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Official Opinion

TO: Elida Miller, *ASNMSU Vice President*

FROM: Devon Harrison, *ASNMSU Attorney General*

DATE: August 26th, 2024

Subject:

Clarification on Reimbursement Eligibility for ASNME Pressure Vessels & Piping Conference Attendance.

Applicable Bylaw:

Financial Procedures Manual:

7-4-3. MAIN PROVISIONS

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N. Any undergraduate constituent from a recognized organization can request funding from the ASNMSU Senate up to a recommended expenditure of eight hundred dollars (\$800) per academic school year. Graduate constituents can request funding from the ASNMSU Senate for up to a recommended expenditure of one thousand dollars (\$1000) per academic school year:

1. The ASNMSU Senate Rules Committee is required to verify and keep a record, which is public to the ASNMSU Senate, of the constituents that have received any reimbursements and the dollar amount they received.



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Opinion Rendered:

I am writing to clarify the eligibility for reimbursing a graduate student who attended the ASNME Pressure Vessels & Piping Conference from July 31 to August 1, despite the student not being affiliated with the NMSU club/organization associated with the conference.

According to Section 7-4-3 Section N of the ASNMSU Financial Procedures Manual, graduate constituents are eligible to request up to \$1,000 in funding per academic year without needing to be affiliated with a specific recognized organization, unlike undergraduates.

However, since Senator Hamilton's proposed Bill 24 already allocated \$1,000 for this academic year, the graduate student in question will not be eligible for additional funding or reimbursement until Fall 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any further questions or need additional information.

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