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Of
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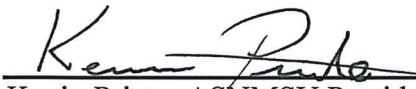
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
BILL #185

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 4/13/2018
Date


Emerson Morrow, ASNMSU Vice President 4.13.2018
Date

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


Kevin Prieto, ASNMSU President 4/18/18
Date

SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

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SIXTY-FIRST SENATE

2017-2018

Introduced by: Forbes, Salcido, Guajardo, McCarty Date: 03/06/2018
Referred to: Rules, Community Affairs, Finance Date: 03/08/2018
Senate Action: PASSED Date: 04/13/2018

LXI-17-18

AN ACT

1 AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-1-A AND 7-4-3-L OF THE 2017-2018 ASNMSU LAW BOOK. BE IT ENACTED BY THE
2 SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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4 Section 1: Purpose of Act.

5 To expand the types of research travel that the ASNMSU Senate may reimburse to include research conducted by
6 non-Honors undergraduate students so long as they have an academic advisor. The Law Book is amended with
7 deleted material [in brackets] and inserted material underlined:
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9 Section 2: Main Provisions.

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7. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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15 7-4-1. DEFINITIONS

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17 A. "Research Travel" means travel for groups or individuals for the express purpose of collecting research as
18 approved by a faculty advisor, as well as for an [Honors Thesis, Master's Thesis, or Dissertation] honors
19 thesis, master's thesis, or doctoral dissertation.
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24 7-4-3. MAIN PROVISIONS

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28 L. The ASNMSU Senate shall make appropriations for Research Travel according to the following
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34 4. The Senate shall appropriate no more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per
35 individual for the purposes of research travel in a single appropriation bill.

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37 a. Research travel appropriations for research relating to an honors thesis, master's thesis, or
doctoral dissertation shall not count against the cap established in 7-4-3-L-4.

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- b. Research travel appropriations shall not be allocated to individuals who will receive academic credit resulting from the travel, with the exception of travel related to an honors thesis, master's thesis, or a doctoral dissertation.

41 Section 3: Rationale.

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Currently, Research Travel must be connected to an honors thesis, master's thesis, or doctoral dissertation in order to be reimbursed by the ASNMSU Senate. This, in effect, means that the only students who can be reimbursed for research travel are graduate students and honors students. This stipulation disadvantages most undergraduate students who wish to conduct research, such research relating to the NMSU Domenici Institute, the Undergraduate Research & Creative Arts Symposium (URCAS), or who wish to conduct supervised research in any other theater. NMSU is a land-grant university, with research being one of the core functions of the institution. It is imprudent for ASNMSU to stipulate that only graduate and honors students may enjoy the benefit of receiving their students fees reimbursed to them via a senate bill for travel related to one of the core functions of a land-grant institution.