

I. Call to Order **(8:10)**

II. Roll Call

Senators:

- ☐ Maxwell Bell
- ☐ Joel Rodriguez
- ☐ Danielle Tachie Menson
- ☐ Tony Castaneda
- ☐ Nicholas Harrelson
- ☐ Lillian Young
- ☐ Micah Gonzales
- ☐ April Sandoval
- ☐ Ivan Watchman
- ☐ Malila Deschiney
- ☐ Rishi Jajivarapu
- ☐ Coko Rosker
- ☐ Cesar Calderon Dominguez
- ☐ Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft
- ☐ Rodolfo Ruiz
- ☐ Natalie Bodelson
- ☐ Emma Jensen
- ☐ Austin Leeto

Justices:

- ☐ Kyra Stone
- ☐ Benjamin Watson IV
- ☐ Nomar Roman
- ☐ Abimael Lozano

III. Approve Agenda

-Motion to amend agenda with swearing in the new senator and remove paydirt

Votes (Yay/Nay/Abstain)

Unanimous Yay

- Approved

IV. Approve Minutes

- Approved

V. Student Concerns/Announcements

- Broken Plugs in Fidel

- Plug towers haven't worked for months... It has been apparent

since last semester and I am getting tired of it.

- Verify that they are actually not functioning first
- Aramark
 - They seem unwilling to work with student clubs. I understand the SGA has limited authority but advocating for flexibility for student organizations.. Would be a good step towards addressing student needs.
- New Dining Company
 - Love the new dining company. #nutritious
 - Senate remarks: The pizza has been raw
 - Food committee responds that they've had issues with the oven. "We'll make the pizza great again."
- More Flashmobs
 - More flashmobs. I would love to see a flashmob. Do more flashmobs
 - Bring it up to PR committee
- The Gathering Place Wall Art (do do)
 - It says 'do do' on the Fidel wall twice. The first two decals say exactly the same thing. This issue is aggravating
 - Speak to the dining club about the issue
- Birding Club?
 - We want to include student visits to the bird refuge... I want to put up fliers and see if students are interested in a bird club. How can I go about putting up fliers and surveying/talking to students?
 - They have been responded to via email and interest will be gauged
- Native Bird Safety
 - I love the presence of wildlife... Once a month I am saddened by the corpse of a small bird... They cannot tell that a window is a barrier until it is too late.
 - Talk to the dining hall and auxiliary about putting up decals on the windows
- The Gathering Place Vegetarian Options
 - The new dining hall doesn't have vegetarian options besides sides... and it makes it hard to make a balanced meal.
 - Talk to the dining hall about their options
- NMT Catering Service
 - Aramark has provided students with a catering waiver... if they

want food at their events. We have submitted three catering waivers and all have been denied... I have gone between offices and email and have heard nothing. The prices shown are exorbitant for a student's club budget. I spoke to the director of catering and was told that they do not offer a catering waiver and students are doomed to eat their mediocre pizza.

- Another issue to speak to Aramark about, but they have power over the contracts
- AFO adds that they have very limited breakfast options

VI. Business

- Swearing in the new senator
 - Sworn in
- Socorro Search and Rescue Bill
 - For those who aren't familiar we are an arm of Tech and of the state. Today we are asking for \$1,500 to support CPR certification for members of our club and other students. This went through two years ago and was a great success. CPR certifications are important because we as first responders go out on real missions and are faced with people needing medical attention. We run into hypothermia often which can cause cardiac events. ...Upcoming is the Paint the M event where hundreds of students climb M mountain... In extreme cases people might be drunk, hungover, or sick, and we need to be ready for cardiac events... Delaying CPR decreases chances of survival by 10% per minute. 12 students will get training from the club and community. Certification will be administered by Jason Everett. We are being quoted \$125 per person... We will conduct the certification on October 7th. We have a room booked and are good to go...
 - Why this time?
 - We already have the 12 students committed to this time
 - How many are undergraduate students?
 - I believe 7 but I'm not certain off the top of my head

- CFO recommends to pay the full amount...
- Motion to pay the full amount

Votes (Yay/Nay/Abstain)

- Maxwell Bell - Yay
 - Joel Rodriguez - Yay
 - Danielle Tachies Menson - Yay
 - Anibal Castaneda - Yay
 - Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
 - Lillian Young - Yay
 - Micah Gonzales - Yay
 - April Sandoval - No
 - Ivan Watchman - Yay
 - Malila Deschiney - Yay
 - Rishi Jajivarapu - Yay
 - Coko Rosker - Yay
 - Cesar Calderon Dominguez - Yay
 - Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft - Yay
 - Rodolfo Ruiz - Yay
 - Natalie Bodelson - Yay
 - Emma Jenses - Yay
 - Austin Leeto - Yay
 - \$1,500 awarded to Search and Rescue
- Energetics and Fluid Dynamics Group (Mier) Bill
 - We are the EFDL lab group for the Mechanical Engineering dept. We are requesting travel funds for undergrad researchers to go to a conference in Orlando Florida. The APS DFD conference is one of the most prestigious in the field. It's an international conference... We focus on energetics, shockwave analysis, DIC, and mainly fluid dynamics... Each member explains their area of focus / study for the group. Some foci are explosive R&D, turbulence flow, velocities within the human wake... Established usable experimental frameworks that NASA could use to make clean rooms actually clean and was able to characterize the wake velocity profile. We do Big boom tests. We did one of the largest student led explosive tests in decades. We want to go to showcase our undergraduate research which is an advantage of our school, to network and collaborate which lead to scholarship and stipend opportunities. We

also get widespread exposure into the field. Benefits for Tech are that we stay in the forefront of the field. We have partnered with an organization who work

- CFO recommendation is to give them their minimum funding request
- Motion to pay \$2,130 to EFDL lab group

Votes (Yay/Nay/Abstain)

- Maxwell Bell - Nay
- Joel Rodriguez - Yay
- Danielle Tachies Menson - Yay
- Anibal Castaneda - Yay
- Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
- Lillian Young - Yay
- Micah Gonzales - Yay
- April Sandoval - Nay
- Ivan Watchman - Yay
- Malila Deschiney - Yay
- Rishi Jajivarapu - Yay
- Coko Rosker - Yay
- Cesar Calderon Dominguez - Yay
- Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft - Yay
- Rodolfo Ruiz - Nay
- Natalie Bodelson - Yay
- Emma Jenses - Yay
- Austin Leeto - Yay

- \$2,130 awarded to EFDL

● **New Mexico Tech Cybersecurity Bill (8:52)**

- We are presenting our bill for cyberforce 2026. Seeking funding for 12 students to participate in this competition. Students will get the opportunity to interact with simulated but plausible real world cyber defence scenarios. We strive to teach... in a following and engaging way. Our students will get hands-on experience of a simulated attack that mimics what they will face in the real world. This is also a great opportunity to network. Last year we attended with no SGA funding and got 31st place out of 100 beating both of UC Berkeley's teams, CO School of Mines, and GA tech. We plan on showing up a day early for setup and prep, there are two days of events, and the second day is very long. This is why we'll need

three nights of hotels. This year we are going to work harder and we know where our weakness was so we'll be able to score higher. We're lacking prestige as a university in our cybersecurity department. The only way to gain that sort of prestige is to win competitions which will pull in more students to learn cybersecurity.

- How big is your club? - We expect 15-20 people. One of the issues we've had is a bad issue with advertising in the last couple of years and we don't have a degree attached to our club.
- How are you preparing? - Extra sessions every week taught by our more experienced members. We have an experienced new faculty member that we hope will come guide us as well.
- What is the most time sensitive matter on the request? - I believe the hotels because we're looking to book onsite at the convention center. Last year we overspent because we had to book a limo to the competition.
- Why do you need 5 rooms? - We had issues last year with people who weren't able to get proper rest and there is a conflict between girls and boys rooms but we could downsize.
- How many girls / guys do you have? - Still deciding but 10 guys and 2 girls.
- What's the minimum amount of people you want to send? - We're sending two teams because we want one team with a good chance of winning and another to gain experience and learn from the event.
- They should fundraise more. They could make some really cool events. They should give us more information later with a final decision about their roster.
- President: If they volunteered at the president's golf tournament they could have gotten paid and we need more information about the rooms because you could fit five people to a room.
- CFO recommendation \$1,787 for three hotel rooms and one plane ticket.

- They need to review their hotel room, have a full roster, and do some fundraising.
- Should we give them a specific amount they have to fundraise? No, because then they might reach that goal and not strive further. They should see what they can do on their own.
- Donation or sponsor money could go to travel expenses but not the money that the SGA has given them already according to their club packets.
- “Motion to table this travel bill to the next meeting while asking them to return with a set roster, consider reducing hotel rooms, and have proof of fundraising, and have the club advisory meeting before then. They also need to know how many boys they have and how many girls they have.”

Votes (Yay/Nay/Abstain)

- Maxwell Bell - Yay
- Joel Rodriguez - Yay
- Danielle Tachies Menson - Yay
- Anibal Castaneda - Yay
- Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
- Lillian Young - Yay
- Micah Gonzales - Yay
- April Sandoval - No
- Ivan Watchman - Yay
- Malila Deschiney - Yay
- Rishi Jajivarapu - Yay
- Coko Rosker - Yay
- Cesar Calderon Dominguez - Abstain
- Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft - Yay
- Rodolfo Ruiz - Yay
- Natalie Bodelson - Yay
- Emma Jenses - Yay
- Austin Leeto - Yay
- Motion passed
- Society of Automotive Engineers Bill (9:26)
 - I'm the president of the SAE chapter on campus with a thank you presentation and a request. Knock 'em both out. We focus on professional development but also set codes and standards in the automotive industry and for airplanes

as well. We host meetings with guest lecturers and alumni. We've hit over 600 volunteer hours total over the last couple semesters. Thank you for the SGA support last year for travel to competition. It was broken into static and dynamic events. The team got to network with industry professionals. Polaris and Ansys were there. Darby Patrick Stirrup passed away and we got to honor him with the event. We passed brake check on the first try and made critical components using generative design. Big name schools complemented the part design which was made using the CNC machine on campus. One of only 10 teams remaining in the endurance event after 4 hours. We came off with Purdue, Cornell, VA tech... The team is currently traveling to competition. Fall competition is great because the new members get to experience it. We did a cost analysis breakdown and it is more cost effective to have some members fly and some drive. We also have a rule for safety that nobody drives more than 14 hours in one day.

- The only members considered in our requests are actual students, not the advisors.
- CFO recommendation is \$750 for Airbnb. There is some wiggle room in our recommendation because the cyber budget was tabled.
- This is their first time attending a Fall event and having their thank you presentation during another budget request raises red flags.
- Student Regent: That budget that they have funds their senior and junior design projects which they need to graduate. Asking them to do that on half budget is kind of insane and it sounds like a sponsor fell through. They usually have their stuff together.
- I think it is too early in the semester to refund money.
- When you rent a truck from facilities, they are not paying for all that gas. I've worked and rented out those cars and have never seen anybody have to pay for gas.
- I motion to pay them \$750

Votes (Yay/Nay/Abstain)

- Maxwell Bell - Yay
- Joel Rodriguez - Abstain
- Danielle Tachies Menson - Nay
- Anibal Castaneda - Yay
- Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
- Lillian Young - Yay
- Micah Gonzales - Nay
- April Sandoval - Nay
- Ivan Watchman - Yay
- Malila Deschiney - Nay
- Rishi Jajivarapu - Nay
- Coko Rosker - Yay
- Cesar Calderon Dominguez - Yay
- Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft - Nay
- Rodolfo Ruiz - Nay
- Natalie Bodelson - Abstain
- Emma Jenses - Yay
- Austin Leeto - Yay

- Motion does not pass
- Motion to pay them \$1,500

Votes (Yay/Nay/Abstain)

- Maxwell Bell - Abstain
- Joel Rodriguez - Abstain
- Danielle Tachies Menson - Yay
- Anibal Castaneda - Yay
- Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
- Lillian Young - Yay
- Micah Gonzales - Yay
- April Sandoval - Nay
- Ivan Watchman - Yay
- Malila Deschiney - Yay
- Rishi Jajivarapu - Yay
- Coko Rosker - Yay
- Cesar Calderon Dominguez - Yay
- Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft - Yay
- Rodolfo Ruiz - Yay
- Natalie Bodelson - Abstain
- Emma Jenses - Yay
- Austin Leeto - Yay

- Motion passed to award them \$1,500

● **Pond Area Letter (9:52)**

- NMT is applying for a grant to approve the pond area by

the fine arts building. The current terrain is rough, rocky, and not great. With this grant we could build shade structures, a walking path, and clean up the shoreline. As a STEM school, I think we'd all benefit from having a place to get outside more. Gives better opportunities for student clubs and could work with the youth and city of Socorro for Summer programs.

- Could add to the letter that the biology lab actually goes there for classes.
- Student Regent: Part of the idea is to encourage people to fish there and get them away from the golf course.
- Motion to make the SGA approve the letter

Votes (Yay/Nay/Abstain)

- Unanimous Yay

Recess (9:59 - 10:07)

VII. Reports

- SGA Advisor
 - Nothing to report
- President
 - I had my first board of regents meeting. Mostly introductions and discussing retention rates, freshmen numbers, etc. I sent out a google form to gauge interest for the 49ers float.
- Vice President
 - Friendly reminder, dress code is NMT merch or business casual. This is my secretary, Dillon Wish. He takes notes and helps me with things. I have sent a when-to-meet to half my committee and only half of you have responded.
- Chief Justice
 - The voter registration drive that I ran last Wednesday went well. The poster had the wrong QR code but we've met some goals there.
- Student Regent
 - I am Cody Johnston, the full voting member of the board of regents that governs this institute. The meetings are mostly approving boring financial stuff. I am happy to walk through it. I have brought what Tech as an institute is asking. I have also worked on the registration drive. My free coffee got a bunch of voters which is kinda cheating. They are non-partisan and non-profit. A bill was just passed through that changes how regents are appointed. An independent committee sends a list to the president of nominees.
- CFO/AFO
 - Had a first meeting and informed clubs of their budget. We spent 1/4th of our semesterly budget in

this meeting.

- SAB
 - We have been planning this month's event and 49ers. Still planning on doing casino night and brunch. Plan on having a spirit week for the first half with raffles for participation.
 - For September we are doing an outdoor movie night showing of Obsession this Tuesday the 29th. We need help setting up (a senator/justice point will be rewarded)
- GAO
 - For people registered in Socorro there be a vote on the next ballot that will give the university \$48 Million to renovate Msec and Bureau of Geology
- Webmaster
 - Gained permissions to access the website and email. Got some training on how to manage the website. I'm open to recommendations via email. I will be overseeing instagram posts with Lilah.
- Legislative Standards
 - Our first meeting is scheduled for next week.
 - NM passed a joint resolution that may move power to the student body/government for regent selection. We created an SGA amendment to try and legitimize our role in that.
- Public Relations Committee
 - Nothing to report
- Club Advisory
 - Fill out the when2meet
- Mental Health
 - Fill out the when2meet
 - Ben's email is incorrect, so that needs to be fixed
- Financial Committee
 - We had our first meeting. I know there are issues with emails so please get in contact if you haven't heard anything.
- Food Committee
 - Looking at concerns about Aramark
- Faculty Committee
 - We had our first meeting. We have a student who is in each of the committees for campus so everybody was assigned to their campus committees.

VIII. Discussion

Regarding Aramark

President: For the PR committee; since we're having mixed reviews about our food service, I think a good event to start with is a survey for the students to fill out regarding Aramark.

Head of the food committee: "The food committee actually has a QR code."

“Please partner with the PR committee so they can post it.”

Float

President: “Please respond if you’re interested in helping us build a float.”

Spirit Week

President: Gauging general interest in spirit week

Notice from the SGA advisor about family weekend and Socorro fest

IX. Adjourn Meeting **(10:33)**