


The Associated Students
Of
New Mexico State University

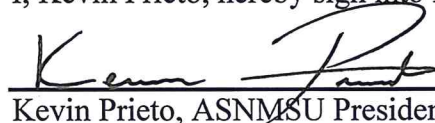
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
BILL #118

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


Bethany Mendoza, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk 11/19/2017
Date


Emerson Morrow, ASNMSU Vice President 11.21.2017
Date

I, Kevin Prieto, hereby sign into law this attached piece of legislation.


Kevin Prieto, ASNMSU President 11/21/2017
Date

SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

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SIXTY-FIRST SENATE

2017-2018

Introduced by: Forbes, Shareef Date: 10/31/2017
Referred to: Rules, Community Affairs, Finance Date: 11/02/2017
Senate Action: PASSED Date: 11/16/2017

LXI-17-18

AN ACT

1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ACCOUNT OF ACTIVITIES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE
2 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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4 Section 1: Purpose of Act.

5 To provide funding for the NMSU Intramurals program for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

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7 Section 2: Main Provisions.

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9 **LINE ITEMS**

10 **Activities**

11 (1810) Student Regular	\$ 69554.46
12 (2197) Fringe Rate Student	\$ 695.54
13 (3100) Office Supplies	\$ 50.00
14 (4010) Furniture and Equip. under \$5000	\$ 3500.00
15 (5031) Telephone/Line Charges	\$ 200.00
16 (5850) OFS Services	\$ 1000.00

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18 **TOTAL APPROPRIATION** \$ 75000.00

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20 Section 3: Appropriation.

21 Seventy-five thousand dollars and no cents (\$75000.00) shall be appropriated to the account of Activities from the
22 ASNMSU Surplus Account.

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24 Section 4: Rationale.

25 Since the 59th ASNMSU Senate Finance Board, ASNMSU's leadership had been planning to separate the
26 Association from the NMSU Intramurals Program, sending Intramurals to another NMSU department. The
27 60th ASNMSU Senate Budget Committee, which met in the spring of 2017, was informed by the ASNMSU
28 President that such a separation had been successful, with the program being moved to the NMSU
29 Department of Health and Wellness. Thus, the Intramurals program was stricken from the General
30 Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

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32 However, during the fall of 2017, the next ASNMSU President and the ASNMSU Fiscal Advisor received
33 correspondence from the Business Manager of the Intramurals program requesting access to their accounts,
34 as if they were still under ASNMSU. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that there was a lack of
35 communication concerning the future of the Intramurals program during the previous semester's Student
36 Fee Review Board hearings and that the previous ASNMSU President had in fact made a written
37 agreement to continue ASNMSU support of Intramurals for that fiscal year. The president had not informed

38 the Senate and so this arrangement was not reflected in GAA - 17/18. Despite the ASNMSU President not
39 having the authority to make such a financial obligation under ASNMSU law, ASNMSU's budget was
40 nonetheless approved by NMSU's Budgeting department, as they, ostensibly, had no knowledge of the
41 miscommunication and then approved by the government of the State of New Mexico, thus ossifying it into
42 policy.

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44 Once they had gathered sufficient information about the issue, the ASNMSU President and Fiscal Advisor
45 informed the leadership of the 61st ASNMSU Senate of the problem and it was agreed upon that ASNMSU
46 should follow through on the previous administrations' commitments and provide the \$75,000 budget for
47 the Intramurals program, at least for the duration of Fiscal Year 17/18. This decision was made to ensure
48 that the Intramurals program was funded in some manner during that Fiscal Year and to maintain the trust
49 and integrity of the Association. This bill was introduced in order to have this irregular situation handled in
50 accordance with ASNMSU law and procedure.