NMT SGA Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, October 7th 2026

I. Call to Order **(8:06)**

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 the agenda adding in AISES appeal and Cybersecurity travel bill after NAESC pres.

Vote (Yay, Nay, Abstain)

Senators:

Maxwell Bell - Nay
Joel Rodriguez - Yay
Danielle Tachie Menson -Yay
Tony Castaneda - Yay
Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
Lillian Young - Yay
Micah Gonzales - Yay
April Sandoval - Yay
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 Jensen - Yay
Austin Leeto - Yay

-Approved

IV. Approve Minutes

-Approved

V. Student Concerns/Announcements

- Concern Regarding NMT's Response to Severe Weather and Student Safety
    - Why was school not cancelled or delayed when the county was under a shelter in place warning?... NMT had not communicated anything about cancelling or delaying classes. This is concerning because some staff and professors… even SGA delayed their events. Why expect students to attend classes as usual?... If conditions are serious enough… then it is reasonable to question why NMT continues classes… I would like the SGA to look into how the school handles these issues and to make sure students are not penalized academically for staying safe.
    - Solution: Communicate with the school to understand what their policies are for cancellation
- Classes During Severe Weather
    - Classes are being held even though there is severe rain and a shelter in place warning… Cancel classes during severe weather
    - Project Manager Kern: NMT does have a policy on this that was adopted by President Jackson in 2025. There is a piece that talks about how we can coordinate with local schools about canceling classes when they do.
    - Solution: Talk to President Jackson about the situation
- Senate Bill - Travel Form
    - We must submit a travel form if the club would like to travel which included transportation and meals but the SGA doesn't fund those. Can we remove those to avoid confusion?
    - President Villarreal: We don't usually cover food because we have a very limited budget and we usually don't cover per diem. We sometimes cover it… it isn't in the handbook or the rules that we don't pay for it. For travel we cover certain instances where people don't drive tech vans.

VI. Business

- Swank Streaming Service (Revised) **(8:20)**
    - This is the same bill but with the tax added on which was forgotten the last time we looked at this
    - Motion to pay the remaining $850.78 in taxes from the Carry if Forward Fund

Vote (Yay, Nay, Abstain)

Senators:

- Unanimous Yay

- SHPE **(8:22)**
    - We value family, education, and outreach and want to build that community and foster young students and kiddos to go into education to build that path forward. We have completed most of our volunteer hours. At time of submission we had 40 hours but are now close to 60. We have a catapult challenge as a learning experience and the students can get rewarded for their ingenuity. We have a member that got a $5,000 scholarship for attending a workshop. There are two days of career fair because it is such a large event. They split it into two days of career fair and two days of workshops. We will be taking 8 members so we will have a total of over 80 hours... They also need a $10 national membership and need to attend minimum 4 workshops as well as the Region 3 meeting opening ceremony. This gets us to work with sister schools and leads to collaboration. We have fundraised money from professors and other groups already as well. We would like to emphasize that we are still trying to contact people, faculty, businesses in Socorro, and even alumni. We got in touch with our roots and reached out to family who helped us outreach as well.
    - Senator Deschiney: We should give it to them. They have the volunteer hours that we asked for and it seems like they've done a lot for the community and the event they're going to seems very good.
    - Senator Roman: They've done a lot in the past month. They've organized and shown insane improvement and I wouldn't mind giving them the full amount.
    - President Villarreal: I agree that they've done good work but they said they have more fundraising to do so the 75% amount isn't a bad idea which is a tangible goal.
    - Regent Johnston: They did already ask Dean Chapman. I don't know for certain if she gave them any
    - Advisor Wood: They did ask Dean Chapman and they were told to ask you all [The SGA] first.
    - Motion to fund SHPE $2,349 - **Passed**

Vote (Yay, Nay, Abstain)

Senators:
Maxwell Bell - Yay
Joel Rodriguez - Abstain
Danielle Tachie Menson -Yay
Tony Castaneda - Yay
Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
Lillian Young - Yay
Micah Gonzales - Nay
April Sandoval - Yay
Ivan Watchman - Yay
Malila Deschiney - Yay

Rishi Jajivarapu - Nay
Coko Rosker - Yay
Cesar Calderon Dominguez - Abstain
Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft - Yay
Rodolfo Ruiz - Yay
Natalie Bodelson - Yay
Emma Jensen - Nay
Austin Leeto - Yay

- Skate Club **(8:44)**
    - Today we are asking for money. We want to buy skateboards, quarter pipes, and helmets. I talked to a local skate shop in ABQ and they've agreed to cut us a deal. We want the quarterpipes so that we can host meetings on campus and open up the club to more people. We want helmets to keep people safe.
    - Senator Roman: Why wasn't this proposed to Amanda since you guys are a sports club?
        - Because we are a new club and don't get any money.
    - Senator Bell: Your numbers on the bill don't add up.
    - Senator Roman: Are all of your 33 members undergrads?
        - Yes they are.
    - We plan on talking to the city to see if we can help fix up the local skate park for volunteer hours and we plan on volunteering at events like 49ers. We're trying to give people a safe opportunity to learn and skate.
    - Senator Roman: Why didn't you put other pads on the bill?
        - We're trying to keep costs reasonable and pads are less expensive so we left them off and are asking our members to get those themselves.
    - Senator Roman: How can you justify ten skateboards? What if members don't show up and they're just extra?
        - More than half our club is new and I've been providing some personally but more and more people are coming and we've had issues with not having enough. I'm expecting membership to grow so I don't think we'll have wasted boards.
    - Senator Roman: What is the most crucial item on the list?
        - Skateboards and helmets are equal. We're trying to get off the ground as a new club.
    - There has never been a skateboard club before so we're starting from the ground up and this equipment would be available from here on out. We're very willing to go to events and if we had the pipes we could do that and host events with them as well.
    - Senator Tachie-Menson: Where would the pipes go?
        - They'd be smaller and mobile so we could move them around campus. The skatepark is small and can't really accommodate everybody who shows up.

- CFO recommends five boards and five helmets.
- Webmaster Montoya: They don't need the pipes but helmets are important.
- CFO Aldarete: We have $14,021 left in the semester
- President Villarreal: For a club that just started to have over 30 people is groundbreaking for a new club and they will probably keep going.
- Senator Deschiney: We have to give them time to work on their constitution and stuff as well because they're a new club.
- Peanut Gallery: You should get the safety gear especially because it is a school sanctioned club but skateboards can be used
- Head Technician: You should ask if they're getting the boards prebuilt or the kits
- The deal is for 10 boards but that number can go up or down. They are prebuilt which is cheaper than parts because of the deal
- Senator Tachie-Menson: What if we pay for the helmets from the carry it forward fund.
    - President Villarreal: I would not because that budget is leftover and saved up and it is like an SGA fund for things that help out the student body.
- VP Duran: The amount of bills that we've had. I remember meetings have maybe a couple bills and we've had two meetings with a lot of bills. I don't want to say they'll fall off but we've had a lot already and still have a lot of money left.
- Senator Deschiney: I think 5 boards and 10 helmets is a good idea.
- Regent Johnston: The pipes could come from the carry it forward fund because they're an installation for the student body right?
    - President Villarreal: Yes, that is a good point
- CFO: Adding the extra stipulation seem unnecessary when the volunteering and hours is already required of them
- Senator Ruiz: I do not believe that we can just follow the promise that they will grow. Spring is coming up and the weather will change and they could wait till then.
- I motion to pay for 5 boards and 10 helmet: $1,229.95 - **Passed**

Vote (Yay, Nay, Abstain)

Senators:
Maxwell Bell - Nay
Joel Rodriguez - Abstain
Danielle Tachie Menson -Yay
Tony Castaneda - Yay
Nicholas Harrelson - Nay
Lillian Young - Abstain
Micah Gonzales - Yay
April Sandoval - Yay
Ivan Watchman - Yay
Malila Deschiney - Abstain
Rishi Jajivarapu - Yay

Coko Rosker - Abstain
Cesar Calderon Dominguez - Nay
Jade Buffalohead Ashcraft - Yay
Rodolfo Ruiz - Nay
Natalie Bodelson - Yay
Emma Jensen - Yay
Austin Leeto - Yay

- Kappa Sigma Fraternity **(9:25)**
    - We are asking for help funding the bonfire that we're trying to do at Torres soon. It is less money than other people are asking for and we have contributed a lot more than they have, and the volunteer hours listed don't include the golf tournament. We want to kick off 49ers in a good way.
    - CFO and AFO recommend approving the bill. It's a small number. This event will reach more people on campus than some other event grants that have been put in.
    - President Villarreal: Y'all should pull from the event grant. We don't get a lot of them and you should pull from there instead of pulling from the budget for clubs who want to travel.
    - Motion to approve the $282.22 from the event grant

Vote (Yay, Nay, Abstain)

Senators:
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Joel Rodriguez - Abstain
Danielle Tachie Menson -Yay
Tony Castaneda - Yay
Nicholas Harrelson - Yay
Lillian Young - Yay
Micah Gonzales - Yay
April Sandoval - Yay
Ivan Watchman - Abstain
Malila Deschiney - Yay
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Coko Rosker - Yay
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Natalie Bodelson - Yay
Emma Jensen - Yay
Austin Leeto - Yay

- NAESC presentation **(9:36)**
    - Hello, we're the SGA. We went to a conference and we're here to tell you what happened. We didn't ask for money but we wanted to tell you guys what we learned and

what came out of it. We went to NAESC's regional conference. We made good connections. The NMSU president actually came down for a rugby game because of it. Our Chief Justice scheduled a tour. They have an underground mine that was active around the 1890s and they have really fancy new equipment in a teaching mine. They actually go underground. They've offered for us to take people from our department to do labs and industry sponsored tours there. They basically paid for our accommodations. We went and saw The Thing, y'all have to go. Malcolm brought his camera and took really cool pictures. We are thinking about officially joining. It is a national association of engineering student councils that they have offered for us to join. We would pay a yearly fee to be a part of their conference and attend their regional and national conferences. We got to learn a lot about different connections. We toured Roche which is a cancer research facility looking for all kinds of majors. Hopefully they come down for the next career fair. We also got to go to the Biosphere. Basically in Arizona they call it the second one cause the first one is Earth. They recreate biomes in a closed container and they have lungs where the room is made of a moveable sheet so they can adjust the pressure in the area. I almost got choked out by my nametag because of the pressure change. They have the biggest manmade ocean so we basically went to an indoor beach. They performed an experiment where 8 people were locked in for two years. This research proves that we can sustain ourselves. We went to a banquet and we popped off. We brought ball gowns, Deego looked like the president, it was great. We made great connections with their president. We do want to join and will bring it up to the senate because we want your feedback. Since its ESC it is engineering student councils which we are not but it is a really good connection for the engineering students. We are a STEM college so we have science, art, and a variety of students so we are going to ask more questions. If we do decide to join I want to make sure that it doesn't have a non-compete so that we could join another potential group that benefits the other students. We went to an optics lab where they do ultra precise lens work and machining. Getting to talk to other engineering students that have the same struggles was a cool thing to understand. Biomed normally has to choose a science and an engineering focus, which they don't. UofA has a thing where they say bear down which comes from them having their rivalry with NM State. They would like to invite us back. We just need to talk about more logistics. One thing I noticed repeatedly is that we've got it, like we have a good financial system, we have good volunteer hours. They definitely took notes from us. We were personally invited by the regional rep who was in charge of organizing things. She reached out to our Dean of Engineering, Dr. Leclerc and he forwarded us the email.

- AISES Appeal **(9:53)**
    - Good evening. We are AISES. These are all of our members [members shown]. We held

a bakesale and hopefully you guys liked it. We try to prop up indigenous and non-indigenous groups alike. We hosted an event where you guys could come up and talk to us about what we do and everything. We also helped at Socorro Fest. We want to talk about our volunteer hours and overdrawn account. For the hours we were spoken to by the SGA. Last year we had a conflict regarding who would step up along with the paperwork during transition and struggles arose regarding our hours and money. We were put down to an associate club. We have volunteer hours that just haven't been submitted because we are still figuring things out with TechConnect. With that we have about 13.5 hours from our calculations. This is not to ask about money, but to cover what we're doing next week which is sending a few of our kids to a national conference in Portland, OR. We need these issues handled so that these kids can go on the trip. We do have donors, we just need to fill out the paperwork but we need to be out of standing. With the overdrawn account, we did spend a lump sum out of our account from last year's conference in Minneapolis which did benefit us. We got connections with employers and other AISES groups. Our account is due to this lump sum that was taken out and we did not do a budget analysis and didn't know that we were in the negative. We are hoping to volunteer more on campus as well as get our account out of the negative ASAP. We have the money to cover the issues. We just need your help to figure things out. They have been showing up and volunteering on and around campus. We also told them if they pay for the registration, we'll cover room and board. We need help to get the flights. We need this in a span of 5 or 6 days because they leave soon and we just need a lift. We are one of the smallest groups on campus but we do fundraise and help out and show up around campus. I think our overdrawn amount is around $567.61 and we can get that in ASAP.

- President Villarreal: I am the one who put them into probation. This is their second semester in a row in probation. They owed volunteer hours from their previous semester in probation even as an associate club. They failed to turn in those hours. And they failed to submit an email that they would volunteer at commencement. I think they're a good club, but I'm confused about where their volunteer hours keep going. They say they're doing them but they are never turned in. I'm confused on where these hours are going because they are not coming to the SGA. I fully disagree that not knowing how to submit hours was an issue for them because it had been gone over.
- VP Duran: It sounds like there was a miscommunication in the cost of a conference that they were attending and they had no choice but to pay it because they had already gone. I need to show y'all how to submit volunteer hours, it takes like two seconds.
- Senator Deschiney: I'm in this club and they're really dysfunctional. There is no group chat or communication. I think they're just being kind of lazy. It's in a state of constantly falling apart, like every semester it feels like that.

- President Villarreal: They have to go to a club presentation at the start of the semester that includes information and the presidents and those who attend are sent the slides. If people need help they need to reach out and they have so many chances to ask for help.
- Chief Justice Vargas: How are they sending people to a conference in this state?
    - Senator Deschiney: They were saying that if you go, it's basically gonna be paid for but I don't know how. This year they were saying you have to pay out of pocket and 'good luck' figuring it out.
- Senator Rodriguez: I think their leadership needs to get together… make a group chat or an email or something like that.
- Senator Roman: In the past few years I've seen multiple presidents go by. Population wise at Tech there aren't a lot of us. We're majority Hispanic so it's hard to get numbers. Given the circumstances it is hard to put blame on them when there isn't a lot of help there to begin with. I go to a lot of their events. They help me out a lot and it makes me feel calm. They help out in ways that matter, personally speaking.
- President Villarreal: I would stipulate that their entire officer group needs to meet with club advisory in some way and go over the handbook. I understand that this club is helpful and makes a safe place, but it kind of sounds like they weren't prepared to be a club because if you are barely getting by consistently, maybe you need to take a step back, rebuild, and become an actual club. I would also maybe make them an associate club but still require that they make up for their missed volunteer hours.
- Senator Sandoval: If they're an associate club could the sponsors still give them money and could they go to conference?
    - Yes.
- Senator Roman: This is a very cultural thing and I think giving them the extra hours wouldn't really prove anything. It sounds like they aren't expecting aid, just their fluidity within the procedures under the SGA at Tech to come back so they can operate as a club.
- Senator Deschiney: A point of the clubs is to be involved in the community and get involved.
- Motion to become an associate club requiring that they pay their overdraft, give 10 volunteer hours, and have proof of hours

Vote (Yay, Nay, Abstain)

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Natalie Bodelson - Yay
Emma Jensen - Yay
Austin Leeto - Yay

Recess

-Motion to skip recess passed

VII. Reports

- SGA Advisor
    - You all got the email about the NMT modernization. You guys are on Banner right? Banweb but the system is called banner. They're going through an upgrade so go back and read that email. The IT department is so involved in this project, so much that we had looked at changing TC but that is probably not going to happen because we don't have the ability to make that change.
    - If you are interested in volunteering for the food pantry we have hours available. An email will be sent out with the specific date.
    - If you are going to utilize Walmart orders, want something from Amazon, keep in mind that it takes time to do that so make sure you honor the 3 day advance policy. And that is for Walmart, Amazon is taking at least a week. At least two weeks, maybe three, if you're doing something that requires a contract.
- President
    - We will not have a float, we will be decorating my Kia Soul for 49ers. I'm excited to say that 49ers is a week away and I am excited. We're working around setbacks. The email will go out tomorrow about the events for everything that is going in. We are doing a spirit week leading up to that weekend. It is optional but I think you guys should. The raffle prizes are lightsabers, legos, a digital camera, a Switch Lite. You either talk to somebody in the office or email a photo to Deego with your outfit. Also, post and tag NMTSGA and you can get your ticket there. Y'all should participate
    - Monday - You in 10 years
    - Tuesday - 50s, bikers vs. surfers
    - Wednesday - 1990s MTV
    - Thursday - Core 2016 throwback
    - Mental Health and PR, y'all need to have an event every month so do that.

- Vice President
    - Club advisory had two meetings. We have no more clubs on probation now so we are fully in good standing / associate clubs. Another thing I would ask of the PR committee is to post a video about how to submit volunteer hours.
        - PR response: We were talking about doing a SGA 60 seconds kind of thing where we talk about something important for that day or week.
    - I've been working on the complaints. I've been looking for Mr. Aramark and I now have an email.
- Chief Justice
    - We had our final voter registration drive since the deadline for online voter registration just passed. We had 47 people actually register which is crazy for NMT. We had 188 forms filled out and the nonprofit loves us for getting those numbers. They like us and want to continue giving us money and working with us.
- Student Regent
    - No report from yesterday but I stand for questions
    - Senator Roman: Pool updates? Did the flooding have any major campus effect?
        - The city will have to keep looking at the cost. The city will have to decide if they want to operate year round and what hours. The county has paid for a solar cover which will help the temperature. It is cooled and heated. They're working on getting heated mats. No large impact from the flood that I'm aware of except the gym roof. They're filing an insurance claim.
- CFO/AFO
    - We got through all club packets and emails have been sent out.
    - For financial committee, our justice hasn't been able to make our time on Mondays at 9pm
- SAB
    - Spirit week is coming up. Thursday, 7-9pm foam party
    - Rodeo carnival Friday 7-9pm
    - Annual casino night Saturday 5-10pm
    - Step back in time Sunday 12-2pm
- GAO
    - City council thanked all those who helped with sandbags
    - No report otherwise
- Webmaster
    - Got the main page of our website redone. I need to check with the president and then post it. Just met with PR about social media stuff
- Legislative Standards
    - Keep in mind that committees need constitutional changes so think about what needs to be in writing and we're gonna look into other cool stuff.

- Public Relations
    - We had our meeting today. Communication errors prevented us from meeting last week. We talked about getting stuff to post on social media and I'd like to ask about requirements for that and for events. One of our ideas that we all really liked was having a 'Meet your senator' post with an informal biography periodically. If anybody is interested in that, let me know.
- Club Advisory
    - Caught up for the moment. Waiting on fundraising forms. Looking good for now
- Mental Health
    - We met and I asked everybody to fill out a club suggestion form. I would like to have an event after 49ers so if my committee *could fill out that form*... I would appreciate it
- Food Committee
    - Some kind of kitchen will drop (like Tu Taco was). Cards are coming for Fire & Ice. There have been complaints about to-go boxes. And I will find the Aramark guy.
- Faculty Committee
    - Not many updates. New chair of the faculty senate committee for NMT, O'malley. Our people are being contacted about the subcommittees that they are on.

VIII.Discussion

IX. Adjourn Meeting