

# Senate considers statement regarding BSO ultimatum

The ASNMSU Senate considered the demands that the Black Student Organization of NMSU made upon the administration Apr. 30 and passed a statement on each of the 12 individual demands giving their support, rejecting the statement or retaining the demand for further consideration in the Senate meeting Wednesday night.

The official statement read, "The ASNMSU Senate supports the concept of peaceful assembly and condemns actions of an individual that attempts to deny this right.

"The ASNMSU Senate also

condemns physical destruction of university property, and the making of demands with an implied threat of force. However, the Senate supports the ideas embodied in #1, rejects the ideas of #'s 2, 6, 10, 11, and 12, of the demands of the Black Student Organization and retains the ideas in #3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 for further consideration. (ed. note, these demands are listed on Page 1).

"Whereby we live in a country where constitutional laws state that every citizen has right of freedom of speech and of peaceful demonstration the ASNMSU condemns the action of Apr. 29

by one student's assault against another who was perfectly within his rights under any law of this nation."

In this senate meeting, three senators, Gayland Bryant, Arts and Sciences senator; Joel Edwards, Ag senator; and Jack Palmer, Engineer senator, were expelled from the senate for excessive absences, which is the accumulation of 6 or more excused or unexcused absences. Seven other senators were called before the Senate for a vote on expulsion or retention for having two unexcused absences or four excused or unexcused absences. The Senate voted to retain all these members. They included: Carry Boyd, Mary Cox, Robert Evetts, Laura Knight, Lori Muench, Richard Schmidt and Linda Scott.

Election ordinances for the election of the member of the criterion committee to select the criterion for the next NMSU president were passed. The student who fills this position must be a full time student of NMSU and can either be an undergraduate or a graduate student. Graduate students will be allowed to vote in this election.

Also elected at the same time will be campus favorites, class favorites, and the Greatest Aggie. Petitions for these positions are available at the ASNMSU offices and are due Tuesday, May 6.

One boy and one girl will be elected from the student body for Campus favorites, one boy and girl from each class for class favorites, and one varsity athlete that has lettered in a sport at NMSU will be

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