



ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES

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1. Opening
 - a. Call to order
 - i. Vice President Milan officially calls the March 31st, 2021 Full Senate meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. 19 Senators are present
 - c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. MOTION to approve the minutes
 1. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. MOTION to approve the agenda
 1. MOTION is seconded and passed
2. Preliminary Business
 - a. Guest Speaker(s): Finnie Coleman
 - i.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. President-elect Greg Romero: ASUNM has 8 agencies and we've seen a decline in funding in recent years. We currently have no room to grow, we've been looking at SW film center which has seen a massive decrease in attendance. The Cherry plan would incorporate parts of the SW film center through SSE specifically the Cherry Reel festival.
 - ii. Vice President-elect Ryan Regalado: We can't depend on balance forwards to fund agencies. Positions like the Attorney General or Diversity Equity Inclusion director should play a more important role in the future and therefore need more funding. We also need a Supreme Court that's fully funded to hold us all accountable. This plan also gives \$20,000 back to student organizations. So we would cut film showings down to and this is just an option for the Senate to look at.
 - iii. Chairman Romero: Can I move to expand his speaking time?
 1. Attorney General Lutz: No we can't.
 - iv. Chief of Staff Adam Lopez: I support the commendation for Governmental Affairs and President Amin tonight for their win with the lottery scholarship, so congratulations to them and thank you. I had a meeting

today and an organization said they need a student panelist so please let me know if you are interested in doing that.

- v. Randy Ko: I want to introduce myself as the new regent representative and I look forward to working with you all.
- vi. Ryan Lindquist: Congratulations to the graduating senators, we do have Senate stoles if you're interested they're \$30. Also, please message me if you are leaving next semester and not running again.
- vii. Governmental Affairs Director Reilly Holder: I want to voice my dissent of the cutting of SWFC. There is a perception that ASUNM is not inclusive and this would cement that. SWFC has an impact on our community and they show important movies with messages. This proposal sells SWFC short.
- viii. SW Film Center Director Leanna Walters: I want to first express my gratitude to those in support of SWFC. It was only last week that I heard of the discussion of this cut. This timeline is problematic that this decision is happening so fast and that was done purposely. There seems to be no alternative, not even a reduction of agency funding. The finance committee has spent hours reducing budgets. My experience in this agency is invaluable and our community continues to grow. I've seen the diversity and audience SWFC brings in and I believe in this agency and I hope the budget is passed as is.
- ix. SW Film Center Assistant Director Peter Xyst: I find this process insulting to us at SWFC and the film community. We've had huge support and it would be so unwise and indicate to film companies that UNM is not interested in their business. Our agency has taken a hit but why cut us completely when we have so much potential?
- x. Student Special Events Director Joe polack: I am neutral and I see both sides but cutting SWFC is huge mistake. If merged with SSE, it would completely dissolve SWFC and film community on campus. If it must go though, I recommend the turquoise plan. Join me in protecting SWFC.
- xi. Enrique Torres: I am a former executive director of SWFC, it is terrible to try to cut the whole agency. This is not a game to affect student lives like this. In my year, the agency grew and only the pandemic halted that. We have developed a film community, and this industry is hard and about who you know. These resources are very crucial to film students. It's unfair to do this to students.
- xii. Aidan WOODall: I'm a film department student here to voice my dissent. SWFC is critical to the film industry in New Mexico, we need to take this seriously and keep our organization.
- xiii. Mr. Hughes: I am a former design director for SWFC. The SWFC has been around since before all of us were even born. This is a lazy 'F-you' to the film community at our University. Give SWFC the chance it deserves.
- xiv. John Hawkins: SWFC is an opportunity for us to grow as a University. Why is the money gonna be given to student salaries, bureaucratic salaries? It

looks like they want to pay their friends more money. Finance has balanced the budget so none of this is necessary. This is unprofessional and shameful.

- xv. Andy Bui: I'm a recent film graduate, these plans show a lack of understanding of the film community and industry. Networking is everything in this industry so I encourage you to reject this idea.
- xvi. Mr. Dylan: I'm a current film student, SWFC has been mistreated these past few days and it shows the problem with ASUNM. The New Mexico film industry is booming, if you want respect you must fix your actions.
- xvii. Jacob Olaguir: I'm a former ASUNM Senator on the finance committee and I know these decisions are not made lightly. Fail any motions that cut any SWFC and vote on the already prepared budget. You would think SWFC would be treated with more respect.
- xviii. Tori Valera: I was SWFC director for two years and I'm here to defend it because I know this agency's worth fighting for. SWFC deserves to be treated with more respect. Shouldn't your goal be to help agencies as president? Please do not discredit this agency.
- xix. Noah Dowling-Lujan: I am the President of the UNM college Democrats, we support the center and want to highlight how bad ASUNM is because it's obviously not representative of students. We support you financially which is why this is so frustrating?
- xx. Marcus Miller-Moore: I'm here on behalf of the Men's rugby club. We do not agree with our budget. You cut our budget by 60%. We don't have enough money to rent a gym which slows performance and this budget puts us in a hard spot. This is a necessity for our team and we need the money.
- xxi. Hevyn Heckes: I cover meetings for the Daily Lobo but as an individual, I wanted to join in support of SWFC. Their value is unmeasured, maybe they're not full of visitors but that's expected during pandemic. Our purpose is to gain experience necessary for the real world, no one at ASUNM should make full wage salary
- xxii. Cameron Fischer: I'm a student here and I'm very disappointed in this proposal. I'm only a freshman but without SWFC I wouldn't be here. Greg and Ryan ran on the idea of an open ASUNM but those promises are not being fulfilled. You're silencing voices on campus. Stop putting dollar amounts on our dreams.
- xxiii. Matthew Bacher: The SWFC is an art and as a film student, not having a place for our art is a terrible proposal
- xxiv. Mr. Jarod: I'm defending this agency yet again. If not for SWFC I would not have made it in my major, as they provided a movie watching experience in my means. Please reconsider this plan.
- xxv. Statements read from
 1. Joshua S.
 2. Mr. Gomez

3. Jennifer Jenkins
 4. Mr. Javier
 5. N/A
 6. Mr. Ryan
 7. N/A
 8. Ms. Gabriella
- xxvi. Mr. Erick: This is a dumb decision. The film industry is here and to cut a film program is backwards.
- c. ASUNM President's Report
- i. I want to talk about the ASUNM budget process. An organization presents a budget to the finance committee, then it goes to the full Senate, then to me. I encourage the Senate to fund SWFC and block the cherry plan or I will not feel comfortable signing the budget. The budget will be implemented next year but I feel the need to speak on this proposal. Cutting positions affects students more than you think. I believe there's a middle ground that senators should do tonight. SWFC does have some spending that is wasted right now, so I propose a temporary cut of \$10000 cutting some portion of film center rental then we can fund some of Greg and Ryan's ideas. I would not be comfortable with a bill completely omitting the SWFC. Next, I want to talk about the UNM budget. I voted no to the proposed budget because it hopes to move to a headcount model with every student having a fee but right now we vote on all funding. So I'm going to the Regents April 13 and voting no.
 1. Questions
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: When is the next chance for us to help with advocacy for the budget?
 - i. It's going through the finance committee on April 6 then to the full board on April 13.
- d. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks
- i. Thanks to all who came to express their opinion. To remind the Senate we are offering an ASUNM emergency scholarship so please share that information so we reach students. We also have DEI training tomorrow.
 - ii. Senator Accountability
 1. None
- e. ASUNM Executive Agencies
- i. Arts and Crafts Studio
 1. Sen. Cornelio: They are having a think-art Thursday event soon.
 - ii. Community Experience
 1. Sen. Spotts: They have multiple events coming up so keep an eye out for that.
 - iii. Elections Commission
 1. Sen. Ambarian: Election results are verified and congratulations Romero and Regalado. Shoutout to all involved at the Elections Commission this semester.

- iv. Emerging Lobo Leaders
 - 1. Sen. Carrillo: If you have a mentee please talk to them.
- v. Governmental Affairs
 - 1. Sen. May: They wanted to update and say that they secured \$15.5 million for lottery scholarship or 90% of their goal.
- vi. Lobo Spirit
 - 1. Sen. Southern: They are partnering with SSE and they have many events coming soon.
- vii. Student Special Events
 - 1. Sen. Gunn: Like Senator Southern said, collaborative events are coming and they're planning Fiestas.
- viii. Southwest Film Center
 - 1. President Pro-tempore Harper: They're wrapping up two challenges and tonight is the deadline. Also, this Friday they will have a viewing of 'Kajillianaire'.
- f. Joint Council
 - i. The accessibility resource center has a scholarship available. The honors college is having a panel soon. The School of Engineering has 4 goldwater scholars, this is a big achievement and they're all female. Congratulations to them.
- g. Boards and Committees
 - i. The IT committee met and discussed the changes with learn and the library committee met to discuss affordable options for students.
- h. ASUNM Senators
 - i. President Pro-tempore Harper: Thank you for all being here and happy trans day of visibility. The LGBT center is having more events this month. Congratulations to those who worked on the state lottery scholarship. Also congratulations to UNM alumni Deb Haaland for her recent Cabinet confirmation.
 - ii. Sen. May: I thank everyone who came to speak. I took notes on all the cuts that were made. Communication has fallen short and considering this business prevents the public's opinion. We should not consider any cuts to SWFC.
 - iii. Sen. Polsin: Thank you for all who spoke in public comment and the first day of registration is April 12.
 - iv. Sen. Zhoa: Thank you for all who spoke, I want to voice my support of Resolution 9S and I hope we pass it. Also I oppose all pans by Greg and Ryan tonight.
 - v. Sen. Le: I don't support these plans and these are not what ASUNM is about.
 - vi. Sen. Griego: Glad to be back and thanks to those who spoke their mind. I will make sure that my vote will reflect the student body.
 - vii. Sen. Carrillo: There are dozens of organizations in the budget so I want to remind you to to look at the whole picture tonight.

- i. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. I've been making many changes in the Lawbook so we will do it in S&R next week. Just a tip that if discussion is repetitive you should not continue to repeat discussion points.
- 3. Business
 - a. Outstanding Senator Award Nominations
 - i. Nominations
 - 1. MOTION to open nominations
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - b. Sen. Gunn: I nominate President Pro-Tempore Harper
 - i. President Pro-tempore Harper: I accept.
 - c. Sen. Griego: I nominate Senator Polsin.
 - i. Sen. Polsin: I accept.
 - d. President Pro-tempore Harper: I nominate Sen. Carrillo
 - i. Sen. Carrillo: I accept.
 - ii. Nomination Speeches
 - 1. President Pro-tempore Harper: Since the election where she won her Senate seat Senator Carrillo has shown an excellent effort that has earned her this reward.
 - 2. Sen. Gunn: Half of our legislation this semester was written, sponsored, or edited by Senator Harper. She has done great work and I can't think of a more deserving Senator.
 - 3. Sen. Griego: Sen. Polsin has a background of senate clerk and seamlessly took over the finance committee. She serves ASUNM with all her time and effort.
 - b. Finance Committee
 - i. Chair's Speech
 - 1. We passed our budget bill which is up for approval.
 - ii. Spring 2021 Budget Bill
 - 1. MOTION to open the Spring 2021 Budget Bill
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. Thanks to all who worked so hard on this. We had 56 budgets to go through and we allocated 500,000, but we had to cut a lot of things. I see no place this bill needs to be changed.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. Sen. May: I want to emphasize that we had a lot to allocate and some money can be moved when it comes to a salary position like Director of Communications.
 - b. Chairwoman Polsin: Our current situation has three options: a cherry plan, turquoise plan, and passing the budget bill as is. We don't need to change anything about the budget and I'm not in favor of cutting SWFC at all and

it's disrespectful to them and unfair. 39% of our money goes towards paid positions at ASUNM, it's unfair to allocate so much money right back to us. These decisions in this bill are founded in fact and are not baseless

- c. Sen. Carrillo: I agree with Senator Polsin that our decisions rely on our standing rules and it's based on what's in the lawbook. I also think it unfair to make a decision in two days.
- d. Sen. Spotts: I love all the student organizations and I believe we are supposed to represent our body, I don't support this plan.
- e. Sen. Salas: Thanks to all members of the public who came to speak. I feel like cutting the entire agency is problematic.
- f. Sen. Munson: We worked hard to make thoughtful decisions, I feel like these film center plans are rushed. Maybe having a longer conversation on our spending in the future is more appropriate.
- g. Sen. Griego: The solution is not to cut funding to SWFC and I put a poll on Instagram and was encouraged to keep SWFC, so that's what I'll do.
- h. President Pro-tempore Harper: The finance committee has done incredible work on these budgets and I know their goal is not to suppress the art community on campus. There are financial shortcomings but it should be addressed with more time and collaboration, it's not a fair thing to do. I still want to hear your discussion but I trust the judgment of the finance committee.
- i. Chairwoman Polsin: I have heard discussion on raising the amount of funding but that could only occur through raising student fees. 93% of next year's fees are going to the budget and no one wants to raise those. 84% of that funding goes to ASUNM agencies. SWFC has records of student engagement while other agencies don't, but they have experienced a decrease as well.
- j. Vice-Chair May: To clarify, there is some unspent money and I believe some should go to the Director of Communications position. We should not consider cutting SWFC and we should trust the work of the finance committee.
- k. Sen. Gunn: Thank you Senator May, I think we can fully fund the Director of Communications and Diversity, equity, and inclusion Director so I would support that.

- I. MOTION to increase line item 16 on budget detail sheet 1 to read \$10120
 - i. MOTION is seconded
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Chairwoman Polsin: We should not put this money right back into our pockets but instead in student organization.
 2. President Pro-tempore Harper: I agree with Senator Polsin. If it is the intention of the incoming administration to use these positions differently then I could see this change working. I hope we know the ramifications of approving certain motions.
 3. Sen. Ambarian: I'm also concerned with putting more money back in our own pockets. The only time we see activity with ASUNM is when we're trying to cut things which is not good. This won't look good to the public so I will not support it.
 4. Sen. Gunn: How can we properly represent students if we don't have a functional executive branch? If the person in this position does well, it is a good thing for ASUNM.
 5. Sen. Carrillo: We want to see students having fun so I believe funding should go back to organizations if we want to increase campus involvement. It should go back to the organizations.
 6. Sen. Salas: I agree with a previous Senator that these salaries will enable an individual to work harder.
 7. Vice-Chair May: To clarify my intent, we put back money in the student organizations as we saw fit and I've talked with people about shrinking ASUNM spending but right now this position should be funded.
 8. Sen. Spotts: I understand these positions do hard work but we are here to serve the student body.
 9. Chairwoman Polsin: I want to emphasize that they are working at 15 hours a week so they still get paid. I personally saw how much time is wasted in the ASUNM offices

and I don't think we should put money into a position that does not do that much work.

10. Vice-Chair May: May I retract my motion?

a. VP Milan: No, you can move to vote and fail it.

11. Sen. Griego: The \$2000 we took out needed to be there for insurance, is that true?

a. Ryan Lindquist: There is a proposed \$1.50 increase of salaries but that can be met with an appropriation.

12. Vice-Chair May: After further reflection, fail this motion.

iii. MOTION is failed with 19 votes against

m. Sen. Gunn: I think the Director of DEI is an important position and we should not cut back on their salary. So I'd love to hear more discussion.

n. Chairwoman Polsin: In terms of executive branch stipends, balance forwards are not meant for stipends but that's what I would do. I am in favor of passing this budget as is. And that extra money should go to organizations in appropriations. No more fund movement is necessary.

o. President Pro-tempore Harper: Thank you Chair Polsin for those points. I want to make sure that if there is a goal of raising stipends we should do it the right way.

p. Sen. Le: A lot of people have spoken but I think we can just vote.

q. Chairwoman Polsin: To clarify what I said, balance forwards last semester did include salary changes.

r. MOTION to vote on the Spring 2021 Budget Bill

i. MOTION is seconded and passed

4. Vote

a. The Spring 2021 budget bill passes with 19 votes in favor

c. Steering and Rules Committee

i. Chair's Speech

1. Congratulations to the finance committee on completing the budget. We have some bills that add more scholarship rules and also some commendations and resolutions.

2. MOTION to block vote Bills 10S and 11S

a. MOTION is seconded and passed

b. Bill 10S

i. Speech

1. Sen. Carrillo: This bill promotes access.

c. Bill 11S

- i. Speech
 - 1. Sen. Carrillo: This is about section titles again.
 - d. Vote
 - i. Bills 10S and 11S pass with 19 votes in favor
 - 3. MOTION to block vote Bills 12S, 13S, and 14S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - b. Bill 12S
 - i. Speech
 - 1. Chairman Salas: This bill basically prohibits individuals from receiving more than one scholarship a year.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. President Pro-tempore Harper: This would be beneficial to ensure scholarship possibility for all students.
 - c. Bill 13S
 - i. Speech
 - 1. Chairman Salas: Similar sentiments towards this bill.
 - d. Bill 14S
 - i. Speech
 - 1. Chairman Salas: This accomplishes the same goals as the last two bills.
 - e. Vote
 - i. Bills 12S, 13S, and 14S pass with 19 votes in favor
 - ii. Commendation 4S
 - 1. MOTION to open Commendation 4S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. This bill commends all the hard work put into securing the lottery scholarship and the opportunity scholarship. Their efforts fund every student's college opportunity so thank you to President Amin, Director Holder, and Assistant Director Julio.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: I commend the authors and the three members of ASUNM leadership who set an example of advocacy. Thanks to all who contributed to this opportunity.
 - 4. Vote
 - a. Commendation 4S passes with 19 votes in favor
 - iii. Commendation 5S

1. MOTION to open Commendation 5S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
2. Speech
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: Deb Haaland is a UNM alumni and was our representative in the House of Representatives. She is now the Secretary of the Interior; this is a deserving commendation for a member of the alumni community.
3. Discussion
 - a. Chairwoman Polsin: I commend the authors and emphasize that we have an indigenous woman from New Mexico in our executive cabinet.
 - b. Sen. May: I met Secretary Haaland and she is wonderful. I encourage the passing of this bill.
4. Vote
 - a. Commendation 5S passes with 19 votes in favor
- iv. Resolution 7S
 1. MOTION to open Resolution 7S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 2. Speech
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: This resolution has been worked on in past weeks with UNMLeaf an organization that promotes sustainable actions.
 3. Discussion
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: Question for AG Lutz, if i want to add things to the recipient list what is the proper order?
 - i. Attorney General Lutz: I'd put both after Daily Lobo and before Undergraduate.
 - b. MOTION to add "UNM Residence life and Student Housing, UNM Residence Hall Association" on line 109
 - i. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - c. Sen. Polsin: As an environmental science major, I think it's important to push the UNM administration to greener activity.
 4. Vote
 - a. Resolution 7S passes with 19 votes in favor
- d. Special Business: Resolution 9S
 - i. MOTION to open the special business Resolution 9S
 1. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - ii. Speech

1. Sen. Materum: We want to show support to the AAPI community and we believe it's important to provide information and support. I encourage passing this.
- iii. Discussion
 1. Sen. Gunn: This bill should be passed, we did edit the bill so it is ready.
 2. President Pro-tempore Harper: I echo fellow senators, this resolution repeats important sentiments to the asian community. I commend the authors.
 3. Sen. Polsin: I echo previous senators and I fully support this bill.
 4. Sen. Southern: I fully support this bill, there is one grammer error on the first clause.
 5. MOTION to add an 's' to support on the first therefore clause
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
- iv. Vote
 1. The special business Resolution 9S passes with 19 votes in favor
- e. Outreach and Appointments Committee
 - i. Chair's Speech
 1. Were announcing our next act of kindness event, it's a raffle on instagram so please promote it.
 - ii. Appointments
 1. None
 - iii. Outreach
 1. Sen. Benites: The flyer is out and on our story.
 2. Sen. Griego: I commend all those who helped.
 3. Sen. Spotts: Please participate and promote this event.
- f. Joint Committee Reports
 - i. Sen. May: The SUB board was debating and has decided that the UNM food pantry will be moved to the empty sub room and will not be charged rent.
- g. Resource Center Reports
 - i. President Pro-tempore Harper: The LGBT center is dedicating many events to trans visibility and tomorrow they have a 'Stories of Thriving' event.
 - ii. Sen. Carrillo: El Centro is having their monthly coffee meetings and they're doing a survey with sophomores. Also try to attend their upcoming events.
4. Closing
 - a. ASUNM Closing Comments

- i. Sen. Polsin: Thanks to all who came to the hearings and spoke to me about budgets. I'm very glad the budget was passed and shout out to the finance committee for all their work and to cj and siena for all they did.
 - ii. Sen. May: I've been working on a bill to give more money to the fall budget process and it will allocate more organization funding, so please let me know if you're interested in helping.
- b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
 - i. Thanks to all who came and spoke and to all senators for their work. Thank you to finance and Chair Polsin for their hard work. Thanks to O&A and all their work and the incredible ideas of Chair Charles. Make sure you focus on mental health.
- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
 - i. I want to shout out Chair Polsin and the finance committee for their hard work. Siena unfortunately stepped down from her position, so thanks Anna and Cj for your help.
- d. Adjournment
 - i. Vice President Milan officially adjourns the March 31st, 2021 Full Senate meeting at 10:03 pm.