

ASNMSU unofficial election results released

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The unofficial results released on Mar. 15 put an end to the Association Students of New Mexico State University presidential election.

With an 867-572 vote, Austin Graham defeated Jeffrey Oxford, giving him the position of president. Joseph Baldonado also defeated David Christian Maestas, 765-702, for the vice president title.

"This year we had 1,763 students voting for presidents. There was definitely more participation in this year's election compared to the one held last year," Travis Dulany, current president of ASNMSU, said.

16 candidates were elected from the 22 candidates who ran for a senator position.

The majority of senators are students from the Arts & Sciences department, followed by the Business department.

It's normal for the Arts & Sciences department to receive the largest number of senators, according to Dulany. The number of senators for each department is generally based on the student population in the department.

"Engineering may get only one senator because they have a smaller student population, while Arts & Sciences always have the largest number of students and therefore they get four senators," Dulany said.

The shift in leadership will begin April 28.

The new leaders will take responsibility for the majority of campus events-such as international programs and environmental safety-to ensure students get the most benefits possible.

"Being the president means you need to do a lot of work, but I know they will be doing well," Dulany said. "After all, all they need to do is to make NMSU a better place for students to live."