The attached legislation has been properly approved by the members of the Fifty-Eighth Senate of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University in accordance with ASNMSU Law.

Jennifer Ornelas, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk  

Date: 4/13/2015

Jeremy Witte, ASNMSU Vice President  

Date: 4/13/2015

I, Wesley Jackson, hereby sign into law this attached piece of legislation.

Wesley Jackson, ASNMSU President  

Date: 4/27/15
SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
BILL #200

FIFTY- EIGHTH SENATE 2014 - 2015

Introduced by: Morales
Referral to: Rules, Community Affairs, Finance
Senate Action: PASSED
Date Signed:

LVIII-14-15  AN ACT

1 AMENDING SECTIONS 7-3-3-P-1, 7-3-3-P-2, 7-4-3-P-1, AND 7-4-3-P-2 OF THE 2014-2015 ASNMSU LAWBOOK. BE
2 IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Section 1: Purpose of Act.
To amending sections 7-3-3-P-1, 7-3-3-P-2, 7-4-3-P-1, AND 7-4-3-P-2 of the 2014-2015 ASNMSU lawbook

Section 2: Main Provisions.

7-3-3-P. Any legislation introduced before the ASNMSU Senate and referred to the standing committees shall have a time limit placed upon it for which it can remain in the standing committees. Legislation shall be considered active if it adheres to the following provisions, and shall be withdrawn automatically if it goes over the time placed upon it.

1. Any legislation for one (1) student, for any type of travel, shall be given six (6) weeks during which school is in session, excluding weeks during which NMSU recognized holidays or closure of campus prohibit the regular Senate process, from the date it is introduced in first readings to get to Senate for second readings to be voted upon. Such legislation may be tabled in any of the committees for as long as the author desires so long as it reaches the Senate by the sixth week to be voted upon. If it stays in committees for any longer than six (6) weeks during which school is in session, excluding weeks during which NMSU recognized holidays or closure of campus prohibit the regular Senate process, it shall be automatically withdrawn.

2. Any legislation for two (2) or more students, for any type of travel, shall not be permitted to remain tabled in any one committee for longer than two (2) weeks during which school is in session, excluding weeks during which NMSU recognized holidays or closure of campus prohibit the regular Senate process. If a bill is tabled in a committee then it has until the following meeting of that committee to submit the necessary paperwork. If the paperwork is not submitted by the end of the following committee meeting then the bill will be automatically withdrawn.

7-4-3-P. Any legislation before the senate will be funded at an average of the cost per person for the type of travel requested, and shall be voted upon in accordance with the following provisions.

1. The funding averages for legislation are as follows.
   a. Individual travel regardless of travel type $600.00
   b. Conference Attendance $350.00
   c. Conference Presentation $450.00
2. For any legislation introduced that is under the average cost per person, for its type of travel, the ASNMSU Senate shall vote on the final passage of the bill by majority. If a bill is higher than the average cost per person, for its type of travel, the final passage of the bill shall be determined by a three-quarters (3/4) vote.

a. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance committee to determine whether a bill is over its average cost per person, for its type of travel, and make a note of it in the traveling notebook.

Section 4: Rationale.

Bills often stay in committees for months at a time due either to senatorial neglect or constituents not turning their required paperwork in on time. Therefore, it ought to be the case that both the senators and the constituents have more responsibility on their shoulders to ensure a timely flow of the senate process. A consideration is made for individuals traveling because it is often significantly more difficult for them to coordinate their schedules with committees and so the timeline for them is a lot more lax.

An average of funding per person for any type of travel is a more effective way to gauge how much senate is spending on travel and to do so in a way that makes more sense given the widely varied cost of bills. In this fashion, senate will be able to look more critically at bills and determine whether a particular individual or set of individuals are receiving more funding than the average. In this case, individual students seeking reimbursement are also given more lax standards. To lump individual travel into the broader categories of travel would skew the numbers and would be a disservice not only to the individuals students but also to the groups.