castillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Cordova  
2 for- Sen. Thompson, A.G. Martinez (faster time to completion, spending less on tuition)  
2 against- VP Sanchez (standards)  
Motion passes 16 for, 0 against, 1 abstention  
Sec. Thompson will present at Faculty Senate Meeting and Resolution will also be presented at BOR meeting.

VIII. Officer's Reports:

- A. President Tina Sione: Not present
- B. Vice President Juan Sanchez: Election information. Start Campaigning!
- C. Treasurer Kemoy Christie: Report already given
- D. Secretary Grace Thompson: Faculty Senate meeting information.
- E. Attorney General Guillermo Martinez: thanks for all the work on getting the proposed amendments.
- F. President Pro Tempt Joseph Dominguez: good luck to everyone running for office.
- G. Chair Committees: Activities- Gala will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, Finance, Steering and Rule, Presidential App, Graduate, Marketing, Justice.

IX. New Business:

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- XI. Dean of Students Report – Dr. Fidel J. Trujillo: important issues that administration is working on regarding FY 15 budget and other policies/procedures. Everything we do is aimed at creating a quality educational environment for students, faculty, and staff. The

President is having a forum at 1:30pm on Monday in the student ballroom to discuss the future and plans we have as well as the past legislative session and how it affects students. Lottery Scholarship, Funding Formula, Scholarship changes will be topics of discussion. Students strongly encouraged to attend and participate in discussions. We'll be meeting soon with student leaders to discuss proposed tuition and fees for 14-15. Board of regents meeting March 28th at 10:30am in Kennedy Lounge, if President Sione does not attend then another executive officer needs to fill her place and report on senate activities, the upcoming election, etc. Suspension and expulsion language clarification in the student handbook is an action item. We are also looking at some different organizational structure to promote more efficiency. Dr. Trujillo will be recognizing national champion long jumper Shenice McPherson at the board meeting. She is only a freshman.

- XII. Public Comments: Sen. Armijo to invite people to the political science meeting on Wednesday the 26th at 6pm. Sen. Brister reminding that research day is April 4th in the Hilton building for most of the day. A.G. Martinez the career fair is on April 3rd. Wednesday April 9th is the student leadership banquet, per Dr. Trujillo.

From the gala- Senate should reevaluate the stipend resolution. Student senate should be required to attend the clubs and organizational meetings that happen monthly.

- XIII. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting - motion set for April 13th at 3pm by Sen. Cordova, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Castillo  
Motion passes 15 for, 2 against, 0 abstentions
- XIV. Adjournment: motion set by Castio, 2nd by Meyers. Motion passes unanimously