

Proposition Number	03-13/14
Sponsors	S.H. Munson-McGee (ACES); Teresa Dean (CES); Anita C. Reinhardt (HSS)
Proposed Committee	Long Range Planning
Actual Committee	Long Range Planning
Title	A Memorial in Support of Resolving the Impending Financial Insolvency of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship

Memorial

Whereas the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship was created in 1996, and

Whereas the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship is projected to be underfunded in fiscal year 2014 by \$10 million and increasing to nearly \$40 million by the end of fiscal year 2018, and

Whereas the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship provides opportunity for all graduates of New Mexico high schools and GED earners, and

Whereas the support from the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship has enabled many students who would otherwise be unable to attend New Mexico State University (NMSU) the opportunity to do so, and

Whereas over 23,000 students have attended the NMSU system on a New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship, and

Whereas for the Spring 2013 semester, the New Mexico Higher Education Department reported that 3,958 students at NMSU were on the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship, and

Whereas students on the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship at NMSU graduate at rates higher than students not eligible for it (4-year graduation rates are 21.5% versus 12.8%, 5-year graduation rates are 55% versus 31%, and 6-year graduation rates are 65% versus 37%), and

Whereas in a typical year, about 55% of the recipients of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship at NMSU were Hispanic or minority students, and

Whereas 30% of students on the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship in Spring 2013 at NMSU-Las Cruces had no other financial aid, and

Whereas this program also serves NMSU community college students in that for Spring 2013, the Legislative Lottery Scholarship was the only financial aid for:

- 47% of Legislative Lottery Scholarship recipients at NMSU-Alamogordo,
- 44% of Legislative Lottery Scholarship recipients at NMSU-Carlsbad,

- 27% of Legislative Lottery Scholarship recipients at Doña Ana Community College, and
- 36.2% of Legislative Lottery Scholarship students at NMSU-Grants, and

Whereas students tell us that without this program, higher education would not been affordable, and

Whereas the Associated Students of New Mexico State University have worked tirelessly for years with other concerned bodies to address the impending financial crisis with the Legislative Lottery Scholarship, and

Whereas the Associated Students of New Mexico State University have been state-wide leaders to develop a proposal addressing the impending financial crisis with the Legislative Lottery Scholarship,

Therefore, be it resolved by the New Mexico State University Faculty Senate that:

We recognize and appreciate the work done by the Associated Students of New Mexico State University to develop a recommendation to the New Mexico Legislature to resolve the impending financial crisis of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship that represents the needs and desires of all New Mexico college and university students, and

We recognize and appreciate the work done by the many other entities at New Mexico State University to develop a recommendation to the New Mexico Legislature to resolve the impending financial crisis of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship, and

We encourage the New Mexico Legislature to resolve the impending financial crisis of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship while continuing to fully fund the scholarship, and

We encourage the New Mexico Legislature to resolve the impending financial crisis of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship while continuing to honor the principles of fairness, equity, and access to all New Mexico colleges and universities for all New Mexico high school graduates, and

We encourage the Associated Students of New Mexico State University to continue to work with student organizations at other New Mexico colleges and universities to develop a recommendation to the New Mexico Legislature to resolve the impending financial crisis of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship that represents the needs and desires of all New Mexico college and university students.