



ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES

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1. Opening
 - a. Call to order
 - i. Vice President Milan officially calls the April 4th, 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 passed
 - d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. MOTION to approve the agenda
 1. MOTION is seconded and passed
2. Preliminary Business
 - a. Guest Speaker(s):
 - i. UNM President Garnett S. Stokes
 1. I want to congratulate some students today. Emma Hotz was announced as a Truman scholar which is a prestigious award. I announced yesterday that we had 4 Goldwater scholarship recipients. These are remarkable accomplishments. In regards to commencement, we're thrilled to have it in person. We want to make sure it's as safe as possible, and one decision is to not have people in the stands. Our student body comes from everywhere and an invitation to commencement is an opportunity for COVID spreading, but we are opting for a live stream event. We have worked hard to make sure UNM is not a hotspot for cases. We are also looking at what it will take to continue all our campus services going forward. In the fall, we're looking at having mask-wearing and possible in-person classes.
 - a. Questions
 - i. President Pro-tempore Harper: Thanks for meeting with us. What goals would you advocate when it comes to sustainability at UNM and how can you prioritize this?

1. I am committed to having UNM serve as a leader with these issues. We are forming a presidential task force of climate action. We hope to expand on climate programs in other universities. We are looking into our financial investments and much more to be transparent with the community. We need to update our planning and we'll make great strides in the coming months. My team and I are committed to making progress.
- ii. Sen. Romero: What are your thoughts on the recent student tuition increase?
 1. They're a concern for all of us but a reality at public schools if we want to keep doing all that we do. Costs tend to rise over time and now across America colleges are losing government support. We think we're better off making small increments instead of asking for a large one-time amount. Institutions have been taking cuts so we are just looking for ways to increase efficiency. We want to look at a new way to support our financially challenged students.
- iii. Sen. Griego: I've been looking for information about graduation, can students this year wait to walk in person at a later date?
 1. I have not even explored this possibility. I would need to confer with my team on that. I will take that question with me and see if it's doable.
- iv. Sen. May: I've heard since freshman year that students don't feel represented by the administration. Can you commit to offering responses to every UNM resolution?
 1. I read the resolutions and I love how you pass resolutions that highlight others' achievements. I can't commit to reading every one of them, but I need to figure out a way to make things work if it feels like you're not being paid attention to.
- v. Sen. Polsin: On issues where we disagree with the administration, what is the best way to get our voices heard?

1. I do hear from student representatives, we respond to student messages, so there are multiple ways to reach us. In my view, a disagreement is not a lack of respect, I hope we can always respect decisions that are made and the student opinions. I always want to hear student perspectives.
 2. Sen. Polsin: I was wondering why recently SFRB ignored the students on the board by passing a budget they disagreed on?
 - a. Athletic funding is a controversial topic and there is an issue with athletic spending. There are some challenging decisions made on the SFRB board, but I hate to see the division between students. Every other year we do a New Mexico-wide survey and UNM athletics is the second thing that comes to mind when people think of UNM. It's crucial that students have a voice on the issue. It is clear how much students pay for athletics.
 3. Sen. Polsin: To students, it seems like our voice doesn't have weight. It's really an institutional issue that students can't get around.
 - a. I think athletics has met with students and there is more conversation to be had. We need to figure out a way past people not feeling heard. We are a complex institution that I hope can work harmoniously.
- vi. Sen. Gunn: Circling back to tuition, where have deficits you mentioned continued to raise, and what benefits do students see as prices rise?
1. We know that higher education costs do not mimic inflation costs. We continue to try to reduce utility costs for UNM but unfortunately, other costs continue to rise. Academic fares have taken a big cut due to loss of state funding, and there's been a

drop in enrollment. These are all factors that contribute financially to the university.

2. Sen. Gunn: Is it costs from expanding or just random costs?

a. We try to expand new programs but there are areas of the university that are shrinking because of decreased demand. So it's a combination.

vii. Sen. Le: With recent hate crimes towards Asian Americans, what has the university done to combat that?

1. I hope you were part of the vigil we held last week, what's been going on is tragic. We know how vulnerable people feel right now. We are planning more efforts to support our students, staff, and faculty.

viii. Sen. May: I am disappointed with your answers about student communication tonight. I appreciate the sentiment about the disagreements but we want to know exactly what students should be doing to increase dialog.

1. Please explain what avenues people seek and don't hear from us because we do respond to students. What would you hope to see?

2. Sen. May: Responses from the administration on resolutions, but also just giving a clear way to communicate.

a. You are able to get in touch with my office. I will go back to having traveling office hours and other conversations. I will commit to being responsive to resolutions. But I know there is not usually a message from a student that my office doesn't reply to.

ix. Sen. Polsin: What is the best avenue for students to get a seat at the table in big changes like some of the recent ones?

1. I would have to think about it. I know students have requested more representation on certain boards and we are actively looking for ways to expand that.

ii. Aaron Alexis-Destine

1. I want to briefly share a presentation about autism because it is autism awareness months. There's no single cause of autism, but there are three different types including autistic disorder, Asperger syndrome, and lastly pervasive development disorder. There is a list of autism-friendly events that are happening all month. 1 in 54 children are identified as having ASD. There are certain controversies behind autism. When trying to be an ally please be aware of controversies that affect our community. Autistic children often display suicidal tendencies and have a higher rate of suicide. Students and staff at UNM are not educated enough on autism. The accessibility resource center is a good resource on campus. The NM autistic society is also a good resource. You can attend autism training at the ARC to help inform yourself. You can also donate money to autistic charities. I hope this presentation shows you how you can support those with autism and as autism awareness month continues, show your love.

b. Public Comment

- i. Caitlyn Cheromiah: I work with Lobothon and I wanted to talk to you about registering with us tonight which is free. If you go to the website today you can join a team or participate by yourself.
- ii. Ryan Lindquist: Congratulations to all the graduates, if you want an ASUNM stole they're \$30. There's 1 more cycle left so if you want something done you have to do it now. Res. life is planning to fully open next semester and 80% of classes will be in person. This means we will probably do some sort of hybrid next semester for Senate. Thanks to those who participated in Lobo social pack this year.

c. ASUNM President's Report

- i. Good job to senators who asked questions tonight I commend you. I was disappointed in the fact that no students went to speak at the Board of Regents and you were informed about it. The athletic budget will be discussed again at the May meeting. I hope to see yall at the meeting during public comment. Next year you'll see a tech fee increase of \$50 because of the IT fees for online courses. We are looking at ways to spread the money we received from the legislature for lighting. It's registration week so register now.

1. Questions

- a. Sen. Polsin: Where can we find information on the Board of Regents meeting?
 - i. You have to request public comment time and if you text me I can provide the information.

d. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks

- i. I encourage you to introduce legislation this Friday for the last cycle. Thanks for your attendance and we will send out a link for outreach hours shortly.
 - ii. Senator Accountability
 - 1. Demerits
 - a. None
- e. ASUNM Executive Agencies
 - i. Arts and Crafts Studio
 - 1. Sen. Cornelio: Their last think art Thursday is tomorrow.
 - ii. Community Experience
 - 1. Sen. Polsin: They're hosting Spring Storm next Friday so go register and they have volunteer meetings on Fridays.
 - iii. Elections Commission
 - 1. Sen. Ambarian: They finished Senate elections and this week the results will be certified.
 - iv. Emerging Lobo Leaders
 - 1. Sen. Carrillo: Next week is the graduation ceremony, please come if you can.
 - v. Governmental Affairs
 - 1. Sen. Romero: They had the last meeting last week. They did secure funding for both projects.
 - vi. Lobo Spirit
 - 1. Sen. Southern: They have events on the 20th and 22nd.
 - vii. Student Special Events
 - 1. Sen. Gunn: They are working with Lobo Spirit for trivia night tomorrow so please advertise that.
 - viii. Southwest Film Center
 - 1. President Pro-tempore Harper: they wrapped up last month's challenge and the winners will be posted soon. Their next challenge is starting soon including a nature film challenge.
- f. Joint Council
 - i. The School of Engineering is announcing an interactive mural in the engineering building. Arts and Sciences is completing their funding committee, this week they discussed bills and regents. The Chair does have language changes for Commendation 6S.
- g. Boards and Committees
 - i. The Student Pub Board met last week and board members selected the next Daily Lobo Editor in Chief. The Sub Board approved the food pantry's new room. And women's soccer is playing for the conference championship and the athletic board is looking into fees.
- h. ASUNM Senators
 - i. Sen. Polsin: Hey to my mentee Brianna who's here tonight.

- ii. President Pro-tempore Harper: I want to shout out Anna Borders for what she's stepped up and done. Thank you Aaron for coming to share. Thanks to President Amin for all she's done to increase student's voices.
 - i. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. Nothing today, we have a bill going through S&R next week.
- 3. Business
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. Chair's Speech
 - 1. We had one appropriation approved and we also failed a budget revision because it is a gray area for spending.
 - ii. Appropriation 3S
 - 1. MOTION to open Appropriation 3S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. Sen. Munson: SWE reached out to us for an appropriation to fund their postage for outreach, we encourage passing this.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: I commend the finance committee.
 - b. Chairwoman Polsin: This should be passed, SWE is a great organization that does a lot on campus.
 - 4. Vote
 - a. Appropriation 3S passes with 18 votes in favor
 - b. Steering and Rules Committee
 - i. Chair's Speech
 - 1. We have 5 pieces of business; 3 bills and 2 commendations. I will stress that Friday is the last day to send business and you can contact me.
 - ii. Bill 15S
 - 1. MOTION to open Bill 15S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. Attorney General Lutz: This bill is the entire lawbook because I've done a lot of changes that I wanted the Senators to approve. I corrected errors, and I also updated the formatting.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: I commend AG Lutz on her work, this looks good to pass.
 - b. Sen. Carrillo: I echo Senator Harper and commend AG Lutz' hard work.
 - 4. Vote

- a. Bill 15S passes with 18 votes in favor
- iii. Bill 16S
 - 1. MOTION to open Bill 16S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. AG Lutz: This bill came from a spring mock trial case about budget workshops. I decided to create this bill which specifies that you must go through a budget workshop during the semester you present a budget.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. Sen. Polsin: I commend the author and support this bill because it clarifies rules for organizations.
 - 4. Vote
 - a. Bill 16S passes with 18 votes in favor
- iv. Bill 17S
 - 1. MOTION to open Bill 17S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. Sen. May: I worked with Senator Polsin and Ryan Regalado to make a bill for student organizations that are capped at \$500 because they are assumed to be a new club due to COVID. The intent is to allow them to request a fall budget.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. Sen. Polsin: I echo my support as an author, this gives organizations more opportunity to get funding. It's like a balance forward but they can request even more. 40% is a good number to have.
 - b. Sen. Carrillo: I echo my support, as a finance Senator we saw organizations who lost funding and it's not their fault COVID exists so this step will increase support for organizations.
 - 4. Vote
 - a. Bill 17S passes with 18 votes in favor.
- v. Commendation 6S
 - 1. MOTION to open Commendation 6S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. Sen. Munson: We want to show gratitude to the legislature's legalization of marijuana. This legalization affects underprivileged groups in New Mexico and produces financial gain.
 - 3. Discussion

- a. Chairman Romero: I commend the authors and support the bill.
 - b. MOTION to strike 'Senate and House bill 2' and replace with 'special house session'
 - i. MOTION seconded
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Sen. Polsin: Is it not a senate bill then?
 - a. Yes, it is but it originated in the House.
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Friendly Amendment: to make a sweeping motion to effect lines 21, 59, and 65.
 - a. Chairman Romero: accepts
 - iv. MOTION passes with 18 votes in favor
 - 4. Vote
 - a. Commendation 6S passes with 18 votes in favor
- vi. Commendation 7S
 - 1. MOTION to open Commendation 7S
 - a. MOTION is seconded and passed
 - 2. Speech
 - a. President Pro-tempore Harper: This is in recognition of several UNM students who have achieved the 2021 Goldwater scholarship. This prestigious scholarship reflects well on the School of Engineering and STEM community.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. Sen. Polsin: I commend the authors, it is amazing and I commend the recipients. Go women in STEM?
 - 4. Vote
 - a. Commendation 7S passes with 18 votes in favor
- c. Outreach and Appointments Committee
 - i. Chair's Speech
 - 1. We started the last raffle of the semester. The theme is Lobo pride, please participate by making a post. A student success week event is on the 13th of May and a graphic is coming soon. We hope to pass out snacks and I will update you on that.
 - ii. Appointments
 - 1. None
 - iii. Outreach
 - 1. Sen. Spotts: Please share the graphics, I shared them with you.
 - 2. President Pro-tempore Harper: Thanks to all O&A members for the work they're doing and I also echo previous sentiments to

share raffles. Please send any ideas for student interaction to me and Chairwoman Charles.

3. Sen. Griego: We're also working on a town hall event that we want to put on.
4. Chair Charles: We're still working out the town hall details but more information will be coming soon.
5. President Pro-tempore Harper: I've heard that it may be difficult to schedule a town hall so there is a chance that we do some sort of survey instead. But I think it's beneficial to have this event.

d. Joint Committee Reports

- i. Sen. May: The SUB Board did approve the food pantry's new room.

e. Resource Center Reports

- i. Sen. Carrillo: El Centro has an event tomorrow, a sneak peek of the "In the Heights" movie. I encourage also going to their Instagram.
- ii. Sen. Southern: The Women's Center is having an event this week and another later this month.
- iii. President Pro-tempore Harper: The LGBTQ center is hosting virtual rainbow graduation for LGBTQ students. They're still offering virtual counseling and have scholarships available
- iv. Sen. Charles: Sign up for black graduation is now available so please share that information.

4. Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

- i. Sen. Romero: Shout out to Sen. Spotts for getting into a Louisiana graduate program.
- ii. Sen. Polsin: I commend all your hard work and the chairs of both committees. It's the last week for legislation.
- iii. Sen. Griego: I'm so proud of all of you. Shout out to Senator Polsin for her work today and please stay mentally healthy.
- iv. Sen. Carrillo: Everyone stay happy and healthy.
- v. Sen. Southern: Last chance to get legislation passed.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. I'm reminding you of the upcoming DEI event about trans and nonbinary identities on April 29th. I encourage everyone to watch the documentary "Exposure" about the trans community. Congratulations to all who submitted legislation and congratulations to newly elected Senators.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

- i. Thanks for all you did today, please do your outreach hours. Let me know if you need anything.

d. Adjournment

- i. Vice President Milan officially adjourns the April 4th, 2021 full Senate meeting at 8:40 pm.