The Hispanic Honor Society
Of the University of New Mexico
CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS
(Revised January 2002)

I. Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to recognize students who demonstrate high academic standards, scholarship, fellowship, and service to their community. Membership shall be granted without discrimination on the basis of color, creed, gender, age, disability, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, or economic status.

II. Eligibility Requirements

A. Students are eligible by meeting one of the following criteria:
   1. Student (undergraduate or graduate) has and maintains an overall average GPA of 3.0.
   2. All incoming freshman students are eligible on a probationary status until first completed semester GPA is received. Thereafter, a 3.0 must be obtained.
   3. If a student has and maintains an overall GPA of at least a 2.8 with the last two semesters of a 3.0 or above, the student will be considered a probationary member. Student must continue to maintain a 3.0 until a cumulative GPA of 3.0 is reached at which point the student will become a member.

B. Qualified students become active members after completing a membership application, providing an unofficial transcript, and attending their first meeting, upon advisor approval.

III. Member Requirements

A. Attendance for all meetings is critical for the advancement of the organization. After two unexcused absences, members will be issued a written warning; after a third he/she will automatically be dropped. To report an absence, members should inform one of the officers at least twenty-four hours in advance.

B. Membership dues will be due at the beginning of every month, and are set at $15.00 per semester or $30.00 per year for all members. The first payment due by Fall Break.

C. All members must participate in a minimum of 50% of community services per semester.
IV. Provisions for Meetings

A. General meetings will be held once a week in the conference room of El Centro de La Raza, unless otherwise informed.
B. Members must be in good standing in order to be included in the induction ceremony, which is held at the end of the Spring semester.
C. Mandatory meetings MUST be attended and will only be excused under EXTREEM circumstances.
D. All decisions are to be voted upon and passed with a majority vote of members.
E. Meetings are to be considered official when a minimum of two officers and four members.

V. Provisions for Officers

A. The titles of officers consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
B. The officers are to be elected at the beginning of the Fall semester. The terms for office run for one full academic year.
C. In the event that an officer is in danger of impeachment, the officer will be informed by the President immediately and may defend him/herself at the following meeting before a vote is taken. A majority vote is needed by active members in order to impeach an officer from his/her position.
D. If an officer chooses to resign of his/her own will, he/she must give the other officers’ three weeks written notice.

VI. Duties of Officers

A. The President will oversee the operation of the organization, conduct meetings, and delegate authority.
B. The Vice President will oversee the operation of individual committees as well as assume the duties of President in the event that he/she is absent. If the office of President should become vacant between election periods, the Vice President will fill that position until the term is over, or another person is elected as President.
C. The Secretary will record any important information pertaining to the organization, as well as recording and reading the minutes of each meeting and communicating this information by e-mail, flyers, phone calls etc. to society.
D. The Treasurer will manage all the monetary funds held by the organization. This includes the money allotted from ASUNM budget, as well as any self-generated funds and membership fees. A report on the organization up to date monetary standing will be presented to the group at each meeting.