

Sylvas supporters organize rally



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Sylvas campaigning at presidential debate earlier this semester

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In the face of a potential third run-off election to determine the new leader of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University, a group of students decided to band together to demonstrate their support for their candidate.

Breeana Sylvas had already won 60 percent of the vote according to an e-mail sent out Monday April 29 at 10 a.m. on the student hotline by current ASNMSU president Austin Graham. Graham detailed the legalities of the convoluted affair in extensive law jargon that although most students will not understand will be unfamiliar with provided an understanding, albeit a vague one, of the potential third run-off election. Luckily for students, the threat of yet another drawn out election process has been absolved. The e-mail went out an hour before the rally organized by Sylvas' supporters was to take place in front of Hadley Hall.

The rally was an entirely grassroots events, not even organized by the notoriously leftist campus group Aggie Solidarity. When asked Sylvas what her stance was on the election debacle, the newly sworn in ASNMSU President took a minute to think. Thoughtfully, Sylvas said the events were "unfortunate for the student body. However, student voiced were heard and that's what's really important."

Although some could argue that the e-mail sent out by Graham diffused and distracted from the larger issues of ASNMSU's mishandeling of the election, Sylvas sees the e-mail as a plus.

"I think that it was needed. And because it was especially sent out through the student hotline it demonstrated transparency." said Sylvas.

Transparency is one of Sylvas' greatest priorities and a platform she emphasized while she was campaigning for ASNMSU President. At the end of the day though, Sylvas said she wanted to "thank students of NMSU for voting" and looks forward to representing them in the 2012-2013 academic year.