

September 27, 2015 | 5:00pm | Student Union Building – Governance Room

Meeting called to order by: Vice President Cordova

Time Called: 5:03pm

## ROLL CALL

Angelica Gonzalez Present

Tarissa Mellin Present

Alejandra Roa Present

Ariadna Izaguirre Present

Shyann Romero Martinez Present

Joshua Alcon **Absent**

Tamlyn Crain Present

Chantel Rivera **Absent**

Trenton Ward Present

Krystol Myers Present

Xiaowei Wu Present

Jereece Maxwell Present

Isaac Lopez Present

Giavanna LaFerriere Present

*President:* Joseph Dominguez Present

*Vice President:* Gabriel Cordova Present

*Secretary:* Alaena Romero Present

*Treasurer:* Danisha Phipps Present

*President Pro- Temp:* John Ramon Vigil Present

Natasha Lujan Present

Leticia Merrills-Gonzalez Present

Rachael Zayas Present

## General Consent Items:

- 1) President Pro-Temp John Ramon Vigil recognizes campus life, senators that assisted with float, the New Mexico Highlands University Football and Soccer team. Recognizes the Director of Campus Life, Margaret Gonzalez.
- 2) Parliamentarian Garcia recognizes Mike Adams for paying for the BBQ to be able to have a free dinner for students rather than be charged by vendors.
- 3) Dr. Fidel Trujillo attended the National Latino Behavioral Health Association scholarship luncheon in Santa Fe where various scholarships were awarded. Out of eleven scholarships that were given out, eight were to NMHU students. Congratulations to their students, families, and the NMHU School of Social Work.

## Approval of Agenda:

1. Changes in the agenda include, clarification to put the action item of "ASNMHU Banner" to President Dominguez's report, Bills and Resolution aligned with bullet points and add Ashley Branch to the bill funding list. (*Motion made by Senator LaFerriere, Second by President Pro-Temp Vigil*) Amendments to agenda were passed unanimously. Agenda is approved.

## **Approval of September 17, 2015 Minutes Secretary Alaena Romero**

Motion made by Senator Romero-Martinez and Second by Senator Crain (Unanimous vote) *Minutes are approved*

### **ASNMHU Vacancy:**

1. President Dominguez nominated Steven Gonzales to fill the vacancy in ASNMHU. Pro Tempore Vigil explained that the Presidential Selection Committee attended, with 3 of 5 members present, which met quorum, and recommendation was based on requirements of resume and letter of intent. The recommendation was in favor of Mr. Gonzales.
2. (*Motion to approve nomination made by Senator Lujan and Second by Zyas*) Motion passed unanimously. Senator Gonzales was administered the Oath of Office by Dean of Students, Dr. Fidel Trujillo.

### **Dr. Teresita Aguilar (NMHU Strategic Plan/ Higher Learning Commission Visit)**

- HLC will be asking about strategic planning and the visit will be Monday (September 28, 2015) from 4:00 to 5:00pm in SUB 329
- Dr. Aguilar asks for feedback from ASNMHU and student body as well as for endorsements, if Senate is so inclined. She will be back at a future meeting to gather information from Senators.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1) Joaquin Montoya
- 2) Salvador Sena
- 3) Zakiya Shivji
- 4) Amanda Aragon

*Fund Request:* NMHU Geology Department Conference (Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>)

*Allocated Funds:* **\$350.00 (EACH Graduate MEMBER)**

*(Sponsored: Pro- Temp Vigil)*

#### **Finance Committee awarded full funding**

Motion made by Pro-Temp Vigil, Second by Senator Ward (*Unanimous*)

- 5) Ghassan Aburoayeq (Graduate)

*Fund Request: Rocky Mountain Convention (Registration Fee/ Lodging)*

*Allocated Funds:* Finance Committee recommends **\$189.00**

*(Sponsored by Pro-Temp Vigil)*

Motion made by: Senator Gonzales Second by Senator LaFerriere (14 for/ 1 abstention), Motion passes.

- 6) Ashley Branch (Graduate)

*(Sponsored by Senator Lopez)*

*Fund Request: Expenses on Study for Physiology Study on Food Study*

*Allocated Funds:* Finance Committee recommends: **\$500.00**

Motion made by Senator Izaguirre and Second by Senator Lopez (Motion passed Unanimously)

### **President Joseph Dominguez Report:**

- October 1<sup>st</sup> is the next dinner with President Minner and his wife and selected senators.
- Recognizes senators that participated in homecoming activities.
- Change in President Dinner with Rachel Zayas and Teresa Mellin switch. (October 8<sup>th</sup>/ October 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- HLC attendance is very important and it's important that we demonstrate how students are involved in decision-making.
- ASNMHU Banner and Logo (**\$120.00**)
  - Motion made by Senator Romero-Martinez Second by Senator Lopez (Motion passed Unanimously)
- Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>, Treasurer Phipps cannot attend the dinner with President Minner.

### **Vice- President Cordova:**

- Recognizes senators that represented senate during homecoming week.

**Secretary Romero:**

- Addresses changes in minutes and agenda. Questions or comments can be addressed to her through email and phone calls.

**Treasurer:**

- Explained the budget and name tags that will be done by Secretary Alaena Romero

**President Pro-Temp:**

- Recognizes the ASNMHU float and the materials that were allocated for assistance. Also impressed upon the Senate the importance of attending HLC visit and putting our best foot forward.

**Dean of Students Report:**

- Student Support Services Update
- Access of tutoring and on-line tutoring
- "Open House" Monday October 5, 2015
  - Introduce freshmen and other students to other advisors
  - There are still other resources and a plan in place for student services
- HLC Visit: Meet with student senate leaders and other students (Tomorrow, September 27, 2015)
- Shared idea for "one-stop shop" in Felix Martinez Building, whereby Student Accounts Receivable (cashier) might be relocated to Felix Martinez to mitigate the "run around" some students experience between departments.
- Will send a designee to next ASNMHU meeting because he will be attending HACU Conference in Miami, FL.

**Announcements:**

- *Senator Merrills-Gonzales* (October 6<sup>th</sup>) "House Call"
- *President Pro-Temp:* (November 5<sup>th</sup>) "Career Fair"

\*Treasure Phipps, Senator Maxwell left meeting early (Permission Granted)

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**Next ASNMHU Meeting:** *Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 5:00*

**Motion Set by Senator Crain Second by Mellion** (14 for, 1 against)

**Adjournment:** Motioned by Senator Crain Second by Senator Izaguirre

(Motion Passed Unanimously)