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*In the ASUNM  
Student Court*

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YOUNG MCCARTHYISTS

Petitioner

v.

RILEY DUNCAN, ASUNM Vice President

Respondent

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**BRIEF FOR THE PETITIONER**

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ALEX PALMER, Chair

JESSE PETERSON, Vice-Chair

JAIME PIERCE, Treasurer

MORGAN PADILLA, Clerk

DAKOTA PEREZ, Senior Advisor

## **BRIEF FOR THE PETITIONER**

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### **QUESTION PRESENTED**

Whether ASUNM can fund an appropriation for a political organization that is *not* a part of ASUNM Government, *nor* an ASUNM Student Service Agency, *nor* a chartered student organization; whether such an organization can be defined as a *service entity*

### **JURISDICTION**

The Student Court has jurisdiction in cases arising under the ASUNM lawbook and any allocations of money made by the ASUNM Senate per Const. Art IV §2(A) (p. 7). The leadership of Young McCarthyists is composed of undergraduate students who bring a call for disciplinary action against ASUNM officials in accordance with Const. Art V §A.

### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED**

Finance Code Art. III §3 (p. 53)

### **ARGUMENT**

We, the leadership of the Chartered Student Organization "Young McCarthyists," unanimously lodge this complaint.

On Wednesday, March 20th, the Full Senate granted an appropriation bill to the organization called "Americans For Communist Utopia" (AFCU). AFCU is not a chartered student organization, and in fact counts no undergraduate UNM students among its members. The appropriation grants funds for AFCU to host a speaker in the SUB advocating radical left-wing political ideology. The Finance Code articulates that appropriation bills may only be granted to "chartered student organizations, ASUNM government, ASUNM Student Service Agencies and service entities." We hold that AFCU does not meet the requirements to be considered as any of these entities.

AFCU advocates radical and dangerous ideas to an impressionable audience, and has now been given the means and blessing to do so by our student government in violation of its governing documents. We hold the Vice President of ASUNM responsible for this grievous error under Legislative Code Art. I §3(B)(7) and request immediate action.

### **CONCLUSION**

We request the appropriation be immediately rescinded; that Ryan Darby, the Chair of the Finance Committee which initially approved the appropriation, be suspended from office; and that Vice President Riley Duncan be suspended or removed from office. We further demand a comprehensive apology from ASUNM.