ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES

03-27-2019

1) Opening
   a. Call to Order
      ● Vice President Emily Wilks called the March 27th, 2019 meeting of the full Senate to order at 6:30 p.m.
   b. Roll Call
      ● All Senators were present except for Senator Terrazas.
         ○ Came in late: Senator Assed, Senator Jaber, and Senator Torres.
   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. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.

2) Preliminary Business
   a. Guest Speaker: Nicole Dopson - UNM Budget Information
      ● I am the director of financial operations for Academic Affairs. I am here to present a main overview of the main campus budget. This is the consolidated budget for the entire school.
      ● The University has a $3 billion budget. When we talk about the main campus budget, it is really only one third of the $8 billion.
      ● With revenues, we receive money from tuition, differential tuition, and course fees. We receive around $2 million from that. We receive around $200 million from the State. National trend is shifting from state funding to tuition funding. We have done a good job of keeping tuition fees relatively low. There are a lot of “other” revenues included. From contracts and grants, we generate money from research.
         ○ Senator Goranson: What is private money?
           ➢ It is all the foundation money.
      ● With the main campus budget, $502 million is unrestricted money. Some of the grants and other money is restricted because it says what we can use it for.
      ● The ING money is the most important piece. This funds instruction and academics. Student Social and Cultural money comes from SFRB student fees. The F and A money is distributed to instructors and their resources.
The budget process doesn’t happen just one time a year. In August is when we start planning the next budget cycle. We try to figure out what to expect for State appropriations. We do performance reviews. In the Spring we finalize the budget. That is where we are at now. It depends a lot on the Legislative session as well.

We go to Santa Fe and advocate for higher education. We can’t always control what state money we get. We also cannot always control tuition and fees, because we want to make sure it is affordable for students. We also have to consider utilities, oil and gas prices, benefits, and other major factors. This isn’t an easy task.

The full board is on April 9th. This is the budget summit. I really recommend going to this summit.

Senator Goranson: How are enrollment projections done? How is inflation calculated?

For enrollment, we have an Enrollment Management Team. We look at retention rates, population, national trends, and local trends. There are algorithms that are run, and lots of other factors. Inflationary areas we look at are compensation, health insurance, and other important factors.

I think that it is really important that students are involved. I really think it is important that students understand where their dollars go. I do a lot of research on other institutions, and I think we are a pretty great institution and we have great programs. We are very open to student involvement. We are begging for student involvement on sub committees.

Senator Lucas: Where can we find out more information on the enrollment projections?

Enrollment Management Office

Senator Silva: I think it is very important that students get involved in this. Having this conversation with other students is very important.

b. ASUNM President’s Report

Senate elections are on April 15. No talk about elections in the office.
Fiestas is April 6. The lineup has been released.
Spring Storm is April 13. We are doing a project with the Dean’s office and Lobo Food Pantry.
Budget Summit: Despite some of the cuts we have made, we still need to increase costs. Part of the BLT recommendations is to keep tuition at the same level, but an additional $10 to the upper division premium. It is now $10 per semester for an IT fund. This is the same amount, just pulled from another place. They also got a deal with Adobe Creative Campus, and for $20 you can download the entire suite. This would be integrated into classes and things like that. It will be through student fees. I know faculty are in favor of it. Scenario 2 does not include the full
3.9% increase. It brings the percent down to round 3.25%. That will be put forward to the president, and she will bring it to the Regents.

c. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks

  i. Senator Accountability
  
  ● None

d. ASUNM Executive Agencies

  i. Arts and Crafts Studio
  
  ● Senator Gonzalez: They are having a pre-glazing workshop next Monday.

  ii. Community Experience
  
  ● Senator Goranson: They are going to read to refugees on Saturday. They are only asking for women to go for cultural reasons. They are working on sign ups for Spring Storm now. They will be collecting hygiene projects in the next few weeks.

  iii. Elections Commission
  
  ● Senator Jaffe: Senate packets are out and spread the word to anyone who wants to run. April 8 is the endorsement forum. Voting is from April 15-17.

  iv. Emerging Lobo Leaders
  
  ● Senator Assed: They just did their mentee reveals. Please reach out to your mentees. Bring them to these meetings. Answer any questions they may have.

  v. Governmental Affairs
  
  ● Senator Roybal: The session is over. The bill that would have hurt the lottery failed.

  vi. Lobo Spirit
  
  ● Senator Silva: Lobo Palooza is April 11.

  vii. Student Special Events
  
  ● Senator Jaber: Fiestas is April 6 at noon.

  viii. Southwest Film Center
  
  ● Senator Romero: This weekend they are showing Stella’s Last Weekend.

e. Joint Council

  ● AASS is having a block party on March 29 at 6 pm. They are having a symposium on black culture.
  
  ● AISS has a lot of opportunities on their website.
  
  ● College of Engineering has a new scholarship page.
  
  ● GEO has a field day this friday. They have a new director that is starting.
  
  ● The Honors College is going to a conference tomorrow in Montana.
  
  ● Res Life has glow in the dark tag and roller skating tomorrow.
  
  ● The conversations on the new legislation surrounded the seats and how they would be made up. ASUNM is very Greek right now. Joint Council is excited to make strides to make more people represented. There was concerns about how the new seats would impact existing ones. They also
wanted to know how you pick people. There was also a discussion about having their respective directors or deans with authors of the bill to talk about how they can assist. For Joint Council speaker and vice chair, they were wondering if they would have a voting and speaking spot on Senate.
● We were not able to get into appropriations because of the time constraints.

f. Boards and Committees

● Senator Silva: SUB Board marketing committee rolled out their new app that allows you to order food before you get to the restaurant. Chartwells is using it right now and trying to figure out any kinks with it.


g. Public Comment

● James Goodman, World Affairs Delegation: I wanted to take this time to talk about the conference. 16 members of our team traveled to Spain and joined around 1,800 other students from around the world. This conference was much bigger from last year. Our 16 delegates were broken up into 11 different committees. The level of preparation before the conference was really impressive. I wanted to share that two of our delegates were recognized with a Diplomacy Award, which is the highest honor. This is the second conference in a row these delegates have been recognized. Collections of students from around the world come to this conference. This speaks toward our dedication to the activity. I wanted to say that none of this conference would have been possible without the support of this body. Although we may disagree at some points, we wanted to show our thanks. We are appreciative of your continued support.
  ○ Senator Silva: I was actually in Madrid and I saw some WAD members. I would like to have a conversation with you to see how ASUNM can recognize you all.
  ○ Senator Varela: It means a lot that you are here.
  ○ Senator Goranson: Thanks for coming in. It is awesome to see groups we support go out and represent UNM.
  ○ Senator Silva: I would like to say how student organizations are so important to ASUNM.

h. ASUNM Senators

● Senator Silva: Lobo Palooza will be from 7:30-9 pm.

3) Business

a. Finance Committee

● We are discussing 7 appropriations tonight. Keep reaching out to finance senators about the budget bill.

i. Appropriation 33S - UNM Trumpet Guild

  ● Senator Jaber: Sponsorship Speech: They are hosting a trumpet week from April 2-7. They are bringing two guest artists that will be teaching lessons and performing recitals. We failed them two
committee meetings ago because they did not have a quote, but they brought one last week.

- **Questions:**
  - Senator Goranson: Why is the speaker under professional services?
    - Senator Jaber: He was not a guest speaker, he is more of an instructor.

- **Discussion:**
  - Senator Goranson: I feel comfortable funding them in full because they presented a quote.
  - Senator Montoya: Last year Trumpet Guild came in with a controversial appropriation, so it is nice to see that this year.
  - **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 19-0-0-1.

ii. Appropriation 34S - Lobo Slam

- Senator Ruja: **Sponsorship Speech:** They are a poetry organization. They have 6 undergrads. They will be attending an invitational in Houston from April 10-13. They are requesting money for travel. We had to reduce conference fees per standing rules.

- **Questions:**
  - None

- **Discussion:**
  - Senator Goranson: I think it is cool we can send this group to a conference and I think we should fund them in full.
  - **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 19-0-0-1.

iii. Appropriation 35S - UNM Food Justice Initiative

- Senator AlMidany: **Sponsorship Speech:** This student organization is kind of new and smaller than usual. They did put in a budget this semester. With this appropriation, they are hosting a panel on April 10 in the SUB atrium. They are bringing in a bunch of people to speak about the environment. They requested food for this event. They are also treating this event as a recruitment event. The $12 that was reduced was for coffee for this same event.

- **Questions:**
  - None

- **Discussion:**
  - Senator Goranson: I think that we should fund them in full. It is a really small request.
- Senator Montoya: What does the committee think about raising the refreshments item $12 for what they cut.
- Senator Goranson: I think that we should stick with the Finance recommendation because we have in the past.
- Senator Silva: I think that the current food line item could be used for that $12.
- 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 19-0-0-1.

iv. Appropriation 36S - Nepali Student Association
- Senator Gonzalez: Sponsorship Speech: They are putting on a Holi festival. They celebrate making amends in relationships and throw different colors on each other. They are asking for money for paint and food. They are expecting 150 attendees.
- Questions:
- None
- Discussion:
  - Senator Stearns: I had a friend who participated in this event and said was fun.
  - Senator Silva: I looked up this event, and it looks super dope.
  - 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 19-0-0-1.

v. Appropriation 37S - Association of Latino Professionals for America
- Senator Romero: Sponsorship Speech: This organization is asking for funding to go to a conference in Tennessee. They are going for networking and job opportunities. They are looking to send 15 students, 10 are undergrads. They are asking for conference fees, one economy plane ticket, and travel per diem. I would like to hear discussion on raising that.
- Questions:
- Senator Goranson: How much would we raise it to?
  - Senator Romero: I believe $500.
- Discussion:
  - Senator Goranson: I think it is commendable that this organization went to other organizations for funding.
  - Senator Torres: MOTION to increase line item 3 to $500. The MOTION was seconded.
    - Senator Montoya: They do have other organizations supporting them, so I am wondering if this appropriate to give them this amount if they did not originally request this amount.
• Senator Romero: I think we should raise it because it is in our budget and standing rules.
• Senator Gallegos: Usually in this situation, we ask them if they need the extra money, and they said they could use it. I think this is one of the times we can help student organizations instead of cut them.
• Senator Goranson: I am for this increase because this is beneficial to the students who are going on the trip.
• Senator Montoya: I have no problem based on the discussion with increasing it. I think there should be more discussion in the future about our budget.
  i. The MOTION passed.
  • 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 19-0-0-1.

vi. Appropriation 38S - International Business Students Global
• Senator Jaber: Sponsorship Speech: They are partnering with Women to Be to bring the King of the Bimbe people here to discuss menstruation education. We reduced honorarium due to the fact that we do not fund gifts.
• Questions:
  • Senator Lucas: Was there discussion about offering something else to the King?
    • Senator Jaber: We can only offer a $100 check.
  • Senator Assed: Are we able to attend this event?
    • Senator Jaber: Yes.
• Discussion:
  • Senator Assed: I think that I am definitely going to meet the King.
  • Senator Goranson: This is a really awesome opportunity.
  • 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 19-0-0-1.

vii. Appropriation 39S - Society of Professional Journalists - UNM Chapter
• Senator Roybal: Sponsorship Speech: They are going to a conference here in Albuquerque. It is next weekend and offered to anyone in the journalism department, mainly those who show interest. They did not know how many UNM students would be attending, so we asked them to send me a document of who is going, and today they sent me a list of 22 people.
• Questions:
  • Senator Montoya: Do you know if this is being offered as extra credit?
    • Senator Roybal: No it is not.
Senator Lucas: If tickets are $20 and there are 22 people going, why did they request $500?
  ○ Senator Roybal: I believe they are $25 each.

Discussion:
• 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 19-0-0-1.

b. Steering and Rules Committee
• Senator Assed: This bill package went through last week and did not pass. There is a lot that we need to discuss. I do not want to see the idea of a more inclusive senate body go away.
  i. Bills 8S - 13S will be discussed, but not voted on, as they failed in committee
    • Senator Goranson: On other campuses, do they represent their college or a resource center?
      ○ Vice President Wilks: I have seen both. I have seen representatives from Greek life or Res life.
    • Senator Silva: I personally prefer having representatives from each college. I think Joint Council should stay because that is another avenue for students to get involved.
    • Senator Lucas: One thing I brought up previously is the budget. We would have to decide where we would get the money from for stipends or make stipends smaller.
    • Vice President Wilks: Stipends come from a donation, so we can’t really ask for more money from the donor.
    • Senator Varela: Something that is worth considering is how members of Joint Council are appointed. Appointments has the opportunity for bias. Something a Joint Council member brought up is whether Joint Council is effective.
    • Senator Montoya: It is confusing to me how sensible it is to have 20 elected seats and 10 appointed seats. It is confusing to me that we would all have the same power if we are elected differently. Current ex officio members who are appointed do not have speaking rights. I think a solution could be to give Joint Council more power in their own system.
    • Senator Torres: I personally would prefer the college route. In order to do that, we would have to reorder the entire system. I feel like if we had 30 seats each from a college that might work out.
    • AG Hartshorn: I would recommend that you look at ASNMSU’s handbook and ASU’s handbook. We don’t have to completely reorder the system, we can see how other schools assign numbers.
Senator Assed: I think that Joint Council needs a lot more power. I think Senate needs to be redone completely. This conversation has been going on for a long time. ASUNM is way too Greek life oriented. There are a lot of students that do not know what ASUNM is.

Senator Gonzalez: I agree that rejuvenation is needed within ASUNM. I know a lot of people that are interested in running for senate, but they are afraid that they need to be involved in certain organizations to be considered. I do feel like there needs to be more inclusion of Joint Council’s opinion. When student orgs do not understand things in Senate, they do not want to come be involved.

Senator Goranson: I like the idea of having both bodies having a vote on legislation. I think both bodies should have almost equal say. There are things to consider, like stipends.

Senator AlMidany: I like the idea of having two separate bodies, and the idea of having schools represented in Senate. If we do our research about this, we could figure how to make it work with 20 spots. I think 30 spots is too many. I agree that Joint Council should vote on business.

Senator Silva: I agree that Senate needs to be changed, and I think the colleges route would go that way. Senator Gallegos and I had a meeting with a student organization about how appropriations work, and it opened my eyes to the internal problems that ASUNM has. We each sponsor 10-15 student organizations, and it is hard to go to them and actually represent them. I have looked into other student governments, and other schools pay senators a really big stipend. I think this would make it easier for senators to go to events and spend more time on the job.

Senator Lucas: It is something that I have considered is to have something similar to the House of Representatives. It would be slightly more inefficient because it would take longer to get things done. I have spoken to many people who don't think their voice is heard.

Senator Varela: I think the idea of having colleges represented is a good idea. I think proportional representation should be used. I noticed that at Joint Council the attendance of resource centers was minimal. We need to find a way to get resource centers represented.

Senator Goranson: Although in theory that increased stipends would work well, we do not have the money for that. If we did raise it, the money would come out of the fund we give to students.
Senator Silva: I think another conversation we need to have is the student government fee. I don’t think it has been raised since 2003.

Senator Assed: I would feel more comfortable raising the student government fee once we began representing more students. I think we should pay the members of Joint Council. That might make attendance higher. I think a lot more senators would take this seriously if we increased stipends.

Senator Montoya: The way I have always viewed this stipend is because none of us are here for the money. I do see the obvious benefits of increasing the stipends, but I also think there should be more responsibilities.

Senator Torres: One thing that we could do is have 10 Joint Council members who also have office hours and also get paid. We would get paid less, but it would be a transition to the college phase.

Senator Ruja: For the stipend, we have to increase the work. I would also like to bring up the point that most of us are financially privileged. If someone is not financially stable, it might be a deterrent to run for senate if they have to put in a lot of work and not get paid enough.

Senator Stearns: I also like the college idea. There are already systems in place and we could get stuff done quicker.

AG Hartshorn: With stipends, ASNMSU has a gradient type scale. They use the FAFSA or what scholarship you are on to determine how large of a stipend you receive.

Vice President Wilks: I want to commend the conversations we are having. This obviously is not the end of the conversation, a lot more needs to be discussed. Use the white boards in the lounge to write down your ideas. Talk to different student orgs.

c. Outreach and Appointments Committee

Senator Goranson: We had a super productive meeting this week. We organized a partnership with career services. On April 7, they are having resumes and bagels. They will read over your resume and give you pointers. On April 3 they are having a student internship event in the SUB ballrooms. ASUNM is going to have a table at the job fair and we need senators from 10-2 to come and talk to students about the jobs we have in ASUNM. I will post a spreadsheet to sign up, after you sign up please go talk to DOC Grey. On April 2 is the SAAM Self Love Carnival in Smith Plaza. We will have a white board photo booth. We also want to have a quote about strength. If you know anyone or any business willing to donate for Student Success Week please let me know.

i. Donna Resendez – Southwest Film Center, Concessions

Senator Goranson: Sponsorship Speech: She has great past experience for this position. She has worked in a movie theater
for the past two years. They also thought this would be a great opportunity for her to get involved with ASUNM.

● Questions:
  ● Senator Silva: Why was the appointment so late?
    ○ Vice President Wilks: The past concessionist quit.

● Discussion:
  ● MOTION to vote on the appointment. The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.
    ○ A roll call vote was conducted and the appointment passed with a vote of 19-0-0-1.

d. Joint Committee Reports
  ● None

4) Closing
  a. ASUNM Senators
    ● Senator Goranson: Through the partnership with career services, they wanted to let us know about an internship opportunity with Deb Haaland.
  b. ASUNM President Pro Tempore
    ● Senator Silva: Make sure you are coming to your office hours. If you are going to miss your office hours, it should be an emergency.
  c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
    ● I want to thank you all for maintaining the office while Chris has been gone. I am having trouble with the printer, so please work with me. I have secret stars for Senator AlMidany, Senator Lucas, and Senator Varela. Fiestas is coming up, and I hope to see you all there on your best behavior. Spring Storm is coming up and we will be working with Lobo Food Pantry.
  d. Adjournment
    ● Vice President Wilks called the March 27th, 2019 meeting of the Full Senate to close at 8:43 PM.