

Letter of Intent

Dear Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, and members of the Senate,

The Constitutional Drafting Committee hereby makes its final submission of its proposal for the new constitution of the Student Association of the New Mexico Tech Institute of Mining and Technology. Per the unanimous resolution of November 5th, 2007, this constitution is now the active law of the Student Association of New Mexico Tech.

During the process of determining the rules and language of this document, the Constitutional Drafting Committee identified the following concerns in the previous document:

- (1) The previous document was without any legal authority, suffering from such intrinsic problems as failing to establish the name of the organization.
- (2) The previous document contained various logical errors, contradictions, ambiguities, and loopholes.
- (3) The previous document was incomplete and failed to make certain necessary provisions, such as the use of disciplinary actions on members of the Supreme Court.
- (4) The previous document was unclear in sections and caused confusion.

In addition, the Constitutional Drafting Committee has recognized problems in the SA which have extended beyond the nature of their chartering document, including

- (1) Failure to keep and publicize adequate documentation of finances and existing law.
- (2) Failure to provide appropriate accountability for elected and appointed officials.
- (3) Abridgment of constitutional requirements.
- (4) Most fundamentally, a lack of general campus interest in, participation with, and understanding of the SA Government.

The Constitutional Drafting Committee has dutifully drafted this document to address each of these concerns to the best of its abilities.

Perhaps most controversially, the Constitutional Drafting Committee has opted to transcend formal attitudes in order to infuse the binding document and organization of the SA with provisions and language reflecting the unique campus culture of New Mexico Tech.

The Constitutional Drafting Committee has determined that informal concessions to the campus culture itself would be the best possible way to tie the students of Tech to the document and the legal institution which provide for their means of self-governance, general campus conceptions concerning politics and bureaucracy being judged, in the previous manufacture of government, to be inhibitive to a more passionate and active student government.

It is sincerely hoped that, even if they are in personal disagreement with the final decisions of the Constitutional Drafting Committee, that all members of the SA Government would unite under this new constitution to effect the best possible government for all students.

Thank you.