



## ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES

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1. Opening
  - a. Call to order
    - i. Vice President Milan officially calls the February 24th, 2021 Full Senate Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
  - b. Roll Call
    - i. 19 Senators are present.
  - c. Approval of Minutes
    - i. MOTION to approve the minutes
      1. MOTION is seconded and approved
  - d. Approval of Agenda
    - i. MOTION to approve the agenda
      1. MOTION is seconded and passed
2. Preliminary Business
  - a. Guest Speaker(s):
    - i. ASUNM DEI: Deon Watson, ASUNM DOC: Lauren Candland
      1. Today we will have a quick presentation and I want to talk about personal bias. Bias is things we don't know or are aware of that we do from day to day. You can experience racial, gender, and other types of bias. But how do we stop ourselves from exhibiting these biases and progress? Try to give off "good energy" and make everything positive, and eliminate negative words and thoughts. Be the best leader you can be.
    - ii. ASUNM DOC: Lauren Candland
      1. I have a quick presentation on social media content and interactions. When interacting with the media, we'd prefer you forward it to us just so we can stay in the loop. Remember that every statement you make represents UNM and we can always help. Remember to conduct yourself properly, even in private matters or anytime you're under your UNM account. Always be respectful and do not post pictures with illegal activity.
  - b. Public Comment
    - i. Ryan Regalado: I wanted to comment and give a shout out to President Amin and Governmental Affairs Director Holder for getting \$5 million for

the lottery scholarship. I recommend supporting President Pro-Tempore Harper's bill tonight, in support of the rights of trans Americans.

- ii. Ryan Lindquist: I wanted to express my appreciation for our Lobo Pack mentors and members. If you're interested, we have room for you to join as a mentor if you'd like.
- c. ASUNM President's Report
  - i. Packets have closed for Vice President and President applications and I'm reminding you that you can endorse a candidate but not use ASUNM time or materials to support them. Lobo day is coming up as well. We were able to get \$5 million for the lottery scholarship out of \$9.7 million. We still need your support as we acquire the rest. The opportunity scholarship is also going to be a new resource next semester as well.
- d. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks
  - 1. I commend Governmental Affairs on their progress with the lottery scholarship. We received 62 ASUNM scholarship applications in total, so great job with outreach.
    - i. Senator Accountability
      - 1. Demerits
        - a. Sen. Sahana Ummadi
- e. ASUNM Executive Agencies
  - i. Arts and Crafts Studio
    - 1. Sen. Charles: They are doing their regular weekly workshops.
  - ii. Community Experience
    - 1. Sen. Polsin: They have volunteer meetings on Fridays. They are doing a project for the children's hospital soon.
  - iii. Elections Commission
    - 1. Sen. Ambarian: This was a big week for them, the applications for President and Vice President have closed, and there are 4 candidates per position. The debate is coming up and voting is from March 3-10. Candidate packets for Senate are due on the 22nd.
  - iv. Emerging Lobo Leaders
    - 1. Sen. Carrillo: ELL T-shirts from last semester can be picked up now in their office.
  - v. Governmental Affairs
    - 1. Sen. May: As you heard, they did secure \$5 million but we can still contact our Representatives to get the rest of the funds.
  - vi. Lobo Spirit
    - 1. Sen. Southern: Lobo Day is coming up, so send in pictures with your Lobo gear.
  - vii. Student Special Events
    - 1. Sen. Munson: They had a virtual concert recently and more projects are coming soon.
  - viii. Southwest Film Center

1. Sen. Zhao: They are screening a new movie this Friday.
- f. Joint Council
  - i. Honors College had a successful panel recently. AFROTC is looking for a place off-campus to have their graduation. SWE was awarded a national outreach award. The College Arts & Science will discuss tuition after the budget for this year is passed. ROTC had their 2021 announcements.
- g. Boards and Committees
  - i. The SUB board met and discussed roof replacement. UNM food is looking to add satellite locations. The student publication board met as well and discussed the progress of the Daily Lobo. The Curriculum Committee talked about adding a new minor.
- h. ASUNM Senators
  - i. President Pro-tempore Harper: I want to give an update on the faculty senate. There are bills in their chamber currently that promote UNM climate engagement. They are also discussing the fall semester how classes will be addressed. Resolution 6S was written by me and we are introducing it as a special bill because of the time-sensitivity addressing the lottery scholarship.
  - ii. Sen. Griego: I want to cheer on Governmental Affairs and all their work, and also the Finance Committee on the budget hearings they're doing. And congratulations to former Senator Karo, who is receiving a Commendation tonight.
- i. Attorney General Law Book Edits
  - i. No edits
3. Business
  - a. Finance Committee
    - i. ASUNM Funding Presentation
      1. Chairwoman Polsin: We only had 1 budget revision this week, but we are still in budget hearings this Saturday. I have a quick presentation on how we fund organizations. We currently have \$220,712.95 in the general fund and this is for appropriations for organizations. Projected student fees for next year are \$566,834.27. Money from this semester's hearings will be used next semester.
  - b. Steering and Rules Committee
    - i. Chairman Romero: Congratulations to Governmental Affairs and the Finance Committee. Commendation 2S is to congratulate former Senators Claire Karo for a regional award, and Resolution 5S about trans rights.
    - ii. Commendation 2S
      1. MOTION to open Commendation 2S
        - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
        - b. Authorship Speech





to remind the senate to continue advertising the work GA is doing.

5. Vote

- a. Special business: Resolution 6S passes with 20 votes in favor

e. Joint Committee Reports

- i. None

f. Resource Center Reports

- i. President Pro-tempore Harper: Recently the LGBTQ center hosted events about bias and how to be 'less problematic. They have free remote counseling and a lot of events scheduled soon. On March 12th they have their first safe zone training which I encourage you to go to.
- ii. Sen. May: The Veterans center is offering virtual office hours and announced that UNM was rated gold in a veteran survey
- iii. Sen. Southern: The Women's center is partnering with the SAC soon and many other events are coming, check their Instagram for all details.

4. Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

- i. Sen. Polsin: Come to budget deliberations and listen to how we do things and why decisions are made.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. Thanks to all senators, advisors, and aides. I commend the members of S&R for their work last week and Finance for their devotion to budgets. Continue to share events and new senate business. Congratulations to candidates that are running and to the Elections Commission for their work. This time has been hard for all of us, so reach out to others and prioritize mental health. If you need help with legislation reach out to me.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

- i. I want to commend Siena for her work tonight and for her recent birthday. Continue to do outreach hours. I also want to encourage going to budget deliberations and seeing the process and the student organizations. Thank you all for your hard work.

d. Adjournment

- i. Vice President Milan officially adjourns the February 24th, 2021 Full Senate meeting at 7:27 pm