

NMT SGA Minutes Tuesday, October 31st, 2023

I Call to Order (8:07)

II Role Call

1 Absent, 2 Present, and 0 Excused Justices

1 Absent, 11 Present, 1 Excused Senator

III Approve Agenda

Agenda Approved

IV Approve Minutes

Minutes Approved

V Student Concerns/Questions/Announcements

- How far in advance can clubs bring in bills?
 - A club can present a bill to the senate at any meeting for any point of time
- Does the SGA meeting take 2 hours?
 - A SGA meeting will take any amount of time until the business on the agenda is completed, the longest meeting this semester took an hour and 56 minutes.
- What happens if a club doesn't meet the conditions given when they get their bill money?
 - A club must use the money they are giving in good faith. If the conditions are not met, the club will need to appear before the senate to explain their situation.

VI Business

- **Suggesting the AFO has permanent speaking rights when the floor is closed for bills**
 - No opposition

IEEE Travel Bill

- Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) would like to attend the CES Conference in Las Vegas, NV. The event takes place from January 9th, 2023 to January 12th, 2023.
- IEEE is asking for a total of \$4,470.00
 - NMT Vans - \$1,960.00
 - Defensive Driving License - \$150.00
 - AirBnB - \$1,800.00
 - Annual IEEE Banquet - \$560.00
- **Assistant Financial Officer Recommendation (\$3,910.00)**
- **Motion to table the bill to next meeting**
 - 8 votes yes, 1 votes no, and 2 abstention

Constitutional Changes

1. Combining Elections

- There will only be one senator and justice election in the Fall
- There will no longer be a freshman and general election
- This will no change emergency election
- The wording of freshman standing will be changed will be changed to first year
 - Vote to change the constitution with the new information
 - 11 votes yes (unanimous)

2. Election Process

- In the event that someone in the executive branch runs for Presidency, that individual will not be present for the vote counting process.
- In the event that the Chief Justice runs for Presidency, the senate must make a ($\frac{2}{3}$ majority) vote to appoint an associate justice in charge.
 - Vote to add the new information to the constitution
 - 11 votes yes (unanimous)

Recess (8:47-8:57)

- **Costume Contest**
 - **1st Place** Jasmine Baca as Toadette
 - **2nd Place** Clarissa Crawford as Vanellope Von Schweetz
 - **3rd Place** Akongnwi Chungung as Uncle Ruckus

VII Reports:

SGA Advisor (Jennifer Chapman)

- Nothing to report

President (Dylan Schroder)

- Continuing the Presidential Search
 - Candidates submit resume → they are interviewed → they visit NM

Vice President (Elijah Collins)

- Continuing to help the clubs and committee heads
- Prepping for next semester (would like student input)

Chief Justice (Mia Karmesin)

- Prepping, discussing, and having the constitutional changes approved

Student Regent (Adrian Salustri)

- Continuing the presidential search
- Looking at research being conducted at NMT to report to the legislators

Chief Financial Officer (Estevan Ortega)

- The senate bill money problem from last year
 - As of right now it looks like AIChE is the only club with the problem
 - Emma is working on it, just waiting for finalization

Paydirt (Alexandra Sartori)

- In house printing has been a big problem this semester
 - Currently looking for out of house printing options

Student Activities Board Director (Max Medowcroft)

- The SGA Prom is being prepared for November 16th
- The Minecraft servers is still currently being worked on and will launch soon

Government Affairs Officer (Nicklaus Stanaland)

- Not much new information
- There was an event in the plaza today for Halloween

Webmaster (Isaiah Sandoval)

- Updating the minutes on the website
- Creating a rent form for the SGA tables and chairs

Legislative standards (Ella Hooks)

- Same information as Chief Justice Mia

Public Relations (Clarissa Crawford)

- An event has been approved for November 18th
 - An event to listen to student concerns

Club Advisory (Jasmine Baca)

- Working out a way to reward clubs with the most volunteer hours

Mental Health (Efrian Pita)

- There has been no official mental health meeting
- Pet Day will be held next Monday (November 6th) from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- The faculty senate meeting for mental health will be happening soon

VIII Discussion

- Senator Points
 - Committee heads turning in evaluations
 - Senators turn in volunteer hours
- Senator Removal
 - There is currently one senator that has been absent for three meetings (two consecutive) and is up for removal next meeting.
- Paydirt
 - The option for out house printing for paydirt will need paydirt's budget to be increased by \$500.00 from the carry it forward
 - Vote to take out \$500.00 from the carry it forward
 - 11 votes yes (unanimous)

IX Meeting Adjourned (9:15) :)