

Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University | MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2015 | 5:00pm | Student Union Building – Governance Room

Meeting called to order by: Vice President Cordova

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5:00pm

ROLL CALL

Senator:

Angelica Gonzalez Present

Tarissa Mellin Present

Alejandra Roa Present

Ariadna Izaguirre Present (arrived 5:04)

Shyann Romero Martinez Present (arrived 5:04)

Joshua Alcon **ABSENT**

Tamlyn Crain Present

Chantel Rivera **ABSENT**

Trenton Ward Present

Krystol Myers Present (left at 5:12pm)

Xiaowei Wu Present

Jereece Maxwell Present (left at 7:02pm)

Isaac Lopez Present

Giavanna LaFerriere **EXCUSED**

Natasha Lujan Present

Leticia Merrills-Gonzalez Present

Rachael Zayas Present

Steven Gonzales 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

Parliamentarian: Marcus Garcia **EXCUSED**

Approval of Agenda:

- Senator Vigil moves to add “ASNMHU Strategic Plan” underneath the “Club Funding Requests”. Motion seconded by Senator Lujan. *Changes to the agenda passes unanimously.*
- *Arrival of Senator Romero-Martinez and Senator Izaguirre at 5:04pm
- Motion to approve of the agenda made by Senator S. Gonzalez, second by Senator Ward (Approval of the agenda passes unanimously)

Approval of September 27th and Senate Retreat Minutes: Secretary Alaena Romero

- Motion to approve the Senate Retreat minutes made by Senator Izaguirre, second by Senator Roa. (Senate Retreat Minutes passed unanimously)
- Motion to approve the September 27th meeting minutes made by Senator A. Gonzalez, second by Senator Maxwell (vote passed unanimously)

General Consent Items:

- Pro-Temp Vigil mentions that the “Spook Fest” was a success for the NMHU Students this previous weekend.
- Dr. Fidel Trujillo mentions that the collaboration with Luna Community College and NMHU for the 2015 “College Night” were successful. Over 300 high school students attended and various academic and support units from NMHU and LCC were on display to prospective students and parents.
- Senator Myers explains that the “Crop Walk” had a great turn out this previous weekend and housing made about \$1,300.

Treasurer Report: *Danisha Phipps*

Undergraduate Balance: Sponsored 3 Clubs (Total as of Oct. 25 - \$9,016)

Graduate Balance: Sponsored 7 graduate (Total as of Oct. 25 -\$3,611)

Business with Visitors:

- 1) Fall Career and Internship Fair (**Ron Garcia, Career Services Center**)
 - Senators are encouraged to attend the career fair and to check out the Career Services website and tools provided to students to assist them not only at the career fair but also in the student's future in career searching and interviews.
 - *October 26, 2015 (Jessie Gallegos will provide the last NMHU workshop at 3:00pm in Library Room G35)*
- 2) Student Transportation System (**Margaret Gonzalez, Office of Campus Life**)
 - Discussion of liability of the university, weather permitting and discussion of student transportation.
 - Capacity and Scheduling of the Transportation System (12 passenger van)
 - Tentative Draft Schedule and ideas that are still open for discussion
 - Depending on student demand and where students desire to go (pick up and drop off about every hour)
- 3) NMHU Yearbook (**Margaret Gonzalez, Office of Campus Life**)
 - Previous years had offered yearbooks. There hasn't been one for several years. digital yearbooks might be considered.
 - Representative from a yearbook company out of Colorado would like to discuss or consider for upcoming discussion (*November 5, 2015 at 11:00am*)
 - Margaret will come up with location and other members of clubs or organizations are welcome to attend this upcoming discussion meeting in November.
 - Next Clubs and Organizations Meeting is November 6, 2015 in the Governance Room
- 4) HU-CARES: It's On Us Campaign (**Leon Bustos, HU-CARES**)
 - Thanks students and senators that participated in the "Crop Walk" and donated non-perishable foods for the food pantry.
 - "It's on Us" (2014) of Domestic Violence discussed by Leon Bustos and additional information regarding signing a pledge to change the culture and prevent domestic violence.
 - Create a safe and quality and educational environment at NMHU, public campaign with the Media Arts Department.
 - Posters for "It's on Us" in Wilson Complex and home football game with a mass awareness to take the pledge. **Itsonus.org (Pledge Link)*

Action Items:

Graduate Bills:

- 1) Elyssa Duran (*Sponsored by Senator Issac Lopez*)
Funding request: **\$800.00** Recommendation by Graduate Committee (*\$500.00*)
Motion made by Senator Lopez, second by Senator Ward
Vote: (14 for/ 0 against/ 1 abstention) Elyssa Duran is awarded \$800.00

*Motion set by Pro-Temp Vigil to reestablish the Graduate Cap of \$500.00, motion second by Merrills-Gonzalez (9 for/ 5 against/ 1 abstention) *Bylaws are reestablished.*

*Motion to suspend bylaws set by Senator Zayas and Second by Senator Lopez. Motion passes unanimously.

- 2) Sessyon Crawford (*Sponsored by Senator Shyann Romero-Martinez*)

Funding Amount: **Graduate Recommendation (\$1,089)**

Motion made by Senator Myers, Second by Izaguirre : (motion passes unanimously)

*Motion to restate the bylaws set by Senator Zayas and second Pro-Temp Vigil (Vote 1 Against/ 15 abstention)
(Bylaws will not be reinstated)

*Motion to reinstate all bylaws by Senator Lopez except the Graduate Cap, second by Senator Izaguirre
(13 for/ 0 against/ 1 abstention)

Club Funding Requests:

1) Political Science Club (*Sponsored by Senator Issac Lopez*)

Funding Amount: Recommended by Finance Committee: **\$500.00**

Motion made by: \$450.00 by Senator Maxwell, second by Senator Mellin (12 for/ 1 against/ 1 abstention)
(\$450.00 is allocated to Political Science Club)

2) 518 Express (*Sponsored by Pro-Tempore John Ramon Vigil*)

Funding Amount: Recommended from Finance Committee **\$400.00**

Motion made by: Pro-Temp Vigil second by Senator Gonzales

Motion passes unanimously (\$400.00 is allocated to the 518 Express)

3) NMHU Women for Change (*Sponsored by Senator Shyann Romero-Martinez*)

Funding Amount: Recommendation from Finance Committee **\$500.00**

Motion made by: Senator Crain, second by Pro-Temp Vigil

Motion passes unanimously (\$500.00 is allocated to the NMHU Women for Change)

4) "NM Highlands University Vision 2020" Resolution #1

- New Mexico Highlands University is in the midst of developing a five year strategic plan,
Motion made by President Pro-Temp Vigil and second by Senator S. Gonzales. Motion passed unanimously.
President Dominguez will present the resolution at next board of regents meeting.

Informational Items:

Executive Reports:

President Dominguez Report:

KEDP (October 30,2015 at 1:00pm)

- Radio Show for ASNMHU Senate with Factuality Senate to inform the community of Las Vegas of events and what we are doing as a senate.

Vice- President Cordova:

- Recognized the use of cell phones and dress appropriately for senate meetings.
- Thank you for funding for the ASL Club and the club has used it appropriately and to recruit more deaf students.

Secretary Romero:

- Appreciates the funding from senate to the Political Science Club of \$450.00

President Pro-Temp:

- Senator Alcon and Senator Rivera have resigned this past week.
- Letters of interest are being accepted

Committee Reports:

Activities: Senator Izaguirre

- Midterm Snacks were appreciated and recognizes senators for their assistance.
- Safety Walk scheduled for the beginning of November/ Thanksgiving Baskets
- Dr. Fidel Trujillo recognizes the hosting of "Club HU" or any other dances for students.

Finance: Treasure Phipps (NOTHING TO REPORT)

Food Committee: Senator Angelica Gonzalez

- Implement different food choices and ideas with Avians
- Feedback from Students
- Extended Hours

Graduate: (EXCUSED)

Judicial Branch: (NOTHING TO REPORT)

Marketing: Senator Romero-Martinez

- Advertisement of ASNMHU Senate Meetings
- TV's in Felix Martinez need to be addressed
- "It's on Us" campaign

Presidential Appointments: President Pro-Temp Vigil

- Student Senator Vacancies
- Participation in Career and Internship Fair

Steering and Rules: (EXCUSED)

Dean of Students Report: *Dr. Fidel J. Trujillo*

- 1) NMHU Foundation/ Alumni Office Student Representative needed at the Foundation Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2015 (8:00am)
- Undergraduate Female: Senator Zayas and President Joseph Dominguez (graduate student) agreed to attend, the meeting will take place in the Student Union Building Room 326, time to be determined.

Announcements:

- *Pro-Temp Vigil addresses the early leaving of Senators and that need to be documented on the minutes and needs to be discussed in next weeks meeting. (November 8, 2015)*

Next ASNMHU Meeting:

Motion set by Senator Crain and second by Senator Lujan November 8, 2015 at 5:00

Passes unanimously

Adjournment:

Motion set by Senator Izaguirre and second by Senator Crain. Motion passes unanimously.