



ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES

11-7-2018

1) Opening

a. Call to Order

- The November 7th, 2018 meeting of the full Senate was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Wilks.

b. Roll Call

- All Senators were present. Senator Jaber was late.

c. Approval of Minutes

- MOTION was made to approve the minutes. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Agenda

- MOTION was made to approve the agenda.
 - Senator Silva: MOTION to remove guest speaker Adam Biederwolf. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - Senator Silva: MOTION to add guest speaker Elections Commission Executive Director Jordan Montoya and Assistant Director Christian Ojeda. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - Senator Roybal: MOTION to add guest speaker Emerging Lobo Leaders (ELL) Executive Director Pachely Mendivil. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - The MOTION to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

2) Preliminary Business

a. Guest Speaker: Jordan Montoya and Christian Ojeda- Elections Commission

- The fall Senate election is going to take place next week. This year we wanted to try something different and put their bios next to their names. We want to get everyone's opinions.
 - Senator Rios: Is there anyway to make it bigger?
 - Senator Roybal: I think the font should be in another color other than red.
 - Senator Goranson: I think this is nice for people who are voting but are not sure who they should vote for. This is a great way to remind people who they want to vote for.
 - Senator Robinson: I concur with previous senators. This is a good way to get people to vote and choose in a well-informed manner.

- Senator S. Montoya: Were the candidates aware that this bio would be next to their name on the ballot?
 - No, they are not. There is nothing in the election code that says what we can and can't put on the ballot.
- Senator Rios: I kinda like this but then I kinda don't. It will be interesting to see if this increases voter turnout. For me, the dot to click to vote is a little too close to the letters. I think it will be interesting to see if this makes more people vote. I think you should tell the candidates that their bio might be put on the ballot.
- Senator Lucas: I feel like people who filled out a bio put what they want the public to see, but I would tell them before.
- Senator Bennett: I like this, but I would give the candidates the option to rewrite their bios if they get put on the ballot.
- Senator Morgan: I would take the bios out and have them put why they are running or want to be in Senate.
- Senator Assed: I think that you should put this in the packet before they get submitted.
- Vice President Wilks: Election's Commission is looking to change or get rid of the candidates forum. They want their opinion.
 - Senator Roybal: For me, in the SUB atrium not many people came. I think it might be the location it is at. I would change it to somewhere where lots of people walk through.
 - Senator S. Montoya: I think the forum is important not because a lot of people show up, but because it makes senators think about their opinions about issues on campus. Maybe if you could send out an email or something it would make more people come.
 - This event is optional, so maybe making it mandatory would make more people come.
 - Senator Rios: I think it should be mandatory. It made me think about the questions they would ask. If you make it mandatory, it will make them try harder to be a senator. Has it ever been Facebook live-d? I think that would be cool for people who could not make it. You could also do a recap video about what everyone said.
 - Senator Goranson: I agree that it should be mandatory. UNM is a commuter campus and most students don't live on campus. I think there might be a bigger turnout if it is during the day.
 - Senator Assed: I think it should be more debate style that is ideal based.
 - Senator Ben: Have you guys ever thought about creating a Facebook event for it? I know a lot of people forget about times and stuff so if it is online then people will remember about it.
 - Senator Silva: Have you thought about having it at night? I think a lot of candidates have class during the day so they can't make it.

If they don't do it, then what can we do about it? I think you could also go present to Joint Council and get other people's input who are not so heavily involved in Senate.

- We have thought about having it at night and have thought about how to get student organizations more involved. Originally, we thought about having it at night, making it mandatory for anyone who is thinking of running, and have all organizations who receive money from ASUNM to come. At the end, they would choose someone to endorse. We couldn't think of a way or an incentive to come. I think we need to hold student organizations accountable because they get money from us.
- Senator S. Montoya: I disagree that it should be mandatory for candidates because this shows how committed you are to ASUNM. With student orgs, I don't think it should be mandatory but it should definitely be advertised. I think the idea behind the Facebook event is good.
- Senator Goranson: I think the election forum is pivotal and makes candidates understand that it is important. As for student orgs, I don't think it should be mandatory for them to come. We do support them with money, but most senators don't go to their meetings or anything. It is a two-way street. Maybe if you tell current senators that it is happening, then we could tell our student orgs.
- Senator Lucas: I appreciate having the forum because before elections there is not anything where people can come see the candidates. I agree with the idea that it should be more debate-style. It should be advertised more.
- Senator R. Montoya: I think it helps the candidates choose how they want to display themselves in front of the student body. I think we should send an email to student orgs and ask them to submit questions.
- Senator Bennett: I think we should keep it because it allows voters to see how the candidates perform under pressure.
- Senator Callaghan: I really like the bios because I think it encourages people to vote for a more diverse senate. I do not think the candidates forum should be mandatory. I do think that we should keep it. In regards to student organizations, they are responsible for going and for caring.
- Senator Rios: A debate-style would work better for the presidential election because there are so many more people running for the senatorial election.
- Senator AlMidany: I think having their top three goals or reasons why they are running might be more important than a bio on the

ballot. I like the debate idea for the forum, but it might create more tension between the candidates. Maybe after the forum is over, we can open the space to allow student orgs to ask questions.

- Senator S. Montoya: I disagree with the debate style because the purpose of running for senate is not to debate over issues but it is to make the campus better. I don't know how you could turn that into a debate.
- Senator Cary: I also think that if it were a debate it would create a bipartisan environment.
- Senator Rios: On the website right now for Elections, you have to scroll all the way down to look at everyone's endorsements. In the past it has all been on one page.
- Senator Salazar: I remember the forum last year, we were all asked the same question and I think that was fine and shouldn't be changed.
 - Do you think the forum helped you all campaign?
- Senator Cary: The endorsement forum helped me a lot. After I got elected, I had people come up to me and tell me that they liked my answers to some of the questions. It helps get your points across.
- Senator Lucas: I think whenever I was preparing for the endorsement forum, I had to make myself aware of issues at UNM.
- Senator Robinson: I don't think the forum helped me.
- Senator Kee: I appreciate your efforts in trying to make the elections a more popular process.
- Guest Speaker: Executive Director Pachely Mendivil
 - Hello everybody. Thank you for being here today. A lot of the ELL-ers are very passionate about ASUNM. Tomorrow from 1-2 p.m. we have the Advanced Lobo Leaders (ALL) Fall Fest. I would appreciate seeing more of you guys there, they have worked really hard on it. I hope to see you guys there.

b. ASUNM President's Report

- November is going to focus on athletics. I want you all to sign up for the Howl. You guys just have to swipe to get in. The ALL fair is tomorrow. They are working very hard on it. Agencies are hiring! Our Executive Director is stepping down so we will be taking applications for that. SSE is also looking for a marketing director. Absolutley no talk about elections in the office.
- Home Insecurity Initiative: We have created over 100 packs. We are hoping to get more donations.
- SFRB: Our final recommendations have been made to President Stokes. We wrote a letter to the Governor urging that her appointments be diverse. We are going to have five new Regents. With the FY18-19 and

projections, we ended up receiving less than we wanted. We came to the conclusion that the original 6.62% cut is a little arbitrary. We took initiative as students and looked at what areas need. We felt that SHAC needed more support. They are looking at ways to cushion the cut more. ASUNM and GPSA have both elected to take an 8% cut. The SHAC is going to be looking for more supplementary funding. I guess it's just a sign of the times.

- Lobo Food Pantry: We need help on December 7th.
- c. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks
 - Thank you for putting in all of the feedback for Election's Commission. Please speak up so we can hear you.
 - Senator Accountability
 - None
- d. ASUNM Executive Agencies
 - Arts and Crafts Studio
 - Senator Goranson: The Arts and Crafts Fair load in day is the 27th and the fair is the 28th-30th. Please come support local artists.
 - Community Experience
 - Senator Gallegos: They just finished up their blood drive and said it went really well. They are going to be making blankets this month and volunteering with Joy Junction.
 - Elections Commission
 - Senator Roybal: Last Thursday they had their candidate's meeting. The elections are November 12-14. There is going to be in-person voting in the SUB.
 - Emerging Lobo Leaders
 - Senator Lucas: They really need help with the ALL event because it promotes ASUNM as a whole. November 27th is the mentor presentations. ELL graduation is December 4th in Hodgkin Hall.
 - Governmental Affairs
 - Senator S. Montoya: Since the elections are now over, they are making a power tracker for the House and Senate. They are going to begin scheduling meetings with senators about the Lottery Scholarship.
 - Lobo Spirit
 - Senator Assed: The first game is Tuesday and it is a red-out. All freshman are able to run out of the tunnel with the team! Freshman get there at 6:30.
 - Student Special Events
 - Senator Silva: They are really pushing Lobo's Got Talent which is this Friday. There is going to be prizes and its in SUB Ballrooms A & B.
 - Southwest Film Center
 - Senator Salazar: Cherry Reel is December 1st in the SUB theater. SWFC is showing "Will You Be My Neighbor" this week.

- e. Joint Council
 - AISS is having American Indian Senior Day tomorrow.
 - The Division for Equity and Inclusion has their drag show on Saturday.
 - The math department is having some cool workshops.
 - For Senate business, they liked Resolution 11F. They appreciate the change from “victims” to “survivors”.
 - f. Boards and Committees
 - None
 - g. Public Comment
 - SSE Executive Director Xavi Vallejo: We have Lobo’s Got Talent this week on Friday. We are preparing for next semester and are hoping to get a concert event next semester and it’s gonna be really cool. We are looking to be doing marketing collaborations with athletics. We are going to have “Dance the World” on March 6th. We are looking for community sponsors for Fiestas.
 - h. ASUNM Senators
 - Senator Silva: Please go to ALL’s Fall Fest tomorrow. I worked very hard on the photo area.
- 3) Business
- a. Finance Committee
 - Senator Lucas: We had four appropriations last week but only three going through tonight. Additionally, I received an email from the Catholic Apologetics and they were unable to reschedule their event so we are going to fail them. I want to applaud the Finance senators for their hard work last week.
 - Appropriation 32F - Hobbit Society
 - Senator AlMidany: They are requesting about \$200 for books so they can build a library and keep it there for resources. They are also requesting a money for a registration fee for a conference here in Albuquerque. They choose people to go by having interested students present their research. They have 18 undergrads and 5 grads. They requested money for educational materials in their budget but we cut it.
 - *Questions:*
 - Senator Bennett: Do they have an office to store the books?
 - Senator AlMidany: Yes.
 - Senator Goranson: Do grad students go to this conference?
 - Senator Gallegos: No, just undergrads.
 - *Discussion:*
 - Senator Rios: This is one of my student orgs and they are really passionate about what they do.
 - Senator Rios: MOTION to vote on the appropriation. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - A roll call vote was conducted and the appropriation passed with a vote of 20-0-0.

- Appropriation 33F - Catholic Apologetic Fellowship
 - Senator Ruja: As Senator Lucas stated, we were going to fund them if they could move the date of their exhibit and they were unable to.
 - *Discussion:*
 - Senator Rios: MOTION to vote on the appropriation. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - A roll call vote was conducted and the appropriation failed with a vote of 0-20-0.
- Appropriation 34F - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
 - Senator Roybal: They are asking for money for their Urbana conference in Orlando, FL. This happens once every 3 years. There are going to be two cars traveling to the conference and one plane ticket available to the person who needs it the most. There was an increase in food because they did not calculate it correctly. There are 35 undergrads and no grads.
 - *Questions:*
 - Senator S. Montoya: Will they receive any credit for going to this conference?
 - Senator Roybal: No.
 - *Discussion:*
 - Senator Robinson: This is my student org and they are really great.
 - Senator Rios: MOTION to vote on the appropriation. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - A roll call vote was conducted and the appropriation passed with a vote of 19-0-1.

b. Steering and Rules Committee

- Senator Bennett: I chaired this meeting and we had one bill and two resolutions. We only passed Resolution 11F.
- Resolution 11F - States that ASUNM supports survivors of sexual assault and that UNM would benefit from solutions that could help combat sexual assault
 - *Sponsorship Speech:* Senator Cary: The purpose of this resolution is to raise awareness about sexual assault on campus. There are a lot of statistics, such as a jump of reports on campus of sexual assault. There are a few suggestions for campus.
 - *Questions:*
 - Senator Rios: How many people did you send this to to proofread?
 - Senator Cary: My whole committee about 4 times.
 - Senator Kee: Why did you choose all of the people to send this to?
 - Senator Cary: I chose all of the compliance officers for several departments. I did not choose to send this to

heads of the departments to make sure that they get to make sure they actually read this resolution.

- Senator AlMidany: Does the author have the addresses for all of the recipients?
 - Senator Cary: Yes and I already sent a list to the Vice President and both senate aides.
- *Discussion:*
- Senator S. Montoya: I want to applaud the author for doing really diligent work.
- Senator Ben: This resolution is one of the most well-written I have seen during my time in Senate. There are lots of reputable sources. The fact that the author has 11 sources that are reputable is really good. I think this is a fantastic resolution.
- Senator Cary: MOTION to strike “assistance” before Arianna Trott and replace it with “Assistant”. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Senator Cary: MOTION to make the same change above on line item 30. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Senator Goranson: I really appreciate that the author wrote this and the intention is amazing.
- Senator Rios: MOTION to vote on the resolution. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed with a vote of 20-0-0.

c. Outreach and Appointments Committee

- Senator Silva: This past week we had one paper application and discussed outreach events.
- Philopater Faltus, Elections Commissioner, Elections Commissions
 - Senator Silva: We felt like he is very qualified for this position and is very aware about how elections work. The O&A committee fully approves.
 - *Questions:*
 - Senator AlMidany: Why wasn’t this person approved with the other commissioners?
 - Senator Silva: In his cover letter, he mentioned how he wants to run for Senate in spring, so we failed him because he might not be able to complete his term. After talking to other people in senate, we decided that just because someone states they want to run for Senate, that does not mean they actually will.
 - *Discussion:*
 - Senator Rios: MOTION to approve the paper application. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.

- A roll call vote was conducted and the application passed with a vote of 20-0-0.

- Outreach

- Upcoming Events:
- Senator Silva: Tomorrow we are going to be having a Commuter Connection with the Lobo App. It is tomorrow from 9-10 a.m. by the Yale bus stop. Next week on Monday from 1-2 and Tuesday from 2-3, we are going to be partnering with Environment New Mexico and pushing for a greener campus. Now we are really focusing on Student Success Week. If you have any connections with local businesses, please let me know.

- d. Joint Committee Reports

- None

4) Closing

- a. ASUNM Senators

- Senator Salazar: I thought this was a very enjoyable, efficient meeting. I am very proud of everyone.
- Senator Rios: It would be cool if other people made motions to open and close things.
- Senator Ruja: It would be cool if you gave other people a chance.
- Senator Silva: Please come to the ALL Fall Fest.
- Senator AlMidany: I want to commend the Finance Committee because they really go out of their way to work with student orgs.

- b. ASUNM President Pro Tempore

- Senator Ben: You guys did great today. I really like how you took your time with the guest speakers. Make sure to sign up for Vice President Wilks' gift exchange.

- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

- Housekeeping: Please don't put tape on the whiteboard in the Senate Lounge.
- I want to encourage senators who normally don't speak with their agencies to do so.
- Please sign up for the gift exchange. It closes on Friday.

- d. Adjournment

- Vice President Wilks called the November 7th, 2018 meeting of the full Senate to a close at 7:31 p.m.