



Proposal to Amend RPM 2.44

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RPM No. <u>2.44</u> ; Title: <u>Associated Students of NMSU</u>	
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Summary: This proposal rewrites RPM 2.44, removing the detail to ARP 2.44, subject of a distinct proposal. This is consistent with the model for the regents policies in the RPM, to provide general outlines of purpose, broad grants of authority and/or reservations of authority. ASNMSU officials and Dean of Students Office representatives worked with UGC to develop both RPM and ARP proposals. Due to nature of revision (rewrite), a redlined compare version is not provided; a copy of the policy currently in effect is included.	
AAG Meeting Date: February 4, 2019	Review Period Ends: March 18, 2019
Assigned Review Track: <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Track	

Assigned Review Groups:			
	ACADEMIC DEANS COUNCIL (ADC)	EHS (Environmental Health and Safety)	OFS – OFFICE OF FACILITIES AND SERV.
	ADI	EMPLOYEE COUNCIL	POLICE
√	ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	FACULTY SENATE	PRESIDENT’S ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
	ARROWHEAD CENTER	UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT	REAL ESTATE
	ASSOCIATE DEANS ACADEMIC COUNCIL	HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL
	ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NMSU	ICT – INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	VP SAEM
	COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS’ COUNCIL	NMDA	

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2.44 Associated Students of New Mexico State University (“ASNMSU”) v020419

A. Recognition and Role

The Board of Regents recognizes the Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU) as an official representative body authorized to speak for and on behalf the students enrolled at New Mexico State University on matters of concern relating to student life and university business. The President of ASNMSU serves as an advisory member of the Board of the Regents. ASNMSU is authorized to establish and maintain a student government to achieve its mission as the representative of the students, and to offer services and benefits for students as ASNMSU deems proper and advisable, subject to budgetary restrictions.

B. Membership

All students who are enrolled in programs at the NMSU Las Cruces campus and who pay the ASNMSU Fee are members of ASNMSU.

C. Operational Responsibilities

ASNMSU is a university department with respect to its authority and its obligation to abide by university policies, and administrative rules and processes, particularly with respect to the expenditure of funds provided to ASNMSU, whether through appropriations, tuition or student fees. The university administration will appoint appropriate staff members to advise, guide and provide oversight for ASNMSU activities, including designation of the NMSU staff position authorized to take appropriate administrative action necessary to comply with university policies, rules and procedures.

D. Other Student Organizations

ASNMSU will work with the university administration to establish criteria and a process to grant official recognition to student organizations at NMSU. Such organizations will be referred to as chartered student organizations.

E. Scholarships for ASNMSU Leadership

Subject to budgetary limitations, the university administration is authorized to establish paid employment positions and scholarships for students selected for and serving in leadership roles within ASNMSU. Scholarships awarded will be subject to the policies, procedures and rules governing financial aid awards administered by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services. Employment of students to serve the needs of ASNMSU will be subject to the university’s HR rules and procedures.

F. Student Club Financial Accounts and Endowment

The university administration (Administration and Finance) is authorized to establish internally held financial accounts (“agency accounts”) for chartered student organizations. University administration is also authorized to maintain the ASNMSU endowment at the New Mexico State University Foundation, Inc. and to allocate toward the endowment a per capita amount for each student each semester. Earnings distributed from the endowment will be maintained in the ASNMSU Club Endowment and may be allocated by the legislative branch of the ASNMSU student government for use by chartered student organizations and by other NMSU course participants to assist with related expenses (e.g. competitions representing NMSU) for the benefit of students, as ASNMSU’s legislative body may deem appropriate.

COPY REGENTS POLICY CURRENTLY IN EFFECT:

2.44 Associated Students of New Mexico State University (“ASNMSU”) All main campus students are members of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University (“ASNMSU”). The ASNMSU government is divided into the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Members of the legislative branch (student senate) are elected; the executive offices of president and vice president are elected; and members of the judicial branch are appointed by the

president of ASNMSU. The dean of students and the Student Legal Aid Program attorney serve as advisors to ASNMSU. The vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, in cooperation with student leaders and other appropriate university officers, shall advise and administer university policy, regulations, and procedures established and necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of ASNMSU and the university. ASNMSU's constitution and law book outlines the organization and responsibilities of ASNMSU. University regulations establish procedures within which ASNMSU funds are expended and accounted for and activities are conducted. ASNMSU has supervision over budgeting and expenditure of all activity monies allocated to ASNMSU; the Publications and Communications Board; the Intramural Board; the Student Activities Committee and other such boards and committees which are created from time to time. All of ASNMSU's accounts are channeled through the ASNMSU Comptroller's Office under the supervision of the Office and Administration and Finance. All recognized student organizations, except for fraternities and sororities, must conduct their financial affairs through the Office of the ASNMSU Comptroller.

A. Leadership Scholarships

Students who meet the criteria outlined below and who are either: (a) elected to ASNMSU student senate in a campus-wide, student body election, or (b) elected by their respective college councils and recommended to serve as a semester-long appointee to fill a vacant ASNMSU student senate position are eligible each semester to receive a financial award amounting to at least 75 percent of the dollar value of an academic semester in-state tuition and fees scholarship. This financial award is subject to the conditions and processes governing all financial aid awards administered by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services. As such, students may be awarded only one tuition scholarship in any given semester. The criteria for the initial award of the Leadership Scholarship are:

1. Undergraduate students must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 and, in the semester previous to taking office, have successfully completed 15 or more grades credits with at least a 2.5 grade point average.
2. Graduate students must have an overall grade point average of at least a 3.5 and have, in the semester previous to taking office, successfully completed 9 or more grades credits with at least a 3.0 grade point average and must serve the entire semester as a senator.
3. Undergraduate students must be currently enrolled in at least 15 credits and graduate students in at least 9 credits. Both undergraduate and graduate students must serve the entire semester as a senator to remain eligible for existing and future awards. Resignation, termination, or impeachment from the student senate prior to the completion of the semester voids any award made for that semester and holds the student liable for repayment of the amount awarded.
4. Renewal awards:
 - a. Undergraduate students must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 and must have successfully completed 15 credit hours the previous semester.
 - b. Graduate students must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.5 and must have successful completed 9 credit hours the previous semester.
5. Policy exceptions for termination and repayment of an award include cooperative education programs, medical withdrawals from the university, death, or any situation approved as an exception by the Office of the Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Community Colleges.

B. ASNMSU

Students Club Endowment Policy: Establishes a policy for maintaining a Club Endowment and a separate Club Account.

1. Purpose of Policy: The Club Endowment is established to provide stable funding for recognized organizations. The income earned from this endowment is to be allocated to recognized organizations to provide consistent funding for them regardless of the financial picture of the ASNMSU.
2. Deposits: Beginning Fall 1991, \$1 for each full time student, and \$.50 for each part-time student shall be deposited in the Club Endowment each fall and spring semester.
3. Endowment Management: The Club Endowment shall be a permanently treated endowed fund of the NMSU Foundation, Inc. The principal shall be invested and reinvested in a common investment trust fund for endowments in accordance with the investment policies of the Foundation. The principal shall remain permanently invested and cannot be withdrawn without board's approval. Income earned from the Club Endowment shall annually be transferred to the Club Account in the student account business office according to the policy of the NMSU Foundation.
4. Withdrawals: The ASNMSU senate, by a simple majority, may withdraw funds from the Club Account for recognized organizations. This shall be done through the normal appropriations process.
5. Transfers: The ASNMSU senate, by a 3/4 vote, may transfer money out of the Club Account to the Activity Surplus Account or the Major Expense Fund, providing the July 1 balance of the Club Account is a minimum of \$20,000. An amount no greater than the July 1 balance minus \$20,000 can be transferred. This shall be done through normal appropriation methods.