

Book of Law of the NMT SGA

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1 By-laws

1.1 Required Representation by Clubs

All agencies and individuals submitting a financial bill must appear, either in person or by any representation at the NMT SGA Senate meeting at which the bill is considered. Any such bill not defended by the requester or representative will be dismissed without consideration.

2 Supreme Court Interpretations

2.1 Interpretation of Article 3, Section , subsection 1

”...consider all presidential appointments...” means that the appointments committee shall be allowed to inspect all pertinent documents to make sure the best person for the position was picked for the position.

Signed by Jarrod Lombardo, Jeffrey Phipps, Christopher Rapson
EXPIRED under Constitutional revision of Spring 2012

2.2 Robert’s Rules of Order - Voting Procedures

If a Senate vote is improperly conducted, it may be considered null and void and the vote may be retaken properly at the discretion of the Senate.

Signed by Jarrod Lombardo, Jeffrey Phipps, Christopher Rapson
EXPIRED under Constitutional revision of Spring 2016

2.3 Robert’s Rules of Order - Quorum

If quorum is not met, all those absent are considered absent as per the NMT SGA Constitution and subject to discipline under the NMT SGA Constitution, Article . This holds even though the only actions available to the Senate are to adjourn, recess, or call the house (force members to attend under penalty.)

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2.4 Definition of a Week

”Meetings shall be held at least every two (2) weeks while classes are in session.” A week is a seven (7) calendar day block from Sunday to Saturday, inclusive. This means that a Senate meeting could be held on a Sunday and the next Senate Meeting could be held on the Saturday twenty (20) calendar days later. Note: This example is the most extreme case of valid times for Senate meetings.

Signed by Jarrod Lombardo, Jeffrey Phipps, Christopher Rapson

2.5 Power of Subpoena

“The Senate shall be empowered to subpoena NMT SGA members to appear before it or any of its committees by a majority vote of the seated Senate. Any student or group failing to comply with a properly issued subpoena may be suspended from NMT SGA offices and committees” (Section 5.6.1, 2016 Constitution). Any undergraduate student may be subpoenaed by the NMT SGA Senate. Failure to appear before the senate when issued an official subpoena will result in removal from any official offices and committees held by the NMT SGA member, unless that student holds no offices or is not on any committees. In this case, no punishment can be applied.”

Signed by Nicolas Sheerin, Gregory Strobel, Andrew Alister, Anthony Salazar

2.6 Power Over Club Chartering

“...the Vice President does in fact have the power to set a deadline for club packets, and to also refuse them. Though the Vice President in conjunction with the Club Advisory Committee also has the power to work with clubs to get them approved under certain circumstances.”

Signed by Nicolas Sheerin, Gregory Strobel, Andrew Alister, Anthony Salazar

2.6 Emergency Senate Meeting

“The intention of the emergency meeting is to be able to make decisions quickly when a decision is urgently required, but these decisions do not include legislature. The requirements for legislature are clearly outlined in Section 4.10.1 of the NMT SGA Constitution. To submit a bill for an Emergency Meeting, the notice bill must be submitted to the Vice President no later than three (3) days prior. ”

Signed by Nicolas Sheerin, Gregory Strobel, Andrew Alister, Anthony Salazar

3 Senate Resolutions

3.0 Marking System

This marker will be attached to the top of each law. The numbering system will follow from 0001 to XXXX in increasing order. The letters that follow the number declare what area the law applies to. The list of each abbreviation is below:

- ADM**=Administrative Structure
- ELE**=Election Law
- F**=Financial Law
- CB**=Club Funding Bills
- CL**=Club Laws (excludes Club Bills)
- CON**=Constitutional Law
- NMTRESL**=Resolution for NMT
- PD**=Paydirt Law
- RESL**=Resolution for Local/State/National Govt
- SAB**=SAB Law
- SAL**=Salary Adjustment
- SATD**=SATD Law

3.1 Scholarship to Transfer Graduate Fellowships

0001-F, 1996-09-30

Whereas, NMIMT scholarships are limited and,
Whereas, the retention of NMIMT undergraduate students is a major concern and, Whereas,
there is a proposal to the institute senate to transfer \$60,000 in undergraduate scholarships
to graduate fellowships and,
Whereas, the NMIMT student senate is the official voice of the undergraduate student body.
Resolve that it would be in the best interest of new and returning undergraduate students to
not transfer or move any funds from the undergraduate scholarship fund to graduate
fellowships.

3.2 University Name Change

0002-ADM, 1999-08-02

Whereas, the regents of NMIMT are considering a legal name change and, Whereas, the
senate has been asked to express its opinion and,
Whereas, the NMIMT student senate is the official voice of the undergraduate student body.
Resolve that it would be in the best interest, image, and history of the institute to retain the
name "New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology" as the official designation.

3.3 Lengthening of Thanksgiving Break

0003-NMTRESL, 1999-12-06

Whereas, it has come to our attention that the faculty council has expressed interest in re-
moving the Monday registration and Friday 49ers holidays to form a week-long
Thanksgiving break and,

Whereas, it is the opinion of the SA that the 49ers academic holiday serves a useful purpose, being a stress-relieving break just after midterms and,
Whereas, 49ers is one of a very few proud NMIMT traditions remaining and enhances school spirit and, Whereas, numerous scheduling difficulties will arise should the registration process be moved to an earlier date and,
Whereas, a week-long Thanksgiving break does not present any benefits to the student body, being so close to the end of the semester.
Resolve that it remains in the best interest, not only of the student body, but of the image and traditions of this institution to leave well enough alone.

3.4 Coffee Shop Restoration

0004-NMTRESL, 2000-07-10

Whereas, the coffee shop is an intrinsic part of many students' lives and,
Whereas, its importance lies in its ability to be a haven for many students on campus and,
Whereas, there are few places of such an atmosphere that fosters group studying, programming, and club meetings and,
Whereas, it provides more job opportunities for students and, Whereas, the coffee shop is a service, not a business.

Resolve that it remains in the best interest of the student body to open the coffee shop ASAP and to include the following things:

- Music: preferably a stereo attached to a cable to get KTEK and other radio stations.
- Computers: about five because any more than that would decrease the family feeling of the area.
- Fountain drinks, coffee, Italian sodas, bagels, microwave popcorn.
- A microwave, coffee pot, fridge, and a toaster for student use.
- No real vending machines (too sterile)
- Table space is very good and outdoor is great.
- Sale of cheap ramen to students.
- Nights open should be every night.
- House of service should be 7am to 3am.

3.5 Tagline Change

0005-ADM, 2000-11-06

Whereas, the suggestions made by the students to change the tagline were examined and dismissed and,
Whereas, the suggestions made by the faculty council were examined and dismissed and,
Whereas, the new tagline was a collaborative effort by the entire NMIMT community and therefore a general and majority consent and suggestion and,
Whereas, the quick dismissal of these suggestions made by the said participants was viewed as blatantly disrespectful and inconsiderate.

Resolve that the suggestions made by these persons involved with the attempted tagline change be heavily reconsidered and reviewed in light of the senate's support.

3.6 Dorm Gutters

0006-NMTRESL, 2000-07-10

Whereas, in South and Baca water falls on students approaching from the un-guttered side and,

Whereas, un-guttered water splatters first floor residents and,

Whereas, seasonal snow and freezing temperatures create a safety issue with un-drained water.

Resolve that it is in the best interest of Baca and South residents that gutters be attached along the sides of both dormitories to drain water safely and unobtrusively.

3.7 PO Box Door Issues

0007-NMTRESL, 2001-02-07

Whereas, the student union building's exterior door, post office box door, and the outside gate to the patio area have been closed and locked prematurely and,

Whereas, the reason given for the closure of the post office box door was that no other lock existed on the building to protect campus dining properly.

Resolve that we, the Student Association senate, wish the door in the student quiet lounge that leads to campus dining should be equipped with its own lock.

3.8 Lobbying Platform for Tuition Increase

0008-RESL, 2001-03-04

Whereas, the New Mexico State Legislature is voting on a base tuition increase and,

Whereas, the Associated Students of New Mexico wish to lobby for a specific percentage and,

Whereas, the increase last year was four percent.

Resolve that the SA of NMIMT would like the lobbying platform of the ASNM to be a base increase of, at most, four percent.

3.9 Equipment Replacement for NMT TCC

0009-ADM, 2001-03-25

Whereas, the Technology Planning Committee (TPC) wishes to create a fund to cover equipment replacement for the Tech Computer Center and,

Whereas, the TPC has proposed a fee of \$50 per fall and spring semesters and \$25 per summer semester, estimated to intake \$610,000 over the next four year period and,

Whereas, equipment replacement is an academic necessity which should be covered entirely by tuition, rather than a non-essential which would fall under the realm of fees

and, Whereas, the students of NMT are solely paying for this increase and, Whereas, the proposed amount is too much of a burden on students.

Resolve that the equipment supported by this increase be accessible to all students. Resolve further that the charge per student per semester should not exceed \$25.

3.10 Re-Vote for Constitutional Amendment

0010-ADM, 2001-04-01

Whereas, there was much confusion among a certain body of voters as to their right to vote in the election on March 22, 2001 and,

Whereas, many of the members of this body of voters did not bother to go vote due to word of mouth.

Resolve that it be in the best interest of the SA of NMIMT that the proposed constitutional amendment, which failed by eight votes, be put on the ballot for re-vote.

3.11 Repeated Election

0011-ELE, 2001-04-29

Whereas, the most recent run-off election was changed and was not advertised and, Whereas, the election did not follow the spirit of an election.

Resolve that it be in the best interest of the SA of NMIMT to repeat this election as soon as possible.

3.12 Dorm Gutters Update

0012-NMTRESL, 2001-06-01

Whereas, South and Baca water falls on students approaching from the un-guttered side and,

Whereas, un-guttered water splatters first floor residents and,

Whereas, Seasonal snow and freezing temperatures create a safety issue with un-drained water.

Re-resolve that it is in the best interest of Baca and South residents that gutters be attached along the sides of both dormitories to drain water safely and unobtrusively.

3.13 Reinstatement of the Internet Tax Freedom Act

0013-NMTRESL, 2003-12

Whereas, the Internet Tax Freedom Act expired on November 1, 2003 and,

Whereas, it is now possible for the internet to be taxed by the local, state, and federal governments and,

Whereas, the NMIMT SA is the official voice of the undergraduate student body. Resolve that the internet tax ban be reinstated and made permanent.

3.14 Campus Skateboarding Ban

0014-NMTRESL, 2004-03-22

Whereas, skateboarding does not cause significant damage to the campus and,
Whereas, the inherent risk of injury involved in skateboarding is taken as a choice of the individual involved in the activity and skateboarding does not unnecessarily put bystanders at risk for injury, and,
Whereas, skateboarding is a common form of campus transportation for students and,
Whereas, skateboarding is a common form of recreation for students and, by its nature, improves the campus atmosphere and,
Whereas, disallowing skateboarding on campus is in violation of collegiality as set forth in the institutional values of the NMIMT.
Resolve that skateboarding be explicitly allowed on campus and that the "no skateboarding" signs be removed.

3.15 Office Space for the Student Regent

0015-ADM, 2006-03-21

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the SA and the GSA that the student regent has not been allocated space in the new Fidel Student Center and,
Whereas, the student regent should be easily accessible by phone, via the internet, and in person to all students at NMT.
Resolve that the student regent should always have access to office space in the Fidel Student Center where the student regent can hold regular office hours, have access to a phone, and have an internet connection.

3.16 Club and Department Representation

0016-ADM, 2006-09-23

Whereas, departments and clubs should have representation at all SA meetings.
Resolve that clubs and academic departments are recommended to have representation at all meetings.

3.17 Form Requirements at the Cashier's Office

0017-ADM, 2006-09-25

Whereas, students should be able to receive funds from the cashier's office that are less than \$100 without a special form.
Resolve that the cashier's office should release funds under \$100 without a special form.

3.18 Free Game Room

0018-ADM, 2012-03-06

Whereas, during recent years, the Fidel Game Room has been charging a fee of \$1.60 per student per hour of usage and, Whereas, this fee has deterred students from using the game room due to lack of money and,

Whereas, during the free trial month of April 2011, the student usage greatly increased and, Whereas, Auxiliary Services has proposed that there be a \$5 increase to the Fidel Student Center fee to make the game room unlimitedly accessible to the students.

Resolve that the SA of NMIMT supports the proposal of Auxiliary Services.

3.19 Proposed Tuition Increase

0019-RES, 2012-03-06

Whereas, due to state-wide budget cuts, faculty have elected to transfer to other institutions for better pay and benefits and,

Whereas, at the NMIMT President's Executive Cabinet Meeting, he presented his lobbying effort with the Legislative Finance Committee and,

Whereas, the NMIMT President would like to provide a 2% salary increase for faculty members and,

Whereas, the NMIMT president proposes a tuition increase of 4% to help alleviate the impact of this 2% salary increase on the NMT general budget.

Resolve that the SA of NMIMT supports the proposal of the NMIMT President.

3.20 Stadium Lights Proposal

0020-NMTRES, 2012-03-06

Whereas, the NMT Athletic Field will be under construction on April 16, 2012 and, Whereas, the NMT administration approached the SA of NMIMT regarding any improvements that the student body would appreciate and,

Whereas, the SA suggested the installation of stadium lights to provide the option of night games for the appropriate sports clubs on campus and,

Whereas, this would also provide the opportunity for more night events during 49ers and Spring Fling.

Resolve that the SA supports the installation of stadium lights on the NMT Athletic Field.

3.21 Event Grant Reallocation

0021-ADM, 2012-03-20

Whereas, the event grants committee is out of money and requires more to fulfill its duties and,

Whereas, clubs actively use this fund for on campus activities and, Whereas, the SA has unallocated funds for this spring semester and,
Whereas, clubs have been requesting money from the event grants committee and Spring Fling events will need access to this fund.
Resolve that \$1000 be transferred into the event grants fund to continue functioning.

3.22 Senatorial Financial Stipend

0022-NMTRES, 2012-04-03

Whereas, the senate has previously requested financial compensation for their work within the SA and,
Whereas, many student governments around the state compensate their senators for their efforts and time, and,
Whereas, there has been a continual lack of motivation and involvement from the senators and a financial stipend would give them work incentive and,
Whereas, financial compensation would aid in the disciplinary action of those senators who do not adequately uphold their responsibilities.
Resolve that the senators of the SA of NMIMT be financially compensated with a stipend that does not exceed \$100 per fall and spring semesters and \$50 per summer semester.

3.23 Dorm Gutters Part Three

0023-NMTRES, 2013-04-30

Whereas, when there is precipitation, water falls off the Baca Hall Dorm roof onto students approaching and departing the building as well as residents; and,
Whereas, seasonal precipitation and freezing temperatures create a safety issue, such as standing water, ice, or snow; and,
Whereas, Facilities Management has been very prompt in responding to safety concerns around campus; and,
Whereas, there were two resolutions regarding this issue submitted 12 years ago and not acted upon (see Resolutions 6 and 12); and,
Whereas, issues of student safety should be acted upon with greater alacrity; and,
Whereas, the NMT SGA is the official governing body on campus, elected to be the combined voice of the students regarding issues on campus, show of support by the NMT SGA Senate for this resolution will be weighted heavily by administration;
Resolve that, it is in the best interest of Baca Hall residents that Facilities Management install gutters along the sides of the dormitory to drain water safely and unobstrusively; and,

Further resolve that, the NMT SGA Senate directs the NMT SGA President to submit a fully signed, fully executed copy of this resolution to the Vice President for Student University Relations and the President of NMT.

3.24 Protection Against Light Pollution

0024-NMTRES, 2013-08-05

Whereas, there have been several unfiled complaints of light, coming from Facilities Management and Property, obstructing the view of the night sky by members of the NMIMT Astronomy Club, students enrolled in the Astronomy I and II labs, and Community Star Party attendees, and,

Whereas, the close proximity of Etscorn Observatory to Facilities Management and Property is unavoidable and increases light pollution at the observatory, and,

Whereas, the Night Sky Protection Act, held under NM law, states that "All outdoor lighting from fixtures installed after January 1, 2000 shall be shielded, except incandescent fixtures of one hundred fifty [150] watts or less and other sources of seventy [70] watts or less," and,

Whereas, the Property Office has, as recently as six (6) months ago, installed additional flood lights on their premises, and,

Whereas, the NMT SGA is the official governing body on campus, elected to be the combined voice of the students regarding issues on campus.

Resolve that Facilities Management and Property adhere to the following:

1. Abide by the Night Sky Protection Act as signed into law by Governor Gary Johnson in 1999 to avoid future legal obligations.
2. Install hoods on all light fixtures of one hundred [100] watts or more as a courtesy to the students of NMIMT using the observatory.
3. Investigate safety protocol and attempt to replace outdoor lighting with motion sensing light fixtures.

Resolve further that the NMT SGA Senate directs the NMT SGA President to submit a signed fully executed copy of this resolution to the Vice President for Student University Relations, the Director of Facilities Management, and the Director of Property.

3.25 Wireless Router in the Gymnasium

0025-NMTRES, 2013-10-15

Whereas, the NMT gymnasium does not have wireless internet access in the downstairs portion of the building, and,

Whereas, this creates an inconvenience for those wishing to use their electronic devices for accessing internet radio, social media, and other online activities and,

Whereas, the NMT SGA is the official governing body on campus, elected to be the combined voice of the students regarding issues on campus, show of support by the SGAN- MIMT Senate for this resolution will be weighted heavily by administration.

Resolve that an internet router be installed in the gym to provide access to the previously mentioned items.

Resolve further that the SGANIMIMT directs the NMT SGA President to submit a signed fully executed copy of this resolution to the Vice President for Student University Relations and the President of NMT.

3.26 Graduate Student Club Restriction Amendment

0026-CONST, 2014-01-14

Whereas, the NMT SGA is meant to serve the entire student body of the university, and,

Whereas, the graduate students are part of this student body, and,

Whereas, the NMT SGA receives a portion of the graduate student fees collected every semester, and,

Whereas, the NMT SGA Constitution currently restricts the level of graduate student involvement in SGA Clubs (Reference section Legislative Branch: Chartering Authority, article 4 regarding the composition percentage).

Resolve that the restriction on graduate student involvement in clubs be stricken from the NMT SGA Constitution.

3.27 Lottery Scholarship Support

0027-RES, 2014-10-23

Whereas, the Legislature is going to remove the statute requiring thirty (30) percent of Lottery revenues to go to the Legislative Lottery Scholarship;

Whereas, freeing up the revenue will leave more chance to the students and the amount awarded to the students through the Legislative Lottery Scholarship;

Whereas, there is no guarantee that increased lottery revenues will not yield greater returns to the Lottery Scholarship;

Whereas, the NMT SGA is the official governing body on campus, elected to be the combined voice of the students regarding issues on campus, show of support by the NMT SGA Senate for this resolution will be weighted heavily by administration;

Resolve that, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Student Government Association supports this resolution and Think New Mexico on preventing the release of thirty (30) percent of the Lottery's revenue in the upcoming Legislative session.

3.28 Senate Faculty Committee Members

0028-ADM, 2014-10-23

Whereas, Senate Faculty committees need student representatives;

Whereas, the Student Government Senators are meant to fill these positions if they are vacant;

Whereas, the Senate Faculty Committees that need representatives are, but not limited to, Student Discipline Committee, Computing Committee, Student Learning Committee, Retention Committee, Space Utilization Committee, and the ADA Committee;

Whereas, the NMT SGA is the official governing body on campus, elected to be the combined voice of the students regarding issues on campus, show of support by the NMT SGA Senate for this resolution will be weighted heavily by administration;

Resolve that, when Senators are being sorted into committees they should also be sorted into the Senate Faculty Committees by nomination similar to when they are nominated into committee head positions.

3.29 Capital Outlay Limitation Act

0029-F, 2014-10-23

Whereas, the Capital Outlay is an account specifically made for the President to use in order to better the state of the NMT SGA;

Whereas, the Capital Outlay should remain under the control of the President and used only by the President;

Whereas, the Capital Outlay is a new account made to hold excess money from other accounts after the semester is officially over in order to build up NMT SGA funds without pulling from the general account;

Whereas, Future Presidents may not have the same conservative views as the current President;

Whereas, the NMT SGA is the official governing body on campus, elected to be the combined voice of the students regarding issues on campus, show of support by the NMT SGA Senate for this resolution will be weighted heavily by administration;

Resolve that, the Capital Outlay should be limited to a spending with a one-third (1/3) limit per semester and if the President would like to exceed this limit he/she will have to gain active consent of two-thirds (2/3) of present Student Government members at a regularly occurring meeting during the Fall or Spring Semester.

3.30 Prevention of Charging Students Double Act

0030-NMTRES, 2014-10-23

Whereas, clubs are beginning to ask for Student Government money while simultaneously charging students to attend their events;

Whereas, charging students and asking the Student Government for money is “double-dipping”; and,

Whereas, the Student Government should be aware of when clubs charge students to participate in their events;

Whereas, Student Government money should be used to give students an opportunity to participate in events of campus for free;

Whereas, the NMT SGA is the official governing body on campus, elected to be the combined voice of the students regarding issues on campus, show of support by the NMT SGA Senate for this resolution will be weighted heavily by administration;
Resolve that, clubs that charge students to participate in their events should not be allowed to receive any Student Government funding; and,
Further resolve that, if a club charges students to participate in their event after receiving Student Government funding, the Student Government will retract the given money from the club's account and the club should be immediately stripped of its club status and on probation the following semester.

3.31 Amending the Student Handbook to Allow for Greek Life Organizations

0031-NMTRES, 2016-11-15

Whereas, the NMIMT Student Handbook does not allow for the Greek Life organizations, specifically the NMIMT sorority Alpha Sigma Kappa, Eta Chapter, and the NMIMT fraternity Kappa Sigma, Pi-tau chapter, to be NMT SGA approved clubs due to the fact these organizations discriminate on the basis of sex;

Whereas, according to Section 161, Chapter 3, of Title 20 U.S. Code, ‘No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance, except that:...

(6) Social fraternities or sororities; voluntary youth service organizations. This section shall not apply to membership practices—

(A) Of a social fraternity or sorority which is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of Title 26, the active membership of which consists primarily of students in attendance at an institution of higher education or...”

Whereas, the Greek Life organizations of NMIMT organize and sponsor philanthropic events that do not discriminate against any people attending, and also benefit the community and student body of NMIMT;

Whereas, in the past, Greek Life organizations have been willing to make exceptions to their bylaws that relate to membership requirements for transgender people and other special circumstances;

Whereas, the Greek Life organizations of NMIMT have a large amount of volunteer hours (averaging between 700-1000 service hours per semester) that go towards making NMIMT, the community of Socorro, and even communities beyond better places;

Whereas, the Greek Life organizations are major volunteers for NMT SGA beginning of semester events, 49ers events, and community outreach efforts;

Whereas, the Greek Life dues required of members are set forth by and sent to their national headquarters and do not subsidize any of the organization's activities;

Resolve that, the forty-fifth page of the Student Handbook be amended to have two sentences added after the second sentence of the fifth paragraph that state the following, “For the

reason that the NMIMT fraternity Kappa Sigma, Pi-Tau chapter, and sorority Alpha Sigma Kappa, Eta chapter, are exempt from nondiscrimination on the basis of sex under Section 161, Chapter 3, of the Title 20 U.S. Code, they shall be allowed to be NMT SGA approved clubs. Any other clubs that violate the NMIMT Student Handbook requirement of nondiscrimination on basis of sex, but are exempt under Section 161, Chapter 3, of Title 20 U.S. Code must contact the NMT SGA for further counseling on how, and if an exception may be made to the Student Handbook to allow their organization to be NMT SGA approved.” This would allow the Greek Life organizations of NMIMT to become NMT SGA approved clubs, and to receive NMT SGA funds to support their open Fall and Spring semester events for the student body, while also allowing future clubs, which have exceptions under Section 161, Chapter 3, of Title 20 U.S. Code, to make a case to become NMT SGA approved clubs.

3.32 Deficit Limitation Bill

0031-F, 2018-09-25

Whereas, the listed deficit in the fall 2018 budget is 15.2% and,
Whereas, this deficit is unsustainable and will bankrupt the SGA in 6 years if left unchecked
and,

Whereas, a Deficit Limit would help to alleviate this drain and would help ensure long term financial stability.

Resolve that the Senators of the NMT SGA institute an enduring deficit limit with the following listed conditions:

- The deficit limit will take effect in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.
- The deficit shall be held at 7% maximum at any given time. This deficit limit shall be known as the Vote Line Deficit.
- To exceed this max deficit, a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is required with a provided reasoning from the CFO and financial committee for the need of such an increase.
- The Absolute Max that the deficit may hit is 12%. The deficit may never exceed this number and any vote or bill presented wishing to exceed this number automatically becomes nullified. This will be known as the Absolute Max Deficit.
- 3 years after this is implemented, the Vote Line Deficit shall be set at 5% and the Absolute Max Deficit shall be set at 10%

3.32 Procedure in the Event of Supreme Court Justice Unavailability

0032-CON, 2019-03-07

Students at NMIMT undergo a strenuous course load which causes many scheduling conflicts. As classes are often scheduled at the same time among different students, instances may arise when no members of the Supreme Court are available to be present at the ballot box. As of now, a scheduling conflict will prevent the election from being performed as prescribed in Article 10 Section 4.f.iii and the election will be considered invalid.

To prevent invalidating an election for an unavoidable conflict, the Dean of Students should be granted the power to oversee the ballot box. The purpose of the presence of a Supreme Court Justice is to ensure fair and just elections as per Article 10. The Dean of Students is familiar with the procedures of the election as such, the Dean will maintain an impartial presence and fulfills the same role as a Supreme Court Justice.

3.33 Procedure to Adjust Vice Presidential Term Limitations

0033-CON, 2019-03-07

To prevent invalidating an election for an unavoidable conflict, the Dean of Students should be granted the power to oversee the ballot box. The purpose of the presence of a Supreme Court Justice is to ensure fair and just elections as per Article 10. The Dean of Students is familiar with the procedures of the election as such, the Dean will maintain an impartial presence and fulfills the same role as a Supreme Court Justice.

As a result of the invalidated General Election during Spring 2018, there currently are five (5) students eligible to run for the office of Vice President for the Spring 2019 Election. This is a gross misrepresentation of the student body that should be circumvented.

Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections are held earlier to allow for a training period from the current President and Vice President.

3.34 Resolution to Conserve NMT SGA Funds Via Limiting Individual Requests

0034-F, 2020-04-02

Whereas, there has been an increase in the amount of individual requests for money from the NMTSGA senate.

Whereas, an “individual request” shall be defined as a request for funds from the Senate Bill Supplementary Fund by one or more students for their own or others benefit rather than the benefit of a SGA club and its members.

Whereas these funding requests can go into the thousands of dollars, yet only providing a limited benefit to a small amount of students.

Resolve that in an effort to conserve SGA funds as well as more fairly distribute these funds to the student body, all individual funding requests shall be limited to no more than \$500.

Resolve that this limit may be raised by a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the senate.

3.35 Procedure to Resolve Ties

0053-CON, 2019-09-29

As the result of confusion and time delays within the senate, it was decided by majority vote that in the event of a tie within the senate, the deciding vote shall go to the Vice President.