BILL #1S

Legislative Action

Introduced by: Attorney General R. Romero-Salas (A)(E), Vice President R. Regalado (A), Senator M. Chessman (S).

1st Reading: 1/19/2022
2nd Reading: 1/26/2022
3rd Reading:

Referred To: Steering and Rules
Committee Action: 4-0-0-1
Senate Action: 20-0-0-0

Executive Action:
☒ Approved ☒ Vetoed

[Signature]

1/27/2022
ASUNM President

Date

Unsigned by the President on this ____ day of _______ 2022. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:
Veto override vote taken: _________ Senate Action: _________

Be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico that the following be amended in (Legislative Code) of the ASUNM (Law Book):

Article I: Officers of the Legislative Branch

Section 1. Composition

The Legislative Branch is composed of the Vice President who serves as the President of the Senate and twenty (20) senators. One (1) of the senators will be elected as the President Pro Tempore. The Attorney General serves as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Senate.

Section 2. Oath of Office

A. No Vice President will assume the duties of the office until an Oath of Office has been administered.

B. The Vice-Presidential Oath of Office must be administered by a Justice of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico Student Court, and must be witnessed by a representative from each of the following:
   1. The Executive Branch
   2. The Legislative Branch

C. The Oath of Office will be administered with the right hand uplifted and the following words said aloud: “I, (name), do affirm that I will uphold the laws of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico, the State of New Mexico, and the United States
of America: that I commit myself to the service of the undergraduate student of the
University of New Mexico, and that I will otherwise fulfill the duties and obligations of the
Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico to the best of
my ability.”
D. Upon affirmation of the Oath of Office, an affidavit will be filed attesting to the authority
of the Vice President. The Vice President may then assume office.
Section 3. Duties of the Vice President
A. Executive Duties
1. The Vice President will provide for the hiring of two (2) Senatorial Legislative Assistants:
   Legislative Coordinator and Senate Clerk.
2. The Vice President must sponsor an intensive training session for all newly elected or re-
   elected Senators during each session while in their term of office.
   a. This session will consist of an overview of parliamentary procedure,
      legislative writing, general campus policies, and an overview of a demerit
      hearing and procedures which may help senators to address campus issues.
   b. For the session the Vice President will produce a Senate manual containing
      information to assist Senators in carrying out their duties.
   e. This session shall include a mock Senate meeting. Senators shall be split
      into three (3) groups, one (1) per committee. The Chair of each committee is
      to lead a mock committee meeting, and upon completion of this mock
      committee meeting, Senators will then rotate to another committee. Each
      Senator shall complete three (3) mock committee meetings and one (1)
      mock Full Senate meeting.
3. The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating a minimum of one (1) ASUNM-
   sponsored community service project(s) per session.
4. The Vice President will appoint Senators to serve on the Finance Committee, Steering and
   Rules Committee, and the Outreach and Appointments Committee.
5. The Vice President possesses the power to issue a demerit (or warning) to any Senator, at
   any time, for actions or statements that they consider to be misconduct as outlined in
   Article XII of the Legislative Code.
   a. The office of the Vice President shall maintain an updated record of
      warnings, demerits, and any associated penalties issued to Senators in
      accordance with Article XII of the Legislative Code.
B. Legislative Duties
1. Legislation will be assigned to the appropriate committee(s) at the discretion of the Vice
   President. This decision can be overturned by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
2. When a bill is passed by a majority vote of the seated Senate, the Vice President has two
   (2) days to hand deliver the bill to the President.
   a. If the bill is not delivered to the President within the allotted two (2) days,
      the Senate may consider disciplinary action against the Vice President.
   b. If the bill is not delivered to the President within the allotted two (2) days,
the sponsoring senator(s) of the legislative action may hand deliver the bill
to the President.

3. The Vice President is responsible for the accuracy of all legislation delivered to the
President's office beyond obvious typographical errors. If errors other than typographical
occur, the law is null and void and returned to the Senate.

4. The Vice President will inform the President of any act left unsigned for six (6) days that
has become a law.

5. The Vice President will deliver the final version of any bill enacted into law to the Attorney
General within three (3) days after the Vice President has received it from the UNM Office
of University Counsel.

6. The Vice President's office will be responsible for delivering any law providing for an
appropriation to the Student Government Accounting Office.

7. The Vice President will be responsible for the execution of all activities of the legislative
branch.

8. The office of the Vice President shall be responsible for distributing to the Senators a copy
of the updated ASUNM Constitution and Law Book once received from the Attorney
General.

C. Endorsing and handling Resolutions according to the guidelines set forth in the Legislative
Code, Article VIII.

D. Outreach Duties

1. At a minimum of one time a month during each session, the Vice President and President
Pro Tempore shall assist the president in preparing an e-mail message to inform the
undergraduate student population about information regarding ASUNM initiatives and
events, student issues, and upcoming ASUNM plans that promote knowledge and education
on undergraduate subjects.

2. Because the Vice President is responsible for the execution of all activities of the legislative
branch, the Vice President shall work with the President and President Pro Tempore, by
providing the President with a report concerning the legislative matters that would
contribute to the overall goals of the e-mail message.

3. The report should be submitted to the president no less than three (3) days before the e-
mail is to be delivered.

4. The President, the Vice President, and the President Pro Tempore shall agree on the content
prior to making the e-mail message public.