



*ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY  
Draft Meeting Minutes for Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2017*

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### Call to order

ASNMHU Vice-President Ariadna Izaguirre called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### ***Attendees Include:***

#### EXECUTIVES:

<b>PRESIDENT LUJAN</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT IZAGUIRRE</b>
<b>SECRETARY CRAIN</b>
<b>TREASURE ROMERO MARTINEZ</b>
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN GONZALES</b>
<b>PRO- TEMPORE GUTIERREZ</b>

#### SENATORS:

<b>ANDREGO</b>
<b>BROWNE</b>
<b>CASTILLON</b>
<b>CASTRO</b>
<b>DROBNICK</b>
<b>ESPINOZA</b>
<b>ESTRADA</b>
<b>GARCIA</b>
<b>LOERA</b>
<b>LOPEZ</b>
<b>PEOPLE</b>
<b>TORRES</b>
<b>VENEGAS</b>

### ***Members not in attendance included:***

#### Senators

### General Consent Items

Treasurer Romero Martinez would like to thank everyone who came to the parade and helped out. Also thanked individuals who were involved in other groups in the parade

Vice President Izaguirre mentions that Secretary Crain cannot always hear everyone because of location and asks that everyone speak up.

## Budget Report

Treasurer Romero Martinez states that Senate currently has \$8,896 in Undergraduate funding, \$5,680 in Graduate funding, and \$2,551 in Activities funding.

## Approval of the Agenda

Parliamentarian Gonzales makes recommendation that Action Item VIII on the agenda be sent to Steering & Rules Committee.

Senator Venegas asks that the NMHU Spirt Program be stricken from the agenda.

Senator Espinoza motions to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes, second by Senator Estrada. 14 senators in favor motion passes, and agenda is approved.

## Approval of 8/27/17 Meeting Minutes

Senator Estrada motions to approve the 8/27/17 with no changes, second by Senator Espinoza. 9 senators in favor motion passes, and minutes are approved.

## Set time and date of next regular meeting

Chair asks if anyone has any suggestions for the date and time of the next regular meeting. Secretary Crain states that if Senate was to go off of the two weeks that the meeting would be the same weekend as Fall Break. Pro- Tempore Gutierrez states that Sunday, October 1, 2017 would not work as well because many individuals will be returning from Hurricane Harvey Relief Trip. The Chair recommends the 15<sup>th</sup>. Senator Garcia states that her will not physically be present by will be present via Zoom. Chair asks for a motion.

Pro- Tempore Gutierrez motions to set the time and date of the next regular meeting to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. MT, second by Senator Lopez. 13 senators in favor motion passes, 1 abstention, motion is approved.

## Undergraduate Funding

*Dayana Sarinana*- Ms. Sarinana is a Jr. majoring in Psychology and minoring in Sociology. She is seeking \$250.00 to assist with travel to Albuquerque for a conference held by the New Mexico Psychological Association on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sarinana states that this conference would be beneficial to the research she is currently conducting on Social Media and Self Esteem. Senator Torres asks if Ms. Sarinana will be presenting at the conference. Ms. Sarinana states that she will not be presenting and that this is her first conference. Senator Torres asks if she is asking for travel expenses. Ms. Sarinana states that she is asking for funds for travel expenses. Chair asks if there is a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Finance Committee Recommends \$250.00. Chair asks for a motion.

Pro- Tempore Gutierrez motions to award the recommended funding of \$250.00 to Ms. Dayana Sarinana, second by Senator People. 14 senators in favor motion passes, and motion is approved.

UGSWA- The club is seeking \$500.00 to assist with the annual Turkey Basket Give Away. UGSWA helps to build a biases of support for Undergraduate Social Work Students and assist in professional development of the students involved in the club. Last year, UGSWA gave 325 baskets to members of the community, students, faculty, and staff across the different campuses. Chair asks if anyone has any question. Chair asks if there is a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Finance Committee Recommends \$500.00. Chair asks for a motion.

Senator Castillon motions to award the recommended funding of \$500.00 to the UGSWA, second by Senator Estrada. 14 senators in favor motion passes, and motion is approved.

*Highlands Student Leadership Council-* The club is seeking \$500.00 to assist with the cost of attendance for 4 students to the HACU Conference in San Diego, California. The funds would assist with travel and logging. HSLC is hosting 3 fundraising to also assist with the cost. Chair asks if anyone has any question. Chair asks if there is a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Finance Committee Recommends \$500.00. Chair asks for a motion.

Senator People motions to award the recommended funding of \$500.00 to the HSLC, second by Senator Torres. 14 senators in favor motion passes, and motion is approved.

*Hispanic Cultural and Language Club-* The club is seeking \$500.00 to assist with funding for activities and fundraisers to fund activities to help students broaden their cultural and language horizons which will help students with educational and job opportunities. Some example are activities such as Dia de los Muertos and having presenters come and speak. Chair asks if anyone has any question. Senator Torres asks if the club participates in the Art club Dia de los Muertos. The club states that it would be on their own. Senator People asks if this year would be the clubs first year. The club representatives state that it is not the clubs first year and that last year the club made an altar. Senator People asks if it was on campus. The Clubs representatives state that it was in the Language Learning Center. Senator Castillon clarifies that the group does not participate in the Dia de los Muertos exhibit located in Burriss Hall. The club representative states that they have not participated before but are open to collaborating. Chair asks if there is a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Finance Committee Recommends \$500.00. Chair asks for a motion.

Senator Estrada motions to award the recommended funding of \$500.00 to the HCLC, second by Senator Lopez. 14 senators in favor motion passes, and motion is approved.

## Officer Reports

*President Lujan-* States that she would like for ASNMHU to have a mission statement as other student groups do and will create an Ad Hoc committee for that purpose. President Lujan states that if anyone is interested to about being on the committee to talk to her. President Lujan asks either the Marketing Committee or Secretary Crain can post the days of the meetings to the campus community. President Lujan also states that to be compliant with the Open Meetings Act that an agenda has to be available to the public prior to the meeting. Opens the floor to questions. Pro- Tempore asks if President Lujan was going to discuss the idea they had come up with. President Lujan says that she wants to do tabling and Pro- Tempore Gutierrez mentioned also doing snow cones with tabling and calling it Snow Cones with Senate.

*Vice President Izaguirre*- thanks everyone who attended the parade and everyone who responded. Vice President also states that the Office of Alumni asks for Senate to walk with the painted horse in the Robertson Homecoming Parade.

*Secretary Crain*- Asks that every coming talk to her about when specifically each person will do their office hours. Secretary Crain also asks that everyone make sure that everyone copies her to any attendance emails as well. She also asks that everyone responds to emails in a timely fashion.

*Treasurer Romero Martinez*- states that after all the bills passed today the balances of the accounts are \$6,396 in Undergraduate funding, and no changes to the other two. Note to finance committee to expect to meet 30 minutes to every meeting for bills and if you cannot attend please communicate that to the Treasurer.

*Parliamentarian Gonzales*- Nothing to report at this time.

*President Pro Tempore Gutierrez*- states that she likes the new meeting time. Nothing else to report. Opens the floor to questions. President Lujan asks what exactly the Hurricane Harvey Relief group is going to do. Pro- Tempore states that the focus is clean up and rebuilding as much as possible. Senator Torres states that Dr. Nelson wanted to make sure to tell the group to hydrate because of the humid weather.

## Committee Reports

Committee assignments are read off to the Senate.

*Activities*- Update that Senate bought a canopy to be used for Senate Activates.

*Finance*- Reminder for committee to meet 30 minutes ahead of time.

*Faculty Senate Liaison*- Please let Senator Torres if there is anything that Student Senate would like bought up to Faculty Senate.

*Graduate*- Nothing to report at this time.

*Legislative*- Nothing to report at this time.

*Marketing*- Nothing to report at this time.

*Presidential Appointments*- Nothing to report at this time.

*Steering & Rules*- All senators in this committee please meet to set a meeting time.

## Dean of Students Report

Nothing to report at this time. Senator Torres states to tell Dr. Blea Congratulations on her anniversary.

## Public Participation

Audience member Brandon Villalobos wants to introduce himself and state his interest in being on Senate. Senator Castillon asks when his documents were submitted to Secretary Crain. Audience member Brandon Villalobos states that he submitted his documents on Tuesday but resubmitted them Thursday as Secretary Crain did not receive them. Senator Torres asks if there is still one spot on Senate. Senator Torres asks what drive Mr. Brandon Villalobos to be on Student Senate. Mr. Brandon Villalobos states that he works closely with Freshman and other students and that he would like to see the campus life alive and well. Mr. Brandon Villalobos would like to see students getting involved and getting students opinions and putting that in action. Mr. Brandon Villalobos states the he is a good leader.

Chair asks if there are anymore questions from anyone. Senator Torres states that he has two questions. Senator Torres asks Treasurer Romero Martinez if it is best for a group of students to asks for money as a group or as individuals. Treasurer Romero Martinez states that only a chartered club can ask for money as a group, so they should ask as individuals unless the want to charter a new club. Senator Torres then states that some students do not believe that the possible Senate Retreat is not a good use of time or money and that it would just be senators going to have fun. Treasurer Romero Martinez states that it is up to the Senators to decide how to use that line item, though she believes it would be a good opportunity for Student Senate to have a break, have fun together, and create a bond in the Senate but it is up to the Senate. Senator Garcia states that he believes that the retreat would be a good idea to help with the bond and possibly help with getting students interested in joining Senate. Vice President Izaguirre asks if anyone has any days that would be possible for the retreat. Fall break is discussed but turned down. Senator Drobnick states that her class will still be going on. Vice President Izaguirre asks Senator Drobnick to send a possible day. Senator Espinoza asks about keys. Secretary Crain states that Senators needs to go to facilities to get their keys.

## Adjournment

Vice President Izaguirre calls meeting adjournment at 2:21 p.m. Senate is adjourned.

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Secretary

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Date of approval