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UNM-Taos

STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2006

Attendees: Senator, Kim Covington, Stephanie Valdez, JoeAnna O Martinez, Tim Archuleta, Krista Cibis-Youngman, Advisor, Damon Montclare, Guests, Yvonne Washington, ContessaTrujillo
Facilitating the meeting: President Stephanie Valdez

TOPIC	DISCUSSION / CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order, Approval of Agenda: Approval of Minutes:	Stephanie called the meeting to order at 7:30am at The La Fonda Hotel. Damon asked for Elections to be added to the agenda under new business. The agenda was approved with additions. Approval of the October 17 th minutes is tabled until the December 5 th meeting.		
Report and Committees: Treasurers Report: Treasurer's Committee Report:	<p>Kim Covington / Treasurer reported the Student Governmnet account balance as of October 30th, as reported by Thomas Duran (UNM-Taos Accountant,) is \$112,405.14. The expendable balance October 30th is \$104,205.08. Two other encumbrances of \$3,125.00 (Barri Sanders Career Counseling) and \$3,500.00 (Student Government Laptop) Bring the expendable Balance to \$98,580.08. The treasurer's report is filed as written.</p> <p>Kim Covington reported she met with Thomas Duran (UNM-Taos) on November 3rd. Thomas agreed to create a separate account for Student Government encumbered monies. Thomas also agreed a sunset clause on monies allocated by Student Government would facilitate accurate accounting of Student Government funds. Kim moved to adopt a sunset clause (a one year use of funds allocated before funds</p>		

	<p>are redeposited into the Student Government operating account) when allocating S.G. funds. Krista seconded the motion, motion passed.</p> <p>Kim will consult with Bea concerning the \$206.06 allocated for Super Save Saturday Signup. Kim will submit a letter to Senators for approval announcing the adoption of the sunset clause, giving the art department one month to use the allocated funds of \$1500 for the installation of a kiln or the funds will revert to the S.G. operating account. After Senate approval (via e-mail) Kim will send the letter to the art department. It is requested the \$6500 remaining balance allocated to the Global Scholars be transferred to the Student Government encumbered monies account.</p>	<p>Kim will consult with Bea. Kim will submit letter concerning art dept. allocation. Kim will request transfer of Global Scholars funds.</p>	<p>Kim</p>
<p>OLD Business: Laptop Computer:</p>	<p>Damon Montclare informed the Senators of a request from Rick Bull (UNM-Taos manager of information systems) to submit a letter of Student Government intent in purchasing a laptop computer. Rick also requested input on the selection of the laptop. Rick feels he will be responsible for the upkeep of the computer. After a brief discussion among the Senators Damon volunteered to write and submit a letter of intent to Rick incorporating suggestions from the Senators. Points of intent are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitally recorded Student Government minutes • Digitally archived Student Government minutes and agenda • Better financial accountability • Enhanced graphic design capabilities for flyers, etc. • Compatibility with other graphic stations on campus • Enhanced compatibility for updating Student Government website with minutes, announcements, etc. • Long term goal to broadcast Student Government meetings live on S.G. website. <p>Rick Bull will be invited to the December 5th Student Government meeting for discussion of purchasing the laptop.</p> <p>JoAnna Martinez reported she reviewed all applications for the Student</p>	<p>Damon will submit a proposal to Rick Bull with an invitation to attend the next meeting.</p>	<p>Damon</p>

<p>Work-study Position:</p>	<p>Government position. She feels Terecina Romero is the best qualified applicant and is offering the position of Student Government workstudy, 10 hours a week at \$7 an hour to her. As Barri Sanders (Career Counseling) is in the Student Government office on Wednesday and Thursday, Terecina will need to work on Monday, Tuesday, or Friday. Damon will meet with Terecina to set a work schedule. Student Government work-study job descriptions will be completed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Damon will meet with Terecina to set schedule.</p>	<p>Damon and Terecina</p>
<p>New Business; Meeting Locations:</p> <p>Open Meetings Act:</p> <p>Elections:</p>	<p>Stephanie informed the Senators of an anonymous comment from someone on campus that Student Government should hold meetings on campus or not at all. The Senators discussed the proximity of La Fonda Hotel which is within walking distance of campus. The fact that a meeting time of 7:30am fits Senator's schedules and campus is not available for use until 8:00am. The Senators unanimously agreed the meeting place be at La Fonda Hotel. It is decided to put a notice of the meeting location along with reasons for the location in the Student Government window on Klauer Campus.</p> <p>Adopting the Open Meetings Act will be on the agenda of the December 5th meeting. The Act assures all meetings are open to the public and all minutes of meetings are open to the public. Stephanie will construct a short explanation of the Open Meetings Act for new members to review.</p> <p>Damon is prepared to swear in new Senators Yvonne Washington and Contessa Trujillo but has not received official notification from Amie Chavez (UNM-Taos Director of Student Affairs) that the procedure is correct. The Senators discussed the controversy surrounding last year's elections. It is decided to post the 3 at large Student Government</p>	<p>Kim will post the location of future meetings.</p> <p>Stephanie will construct description of Open Meetings Act.</p> <p>Kim will post the at large Student Government positions.</p>	<p>Kim</p> <p>Stephanie</p> <p>Kim</p>

	<p>positions in the S. G. window at Klauer for one week. After the week posted the positions will be appointed and approved via an electronic vote among Senators and those appointed will be sworn in by Damon Montclare (Student Government Advisor) pending approval of the Director of Student Affairs.</p> <p>The Senators go on record noting the discrepancies within the Student Government Constitution and Bylaws. The Senators will review the documents over the break between Fall and Spring semesters. The Senators hope to have recommendations following the break for approval and ratification.</p>		
Next Agenda Items:	Kim asked "Financial Aide Advisement for Students" be included. Other agenda requests may be submitted to President Stephanie Valdez before the next meeting.		
Next Meeting:	The next Student Government Meeting will be December 5th, 7:30am at the La Fonda Hotel.		
Adjourned:	The meeting adjourned at 8:45am.		