

Attention all students!!

Have you ever wanted to participate more at Western New Mexico University?
Ever wanted to help organize Great Race or Homecoming?
Ever wanted to take part in policy decisions such as where our student fees go?

If you have ever had any ideas about how to make Western a better school for the students, your participation is highly encouraged! The Associated Students of Western New Mexico University will be holding elections for positions in our Students' Government the third week of April. If you are at all interested in holding a position within our Students' Government, an application to run for office is attached to this message. The deadline to be on the ballot is April 4, 2011. Elections will be held April 19-21.

Positions Available:

14 Senate positions

4 Executive Council positions consisting of:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Make our university the best ever and participate!



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2011 Election Registration Packet

Associated Students of WNMU

Election Registration Form

Instructions

1. Review Election Rules and Guidelines (signing acknowledges agreement to abide by these rules).
2. Fill out and Sign Registration form.
3. Take Registration Form to Registrar's Office to verify academic standing and to be signed by Registrar personnel.
4. Turn in completed form to ASWNMU offices **no later than Monday April 04, 2011 by 5:30 pm.**

Name: _____

Candidate for: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I have received a copy of the Election Rules and Guidelines and acknowledge that I must remain in the provisions of the Elections Rules and Guidelines, and the Election Authority Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

-----For Registrar Office Use Only-----

Current Student of WNMU?	Yes	No		
Good Academic Standing (i.e. Probation, Suspensions, Holds)			Yes	No
Qualifying Cumulative Institutional GPA of at least 2.75 or better?			Yes	No

Registrar Signature: _____ Date: _____

-----Election Authority Committee of ASWNMU Use Only-----

Received by: _____ Date: _____

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2101 ASWNMU Elections Rules and Guidelines

I. Eligibility

A. All candidates for elected office must be registered with the Election Authority Committee.

1. **Registration forms will be available to all students and must be received by ASWNMU by NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2010 BY 5:30PM.**
2. All candidates must meet the following requirements.
 - a. All candidates must be a current student of WNMU.
 - b. All candidates must be in good academic standing with the university.
 - c. All candidates must have and maintain a cumulative 2.75 institutional grade point average with Western New Mexico University or 2.75 cumulative GPA transferred from previous institution for new students.

II. Election and Election Results

A. Online Ballots

1. If polls are conducted online they must remain open for at least 48 hours.
2. Ballots and Polls may only be created and distributed by software licensed to Western New Mexico University. No third party survey site or freeware may be used.
3. Election Registration Form must be available to all students including online students or those at other WNMU locations.
4. All Students are entitled to only one vote.

B. Paper Ballots

1. The polls shall remain open for a minimum of two working days (Tuesday April 19-Thursday April 21).
2. The polls must be operated by a minimum of two people.
3. All Students are entitled to only one vote. Picture ID must be present to vote.

C. Results

1. Results of the election will be given by the Election Authority Committee in a timely manner.
2. All Election Authority Committee members must be present for counting of the ballots. Counting of the ballots cannot begin until all Election Authority Committee is present. If the polls are conducted online, counting may be automated and Election Authority Committee shall verify the count.
3. Unofficial results will be presented to ASWNMU no later than the noon of the following work day.
4. Official results will be presented to ASWNMU no later than 48 hours after the end of the election.
5. Any Candidate wishing to appeal the unofficial results must do so to the Election Authority Committee and ASWNMU Supreme Court no later than 24 hours after the end of the unofficial count.
 - a. All appeals must include: name of person submitting appeal, reason for appeal, rules in which the person appealing believes have been broken, and/or how the integrity of the election was violated.
 - b. All appeals will be reviewed by the Election Authority Committee and the ASWNMU Supreme Court.
 - c. Appeal results will be given within two working days of the appeal.

III. Campaigning

A. All candidates are responsible for their own campaigning. Clean-up of campaign materials must be done within 48-hours of the end of the election or the candidate will be subject to a hold on their student account and/or fined.

B. Any candidate may be disqualified by the ASWNMU Supreme Court if their campaign material is found to be slanderous and/or libelous.

C. No campaign material or campaigning may be present in the same room as the polls (1st floor of the Student Memorial Building (SMB) and the Stairwell to the second floor of the SMB).

1. The entrance of the room must also be clear of campaign materials and person(s) campaigning.
 - a. 50 feet of the SMB front doors (Campaigning materials not allowed in first row of parking outside SMB front doors).
 - b. Between the first and second floor stairwell, landing, and elevator (Cafeteria OK).

2. If online polling occurs no campaign material or campaigning may be present in any computer labs on any WNMU campus.

For further information on ASWNMU Students' Government please look to:

<http://www.wnmu.edu/clubs/aswnmu/aswnmuindex.shtml>

Any questions concerning rules or clarification of rules please contact:

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