

Resolution # 3 Amending the ASNMHU constitution language to clarify the process for students protesting rulings or decisions.

Introduced and Sponsored by Ryan Armijo and Guillermo Martinez<sup>AG</sup> at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on March 23, 2014

### ARTICLE 1-2-G

Whereas: Article I, Section 2-G affords students “the right to contest before the Judicial Branch, the constitutionality of legislation, rulings, or decisions made by ASNMHU Government or any chartered organization that would affect students”;

Whereas: ASNMHU is totally in favor of transparency and allowing students to express their views on issues pertaining to students;

Whereas: ASNMHU also recognizes that disputes or protests associated with legislation, rulings, or decisions of student government or campus clubs/organizations need to be submitted in a timely fashion and remedies or relief sought to address concerns need to be duly noted;

Whereas: The proposed constitutional amendment makes the process more clear and encourages timely submissions.

**Therefore be it resolved that Article I, Section 2-G (Student Rights) be amended to include the following added language at the end of Section 2-G:**

**“Students contesting the constitutionality of legislation, rulings, or decisions made by ASNMHU must submit their protest(s) in writing to the Chief Justice, as well as a statement of relief/remedy sought for resolving the matter, no later than ten (10) days after the minutes are posted on the ASNMHU webpage. Students contesting the rulings or decisions of a club/organization shall submit their protest(s) in writing to the Office of Campus Life, as well as a statement of relief/remedy sought for resolving the matter, no later than ten (10) days after the decision is made. Protests or questions will be considered untimely and thus, null and void, if this deadline is not met.**

Yea Votes 17 Nay Votes 0 Abstentions or “Present” Votes 0

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot:

Yes  No

  
Signature, ASNMHU President

3/23/14  
Date

Resolution # 4

Amending the ASNMHU constitution language on the scope of the Graduate Committee

Introduced and Sponsored by Sen. Brister & Al Martinez at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on Sunday, March 23, 2014.

**ARTICLE II Section 7-A-7**

**Whereas:** Article II Section 7-A-7 states: "The graduate committee is authorized to disburse professional development awards to graduate students within available funds designated for that purpose. The graduate committee shall establish a minimum percentage of fees paid by graduate students as the funding source for professional development awards to graduate students who apply for funding for such things as attending conferences and symposia, presenting research and/or professional papers, and other professional development activities. Guidelines for funding professional development awards will be developed by the graduate committee and approved by ASNMHU. Per Article V Section 2 below, the graduate committee's recommendation for percentage of graduate student fees that will be used for professional development awards will be submitted to ASNMHU for approval.

**Whereas:** The language above conflicts with other constitutional language (Article III., Section 7-E) which states, "All expenditures above \$75 must be approved by the Senate. Anything under \$75 may be approved by the Treasurer."

**Whereas:** ASNMHU strives for high standards of transparency, checks and balances, and strong internal controls;

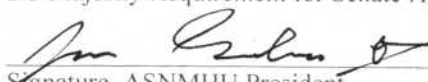
**Whereas:** The graduate committee, this semester, has been very diligent in serving graduate students and has received requests for funding; reviewed those requests; and made recommendation to the full senate for allocation and disbursement of funding for research-related activities; presentations; and university-related travel. This process has more closely mirrored the process followed by the Finance Committee.

**Therefore, let it be resolved,**

that Article II, Section 7-A-7 pertaining to the Graduate Committee be amended to reflect the following: *"The graduate committee is authorized to review requests for funding from graduate students and/or clubs and organizations representing graduate students, the graduate committee is authorized to recommend amounts of professional development awards to graduate students within available funds designated for that purpose. The graduate committee shall submit recommendations to the full ASNMHU Senate for action on the request.* The graduate committee shall establish a minimum percentage of fees paid by graduate students as the funding source for professional development awards to graduate students who apply for funding for such things as attending conferences and symposia call, presenting research and/or professional papers, and other professional development activities. Guidelines for funding professional development awards will be developed by the graduate committee and approved by ASNMHU. Per article V, Section 2 below, the graduate committee's recommendation for percentage of graduate student fees that will be used for professional development wards will be submitted to ASNMHU for approval.

Yea Votes 17      Nay Votes 0      Abstentions or "Present" Votes 0

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot Yes X No     

  
Signature, ASNMHU President

3/23/14  
Date

Resolution # 5 Amending the constitution to reflect when elected/appointed officers are sworn in.

Introduced and Sponsored by adam brister and ag martinez

at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on March 23, 2014

### ARTICLE II, SECTION 8-B

Whereas: Article II, Section 8-B (Sessions of the Senate), states: "The university president or designee shall swear in Senators on the first day of the session. Senators and officials not sworn in on the first day of the session shall be sworn in by the ASNMNHU President."

Whereas: As a matter of practice, officers (Senators and Executives) take the oath of office at the end-of-the-year-gala after the general election by the President of the university or his/her designee (typically the Dean of Students or Advisor to ASNMHU);

Whereas: Those who do not attend the gala or who are appointed thereafter to fill vacancies are administered the oath of office and sworn in at a regular meeting of ASNMHU after confirmation by the Senate.


**Therefore be it resolved that Article II, Section 8-B be amended to:**

**B. The University President or designee shall swear in Officers during a swearing-in ceremony or at which time their election or appointment to ASNMHU has been confirmed by the Senate. Senators and officers not sworn in at a ceremony shall be administered the Oath of Office at a regular meeting by the Dean of Students.**

Yea Votes 17      Nay Votes 0      Abstentions or "Present" Votes 0

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot:

Yes  No

  
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Signature, ASNMHU President

3/23/14  
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Date

Resolution # 6 Amending the ASNMHU constitution language in Article III, Section 2-C to have a more reasonable date in which budgets are to be submitted.

Introduced and Sponsored by Juan J and dg martinez  
at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on March 23, 2014

### ARTICLE III-Section 2-C

Whereas: Article III. Section 2-C (Responsibilities of the President) of the ASNMHU Constitution states; "The President, in consultation with his or her executive officers, shall prepare and submit to the Senate a budgetary proposal **by June 1<sup>st</sup>** for the next fiscal year for the Branches of Government and its Committees";

Whereas: The June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline seems to be an arbitrary one from the past;

Whereas: The fiscal year runs July 1-June 30;

Whereas: It often occurs that students (Senators and Executives included) are not even around campus in the summer, and so as a matter of practice, budget proposals typically are presented at the first meeting of the fall semester;

**Therefore be it resolved that Article III. Section 2-C be amended to reflect:**

**C. The President, in consultation with his or her executive officers, shall prepare and submit to the Senate a budgetary proposal at the first official meeting of the Fall semester for student government and its committees.**

Please note that the term "official" is used to distinguish from retreats or ad hoc meetings that may take place prior to the first official ASNMHU meeting of the fall semester.

Yea Votes 17 Nay Votes 0 Abstentions or "Present" Votes 0

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot:

Yes  No

  
Signature, ASNMHU President

3/23/14  
Date

Resolution # 7 Amending the ASNMHU constitution to delete subsection C from Article III, Section 5.

Introduced and Sponsored by Juilo Garcia AG Guillermo MTZ  
at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on March 23, 2014

**ARTICLE III. Section 5-C**

Whereas: Article III, Section 5-C (Responsibilities of the Vice President) of the ASNMHU Constitution states: The Vice President shall prepare and submit to the Senate a budgetary proposal **by June 1<sup>st</sup>** for the next fiscal year for the Branches of Government and its Committees”;

Whereas: This contradicts Article III-2-C which gives that responsibility to the President, in consultation with executive officers:

Article III. Section 2-C (Responsibilities of the President) of the ASNMHU Constitution states; “The President, in consultation with his or her executive officers, shall prepare and submit to the Senate a budgetary proposal **by June 1<sup>st</sup>** for the next fiscal year for the Branches of Government and its Committees”;

Whereas: There is a resolution with proposed amendments to Article III-2-C under consideration that follows the spirit of current Article III-2-C, but adjusts the deadline date;

**Therefore be it resolved that Article III. Section 5-C be removed in its entirety. Doing so does not affect the numeration of Section 5 because subsection C was the last subsection.**

Yea Votes 16 Nay Votes 0 Abstentions or “Present” Votes 1

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot:

Yes  No

[Signature]  
Signature, ASNMHU President

3/23/14  
Date

Resolution # 8 Amending the ASNMHU constitution language to specify how the  
Parliamentarian is appointed.

Introduced and Sponsored by Joseph Dominguez and AG Martinez  
at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on March 23, 2014

### ARTICLE III. SECTION 9-G

**Whereas:** The ASNMHU Constitution is silent with regard to how the Attorney General, (from here  
on out called "Parliamentarian" per ASNMHU Resolution #2, unanimously passed on  
March 2, 2014) obtains the position;

**Whereas:** The current practice has been for the AG (Parliamentarian) to be appointed by the  
President, following the protocol involving the Presidential Appointment Committee and  
then full vote of the Senate for confirmation;

**Whereas:** In order to clarify how the Parliamentarian obtains the position/seat, language in the  
constitution is necessary for clarification purposes and so that how the position is filled is  
clear and not left to interpretation;

**Therefore be it resolved that Article III, Section 9, be amended to include subsection G with the  
following language: The Parliamentarian may be appointed from the ranks of the Senators or  
appointed by the ASNMHU President from the student body. In either case the Parliamentarian  
must be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate before being sworn in and assuming  
Parliamentarian duties.**

Yea Votes 16 Nay Votes 0 Abstentions or "Present" Votes 1  
2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot Yes  No

  
Signature, ASNMHU President

3/23/14  
Date

Resolution # 9 Amending the ASNMHU constitution, Article V-2-A and B to change from June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to first meeting of the Fall semester.

Introduced and Sponsored by Gia Laferriere and AG Martinez  
at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on March 23, 2014

**ARTICLE V. SECTION 2-A and B**

Whereas: Article V (Finance), Section 2. Distribution of ASNMHU Fee states:

A. A budget report shall be prepared by the President to the Senate for approval no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of the next fiscal year. The report shall include budgets for the branches of government and executive committees.

B. Per section 7-A-7 of Article II above, the Graduate Committee will establish a minimum percentage of fees paid by graduate students as the funding source for professional development awards to graduate students. The recommendation will be submitted to ASNMHU Senate for approval in accord with the guidelines for the ASNMHU President's budget, which is no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> for the next fiscal year.

Whereas: The June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline seems to be an arbitrary one from the past;


Whereas: The fiscal year runs July 1-June 30;

Whereas: It often occurs that students (Senators and Executives included) are not even around campus in the summer, and so as a matter of practice, budget proposals typically are presented at the first meeting of the fall semester;

**Therefore be it resolved that in order to be consistent with other amendments; Article V-2-A-B be amended to replace the reference to June 1<sup>st</sup>, with language that reflects that budgetary proposals be submitted at the first official meeting of the Fall semester for student government and its committees.**

Yea Votes 16 Nay Votes 0 Abstentions or "Present" Votes 1

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot:  
Yes  No

  
Signature, ASNMHU President

3/23/14  
Date





**ASNMHU Student Senate**

Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_.

Introduced and Sponsored by Ramon M. Martinez: \_\_\_\_\_  
at regular ASNMHU meeting held Sunday, March 3, 2014.

**Purpose:** Amending the ASNMHU constitution language defining/addition to finance committee "limits and stipulations".

**Whereas:** Article II. Legislative Branch, Section 7-A3. Committees, states "The Finance Committee shall be established to investigate budget reports and make recommendations regarding the budget of the ASNMHU Government. Legislation concerned with finances shall be referred to this committee. This committee shall be composed of five to seven Senators. The Treasurer of the ASNMHU Student shall serve as chair and shall have no vote except in the event of a tie."(ASNMHU Constitution, page 7);

**Whereas:** Original intent of the language does not define any regulatory limitations or specific guidelines for seeking funding from the ASNMHU student senate.

**Whereas:** Currently and in the past, ASNMHU Bills and Resolutions applicants have exceeded proportional distributions of funds.

**Whereas:** Article II. Legislative Branch, Section 7-A3 may the addition thereof "Limits and stipulation regarding ASNMHU funding can be found in the "Authority of Financial Control" sub-section C" be added from there on after. (ASNMHU Constitution, page 7);

**Whereas:** Article V. Finance, Section 3-B may the addition thereof "Some funding limits and / or stipulations may apply. These limits can be found in the "Authority of Financial Control" sub-section C" be added from there on after. (ASNMHU Constitution, page 15);

**Whereas:** Article V. Finance, Section 3-C be **added** (ASNMHU Constitution, page 15);

C.

- Bills / Resolutions must be submitted at the ASNMHU Office by 5:00pm four days prior to the meeting date to be considered for funding. Any later, they will be considered invalid and must be resubmitted prior to the next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the finance committee or visit during office hours.
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- Official student clubs and organizations may come forth to ANMHU Student Senate to request funding at a maximum cap of \$1000.00 dollars per semester. At no time should any student organization expect to be funded at all, let alone fully funded for their events and the \$1000 cap is a maximum award, not guaranteed, and the Senate may approve allocations up to that amount. Consideration will be given to repeat funding requests, i.e., the amount and purpose of funds that were allocated to clubs/organizations in the fall semester will be taken into account when taking any action to approve or disapprove subsequent requests for funding in the spring semester. Student Senate reserves the right to attach stipulations to any funding provided.
- Request for individual funding shall be limited to \$250.00 dollars per semester. Graduate students requesting funding shall be determined by the graduate committee and upon recommendation can be brought forth to the senate approval.

Therefore, let it be resolved, that the ASNMHU Constitution, Article II, Section 7-A3, Article V. Section B and the addition thereof Section C reference new language clarifying limits and regulations with regards to ASNMHU funding.

Yea Votes 5 Nay Votes 7 Abstentions or "Present" Votes 5

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot Yes \_\_\_ No

[Signature]  
Signature, ASNMHU President

2/23/14  
Date

Resolution # 11 Amending the ASNMHU constitution, Article II Section 13-A (Salaries)

Introduced and Sponsored by Sen. Brister  
at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on 7-23-14

**Article II Section 13-A Salaries**

Whereas: Article II, Section 13-A states that the Senate may establish salaries for the purpose of compensation for student officials and employees of ASNMHU. Compensation may not be diminished during an individual's term of office.

Whereas: Currently, the salaries for the President (100%), Vice President (100%), Secretary (75%), Treasurer (75%); and Attorney General (50%) are compensated at full-time resident undergraduate tuition and fees

Whereas: Current full-time resident tuition and fees are at \$2,000;

Whereas: Currently, student senators are paid a stipend of \$30 per meeting and the Pro-Tempore is compensated at \$35 per meeting;

Whereas: Currently, more than half (\$22,000) of the ASNMHU budget is spent on salaries and stipends and not on student activities;

Whereas: Servant leadership, marketable skills, and leaving a legacy on this campus should be the reasons to serve on ASNMHU, not salaries or stipends;

**Therefore be it resolved that as a cost-savings measure and general principle, the compensation outlined in the constitution be amended to reflect the following compensation rates: (Stipends in set amount not tied to tuition for officers) President \$1,000; Vice President \$1,000; Secretary \$1,000; Treasurer; \$1,000; Student Senators \$20/meeting; Pro Tem \$25/meeting.**

Yea Votes 6 Nay Votes 10 Abstentions or "Present" Votes 1

2/3 Majority Requirement for Senate Approval and Placement on General Election Ballot:  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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Signature, ASNMHU President

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Date

ASNMHU Resolution

Resolution # 12 Supporting the administration's proposal to reduce the minimum number of credit hours for most bachelor's degrees from 128 to 120 and urging the faculty to do the same.

Introduced and Sponsored by Joseph Dominguez, Senate Pro Tempore

at a regular meeting of ASNMHU held on Sunday, March 23, 2014

120 Minimum Credit Hours for Most BA Degrees

- Whereas:** New Mexico Highlands University currently requires a minimum of 128 credit hours for all bachelor's degrees;
- Whereas:** This requirement is more than nine of our peer institutions recognized by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS);
- Whereas:** This requirement is set by the university and exceeds the published minimum of 120 credit hours set by the state of New Mexico;
- Whereas:** Most undergraduate degree programs could be reduced to 120, as has been the practice in all of our surrounding states for 5 or more years (Texas: 120 minimum and maximum, 2009; Arizona 120, 1996; Colorado 120, 2005);
- Whereas:** The University of New Mexico recently approved 120 semester credit hours as a minimum, effective Fall 2014, and our student counterparts at UNM were in full support of the measure;
- Whereas:** Reducing the minimum number of credit hours would result in a reduction of costs to students in the form of less tuition over time (faster time to completion) and delayed income over time.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University, as the elected representatives of the student body, hereby endorse and support the proposal to reduce the minimum number of credit hours for bachelor's degrees from 128 to 120 and respectfully encourage the faculty of the university to also endorse and support the proposal. ASNMHU also urges the Board of Regents of the university to ultimately approve the proposal.

Yea Votes 16 Nay Votes 0 Abstentions or "Present" Votes 1

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Signature, ASNMHU President

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Date