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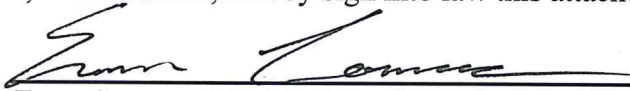
**BILL #257**

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

  
Bethany Mendoza, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk 5/7/2019  
Date

  
Acting ASNMSU Vice President, Haley Stewart 5/7/2019  
Date

I, Evan Conner, hereby sign into law this attached piece of legislation.

  
Evan Conner, ASNMSU President 5-8-19  
Date

SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

BILL #257

SIXTY-SECOND SENATE

2018-2019

Introduced by: Shareef, Ortiz, Stewart, Beker, Laemmler, Stringam, Salcido Date: 04/09/2019  
Referred to: Rules, Community Affairs, Finance Date: 04/11/2019  
Senate Action: PASSED Date: 04/26/2019  
Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

LXII-18-19

AN ACT

1 AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-3 OF THE 2018-2019 ASNMSU LAW BOOK. BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF  
2 THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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4 Section 1: Purpose of Act.

5 To adjust the ASNMSU Senate Recommended Expenditure for FY 19-20. The Law Book is amended with deleted  
6 material [in brackets] and inserted material underlined:

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8 Section 2: Main Provisions.

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10 **7. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

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**7-4. ASNMSU SENATE APPROPRIATION ACT**

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**7-4-3. MAIN PROVISIONS**

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H. For any legislation introduced that is under the Recommended Expenditure per person, for its type of travel, the ASNMSU Senate shall vote on the final passage of the bill by simple majority. If a bill is higher than the Recommended Expenditure per person, for its type of travel, the final passage of the bill shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Should the senate have appropriated fifteen percent (15%) of the Surplus Account balance minus seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) during the fall semester or thirty percent (30%) of the Surplus Account balance minus seventy-five (\$75,000) during the spring semester, as referenced in Section 8-13 of the Rules of the Senate, any subsequent bills that are voted upon during the remainder of the semester that have a higher cost per individual than the Recommended Expenditures shall have their final passage determined by a threequarters vote (3/4).

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1. The Recommended Expenditures per person for legislation are as follows;

[a. Individual travel regardless of travel type: six hundred dollars (\$600)

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- b. Conference Attendance: four hundred dollars (\$400)
- c. Conference Presentation: four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450)
- d. Research: four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450)
- e. Competition: four hundred dollars (\$400)
- f. Community Service: five hundred dollars (\$500)
- g. Humanitarian: None]
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- b. Conference Attendance: five hundred dollars (\$500)
- c. Conference Presentation: five hundred fifty dollars (\$550)
- d. Research: five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550)
- e. Competition: five hundred dollars (\$500)
- f. Community Service: six hundred dollars (\$600)
- g. Humanitarian: None

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66Section 3: Rationale.

67 Indeed, at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Surplus Account stood at well over \$900,000 with that fiscal  
68 year being the second consecutive year in which the beginning Surplus Account balance substantially increased  
69 from the previous year. In fact, ASNMSU is now in the position of having to justify a large Surplus Account balance  
70 to the NMSU administration, under pain of having the Association's student fee allocations reduced if it can no  
71 longer justify its account sizes to the Student Fee Review Board. In addition to other benefits, a increase in  
72 recommended expenditure would help to alleviate concern about the Association's accounts, as such an increase can  
73 be used to better serve student organizations on campus, who are also victims of the aforementioned budget cuts.  
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75 With the passage of bill 256 in the 62nd Senate, following are new funding percentages:

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| 76 | 1. Operating Expenses        | 70% |
| 77 | 2. Conference Attendance     | 70% |
| 78 | 3. Conference Presentation   | 70% |
| 79 | 4. Competition               | 70% |
| 80 | 5. Research                  | 70% |
| 81 | 6. Community Service         | 70% |
| 82 | 7. Humanitarian              | 80% |
| 83 | 8. Conference on NMSU campus | 70% |

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85 This necessitates an amendment to the Senate's Recommended Expenditures of each type of travel. A \$100.00  
86 increase across the board would be a reasonable request for the Senate's Recommended Expenditures.