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DATE: January 13th, 2025

TO: Brandon Toensing, Associate University Counsel

FROM: Mutazz Jaber, Vice President, ASUNM

RE: ASUNM Law Book Revision

CC: Ryan Lindquist, Director, Student Activities Center
Hilaria Barrigan, Attorney General, ASUNM

Constitution ☐ *Law Book* ☒

Bill No: #7f *Code:* **Section 3303**

Article: **3000** *Item:*

Rationale for the above referenced bill:

Clarifies the process of electing the President Pro-Tempore.

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In accordance with UNM Regents Policy Manual Section 4.1, I have reviewed the above- mentioned legislation and I offer the following comments.

1. ☐ The above- mentioned legislation is proper as to form and is consistent with applicable law and regulations. Accordingly, the University Counsel Office approves this amendment to the ASUNM Constitution/Law Book.
2. ☐ The above-mentioned legislation cannot be approved by the University Counsel Office in its current form for the following reasons:
3. ☐ The above- mentioned legislation is proper as to form and is consistent with applicable law and regulations. Accordingly, the University Counsel Office approves this amendment to the ASUNM Constitution/Law Book. I do, however, have concerns about the following issue(s) and bring them to your attention for consideration before including this legislation in the ASUNM Constitution/Law Book.

Brandon Toensing, Associate University Counsel

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

BILL #7F

PENDING STEERING & RULES

Introduced by: Sen. J Ward (A) (S) (E), Sen. J Zinsmeyer (A) (S) (E), Attorney General Barragan (E), Sen. B Rutherford (E), Sen. M Garcia (S)

Summary: Clarifies the process of electing the President Pro-Tempore.

BILL #F

2024 FALL SESSION

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: Sen. J Ward (A) (S) (E), Sen. J Zinsmeyer (A)(S)(E)

1st Reading: 09/18/2024
2nd Reading: 09/25/2024
3rd Reading: mm/dd/yyyy

Referred To: Steering & Rules
Committee Action: 5-0-0-0
Senate Action: 18-0-0-2

Executive Action:

☐ Approved ☐ Vetoed

ASUNM President

Date

Unsigned by the President on this ____ day of _____ 2023. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: _____ Senate Action: 18-0-0-2

Be it enacted by the Associated Students at the University of New Mexico that the following be amended in (***Section 3303***) of the ASUNM (Law Book):

Section 3303. Election Procedure

- A. To elect a new President Pro Tempore, the Vice President shall make a request at Full Senate for nominations for President Pro Tempore. Senators may nominate other Senators, or they may self-nominate.
 - a. If a Senator is nominated by another Senator, they must accept the nomination in order to run in the election.
- B. After all nominations have been made and accepted, the Vice President shall ask all candidates to step outside for the nomination speeches.
 - a. Senators who nominated candidates for President Pro Tempore shall give a speech explaining their reasoning for nominating the candidate.
 - b. Candidates who are self nominated shall be given an opportunity to come inside the room one at a time to give a self nomination speech.
- C. Upon the completion of nomination speeches and a discussion period, the candidates shall be allowed back into the room to vote.
- D. Votes will be cast in a roll call vote and shall be tallied by the Office of the Vice President.
 - ~~a. Once all votes have been cast and tallied, the Vice President shall announce the newly elected President Pro Tempore.~~
 - a. **The President Pro Tempore must be elected by a simple majority of the Senate.**
 - b. **Once all votes have been cast and tallied, the Vice President shall announce the newly elected President Pro Tempore.**
 - i. **In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the vote, a run-off election shall be held immediately between the top two (2) vote earners.**

ii. In the event of a tie, the Vice President shall cast the tie-breaking vote.