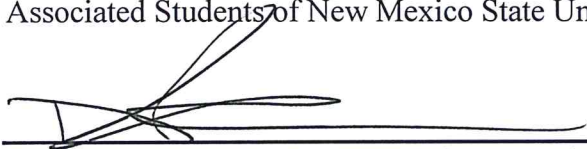


The Associated Students
Of
New Mexico State University

RESOLUTION #29

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



Donovan Olvera, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk

4/15/17

Date



Kevin Prieto, ASNMSU Vice President

4/17/17

Date

**SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY**

RESOLUTION #29

SIXTIETH SENATE

2016-2017

Introduced by: De Alba Garza, Shareef Date: 03/28/2017
Referred to: Rules, Community Affairs, Finance Date: 03/30/2017
Senate Action: FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION Date: 04/13/2017
Date Signed: _____

LX-16-17

A RESOLUTION

1 CONCERNING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE
2 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY AT NEW MEXICO STATE
3 UNIVERSITY.

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5 WHEREAS the assurance of ASNMSU involvement in major decision making that affects NMSU students
6 forms the basis of the relationship between ASNMSU and the administration of NMSU; and

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8 WHEREAS the ASNMSU Senate Appointee on the Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee
9 (hereafter referred to as the ASNMSU Senate Appointee) has been advocating for a sustainable and
10 affordable health insurance program for international students since at least the Spring of 2015; and

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12 WHEREAS progress was supposedly made in the determination of the Request for Proposal for the health
13 insurance program for International Students in the fall of 2016, when the Director of International Student
14 Scholar Services, the Director of Procurement Services, the Executive Director of Health & Wellness,
15 Interim Bursar and the Head of the NMSU Insurance Department worked with the ASNMSU Senate
16 Appointee to create a committee, chaired by the Associate Provost of International Border Programs, that
17 would formulate the Request For Proposal for the international students' health insurance policy and
18 implement this new request in the fall of 2017; and

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20 WHEREAS as of the end of March 2017, this committee has yet to meet, much to the disappointment of
21 the ASNMSU Senate; and

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23 WHEREAS the university, additionally, has not provided a list of minimum requirements to be covered on
24 the Request For Proposal, with this being the first step in determining what standards and expectations the
25 university will adhere to in searching for prospective insurance coverage; and

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27 WHEREAS without determining such standards, it is not clear what criteria will be used by the university
28 to choose a new health insurance provider, leading to the same issue that made the Request For Proposal
29 necessary for the upcoming year; and

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31 WHEREAS it is the opinion of the Senate that the issue of international student health insurance should be
32 high on the list of priorities of New Mexico State University; and

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34 WHEREAS the lack of development on this issue has led the Senate to believe otherwise; and

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36 WHEREAS, the ASNMSU Senate additionally finds the lack of transparency concerning the process by
37 which the Request for Proposal for International Student Health Insurance is formulated deeply concerning;
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40 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the administration of NMSU keep the ASNMSU Senate Appointee
41 updated with the decisions made regarding the limits decided and companies participating on the Request
42 For Proposal, as well as updated on when such decisions are being made so that the Senate Appointee may
43 adequately inform and advise the Senate and student body leadership in matters concerning international
44 student health insurance.

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46 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University that the
47 ASNMSU Senate requests to have active, meaningful involvement in the process of developing the Request For Proposal for
48 international student health insurance at New Mexico State University and that this involvement be coordinated through the
49 Senate Appointee to the Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee.

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee created in the fall of 2016 with the intention of developing the Request
52 for Proposal for international student health insurance must begin holding meetings immediately, with the Senate Appointee
53 present, and that public minutes be made available from those meetings.

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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of NMSU, the NMSU Provost, the
56 Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance, NMSU General Counsel, the Dean of the Graduate College, the
57 Director of Procurement Services, the Director of International Border Programs, members of the NMSU Board of Regents,
58 the ASNMSU President and the Graduate Student Council.