



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY

Draft Meeting Minutes for Friday, September 7, 2018

Call to order

ASNMHU Vice-President Crain called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. on Sunday, September 7th, 2018.

Attendees Include:

EXECUTIVES:

SENATORS:

PRESIDENT PEOPBLE	ACHULETA
VICE PRESIDENT CRAIN	BENAVIDEZ
SECRETARY ANDREGO	BRAFFORD
TREASURE ESPINOZA	BUSTAMANTE
PARLIAMENTARIAN RAMIREZ	CORTES
PRO- TEMPORE VENEGAS	CRAIN
	GEORGE
	GONZALES
	MARTINEZ
	MICHEL
	PALOS
	SAMORA
	VILLALOBOS
	WU

Members not in attendance included:

Senators

Approval of the Agenda

Senator Villalobos moved to amend the agenda to remove item V. Pro-tempore Venegas seconds. Passed by voice vote.

Senator Samora moves to approve amended agenda. Second by Senator Michel. Passed by voice vote.

Budget Amendments and Approval

President Peoble and Treasurer Espinoza explain the new budget and why there needed to be amendments. We already had the funding for campus life taken out of our budget because it was an automatic fee. We also had extra money from the graduate stipends because of an over calculation. VP of Finance Max Baca clarified that the senate has the digression of giving Campus Life any amount they would like. Treasurer Espinoza suggests to take another vote on the amount that the senate is awarding to campus life.

Line items one thru ten on the budget are determined by the constitution. President Peoble recommends granting \$20,000 to Campus life. The voting machine is still suggested at \$800. If the voting can be moved to online voting, the funding can be moved around within the budget. Retreat funding was suggested to increase to \$1,500. Funding for shirts was suggested to increase to \$2,000 to get a t-shirt and a polo for all members of senate. Gala funding is recommended at \$3,500. Activities chair is in charge of the gala, and any questions can be directed to Treasurer Espinoza regarding the gala. Activities recommendation is \$4,860. Recommendation for Operational costs is \$1,571. The printer is suggested at \$329. Graduate funding is recommended at \$10,000, and increase from last year. Undergraduate funding is recommended at \$16,562. The computer recommendation for the senate office is \$1,000. VP of Finance Max Baca offered to fund the new computer for Student Senate because it is a business operational expense provided to our office.

Senator Michel questioned when will we know if the voting machine will be utilized? President Peoble clarifies that the voting machine would be used in the spring semester, and if not used, the money can be split into different funds. Senator Cortes clarifies what the activity funding goes towards. Vice President Crain references the committee list that was sent out the previous week, and clarifies that the activities committee is in charge of setting up events for the campus community. Senator Archuleta questions if the two ASNMHU vacancies are factored into the undergraduate and graduate stipends. Vice President Crain suggests that the senate votes on the budget line item by line item.

Senator Cortes recommends splitting the funding set aside for the computer between the undergraduate and graduate funding. Senator Benavidez motions to amend the budget by splitting the \$1000 going towards the new computer in between undergraduate funding and graduate funding. Senator Palos seconds. 15 for none against, no abstentions. Amendment passes. New Undergraduate total would be \$17,062. The new graduate total would be \$10,500.

Chair asks for a motion pertaining to the new budget. Senator Villalobos motion to approve these items as a whole but let the record reflect that each item was acted individually based on a roll call vote. Second by Senator Cortes. A roll call vote was conducted. 15 for, none against, no abstentions. Budget is approved.

CONECTADO

Vice President Baca distributed the statement from the administration. The administration will not be speaking on this topic. President Peoble introduces Tim Savee at this time. Time gives an opening statement about the CONECTADO grant and his opposition to the administration's handling of this situation. Mr. Savee expresses that a nationwide advertisement drew him to this grant and the

university. After five semesters of receiving this grant Tim was informed by Michael Rivera, the CONECTADO Activities Director on June 18th that these students are no longer eligible for the grant. Time Savee, states that the university knew that these students are not New Mexico residents and that the grant coordinator has known these students situation and background. These students want the Administration to stand up for their mistakes and apologize to these students as well as help them fund their studies. Asking for senates help in getting documentation that the university denied access to, see administration make a personal apology to the students affected, and to find funds to grant each student the book stipend that they lost per student and cut the tuition in half for this semester, 75% for the next semester, and they will pay full tuition for their last semester.

President People clarifies that there is a new director of the CONECTADO grant. VP of Finance Max Baca requested that all additional documentation be forwarded to himself on behalf of the administration.

Pro-Tempore Venegas asked for the possibility to discuss this topic within the senate. President People inquired about Tim's knowledge of his right to come before the senate for funds. Parliamentarian Ramirez stated the bylaws section 1.2.7. President People explains that her justification is that books are part of professional development. Previously we have given a student money for professional development to purchase rocks and dirt, but it is your right to come before senate stated the president. Parliamentarian Ramirez agreed with President People's interpretation and stated that "books are used for professional development".

Senator Palos motions to table until Sunday's meeting, second by Senator Gonzales. 14 for, 1 against, no abstentions. Action Item tabled until next meeting (Sunday September 9, 2018).

Public Participation

President People: make careful deliberations and we will talk about this on Sunday.

Parliamentarian Ramirez, yay for the full senate at our meeting.

Adjournment

Senator Benavidez motioned for adjournment was made at 7:53 p.m., second by Senator Wu. Motion passed by voice vote. Senate is adjourned.

Secretary Andrego

Date of approval