ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES
10-23-2019

1) Opening
   a. Call to Order
      i. Vice President Lucas calls the October 23rd, 2019 Full Senate meeting to order at 6:00 pm
   b. Roll Call
      i. Sen. Ruja is absent
         1. 19 senators are present
   c. Approval of Minutes
      i. 10.9.19 Full Senate
         1. MOTION to approve the minutes from October 9th
            a. MOTION is seconded and passed
      ii. 10.16.19 Special Meeting
         1. MOTION to approve the minutes from the October 16th Special Meeting
            a. 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: UNM Provost, James Holloway
      i. Good evening everyone and thank you for taking the time to hear from me. This is one of the most important times for me, and thank you for filling these roles as student senators. I have a few things that I want to share about the University. Hopefully I can spend most of my time to listen to you all. I am brand new here at the University and I am a nuclear engineer. There are a few things that we are looking to improve on here at the University. Enrollment is one of those things we are talking about and how to boost in undergrad and graduate as well. We are not achieving our
mission if we cannot increase enrollment. Another thing is student success, as it is a failure if students graduate and cannot find a career after graduation. We do not want to think about student success in terms of only graduating. The retention rate from second to third year is up to 78%, but my goal is 85%. 5 year graduation rates are up to 50%, and we would like to see improvement in that area. The next element is faculty success. I have met a lot of faculty that truly love this institution, even though it has been a decade of low to no raises, but they stay because they love this institution. The final element is SNAP support. It is incumbent on us that the faculty grow as well. One of the areas that we are working on is removing barriers/impediments on success of students and faculty. We have a difficult application process for students and faculty, and we are looking to remove some of the process steps that are irrelevant. 5% of your life you are sitting in a classroom, but you do spend hours outside of the classroom. A whole lot of your experience is outside of the classroom. There are things that we need to find to simplify your time in, and we are looking at clarifying tuition, as we present it in a complicated way. We are looking to do an online One-Stop. For some students, what are all those steps? Those steps can become barriers for some students. We are looking to convey these sets of steps in a clear way so that students do not miss any steps. We are also looking to involve the students, as college is not all about the 5%. Having ways to suggest to students of things that they might want to do is important to us. We are looking at how to grow undergraduate research opportunities, as this is one main way to retain students. There are very few institutions in this state that have undergraduate research. Expanding access to honors programs is another way that we are looking to help students grow their experience.

ii. Questions:

iii. Sen. Woodworth: MOTION to increase time by 10 minutes

1. MOTION is seconded and passed

iv. Sen. Rivera: Thank you for coming tonight. I wanted to ask why has enrollment been going down? With regard to the 5%, don’t you think that enrollment is going down because students do not know that there is more going on outside of the classroom? I think that this university should be presented as all the things that you can do outside of the classroom.

1. There is no one specific reason. Enrollment nationally has been decreasing from about 19 million to 17 million over the past few years. New Mexico is facing similar demographics, as High School student population is going down as well. When we look at
enrollment vs the economy, when the economy is bad, students come to UNM, but when the economy is good, enrollment decreases. The way we present ourselves is also deterring students. We are looking to present ourselves in more transparent ways so that students know what is going on. We are also looking out of state for students, as the number of out of state students has increased. We need to present to students that there is more to this University than just the classroom. We have worked to present those experiences outside of the classroom to show that the University has so much to offer. We have a very diverse student population. One approach to that is to outline the learning goals of the experiences outside of the classroom. Learning to work with diverse teams, and understanding your role in society is something that you cannot learn in a classroom.

v. Sen. Romero: Is there any plan in place of how we are going to restructure how we present tuition and fees?
   1. There is a standing committee about how we present tuition. There are three pieces: Base tuition, differential tuition, and fees. I think that presenting tuition based on major would be beneficial, but the committee needs to weigh in on that. Some other universities have presented tuition based on tiers by major. There are other pieces that we have to look at as well.

vi. Sen. Varela: How does the faculty unionization effect faculty and students?
   1. We have had unionized faculty in the past. We expect to be certified on Friday. The union will set different rules. There is no particular reason that this unionization would effect the students. Until we get into the process, we will not know all the effects. When the adjuncts have been unionized, they feel more connected to their work. This is a change in how we have to do things, but there will be positives.

vii. Sen. Torres: What are you planning on doing for retention?
   1. Developing the student experience would help with retention. Undergraduate research would help with retention as well. One of the things that we learned is that we have a lot of resources, but students are not accessing those resources. Fundamentally, that is our challenge: not getting students to those resources that they need.

b. ASUNM President’s Report
i. President Biederwolf:

ii. Monthly initiatives: Our partnership with El Centro was a big success. For Native American Heritage month we are partnering with Native American Student services. We are looking towards another event like Dia De La Raza, as that really showed the culture.

iii. Student Service Agencies
   1. Community Experience: Fall Frenzy was a huge success, 266 people volunteered. We are really proud of all that they have done.
   2. Lobo Spirit: They are in the middle of Homecoming week, and the movie last night was great. Silent lights is tomorrow night, and Friday is all sports pep rally.
   3. ELL: If you have mentees, please bring them in! Some of the ELLers are running for senate. Education is the most important thing for them!
   4. Governmental Affairs: Their number one priority has been capital outlay. They are doing a great job!
   5. Senatorial Elections: 22 senate packets have gone through the office. Congrats to everyone who worked on this. NO senate election talk is allowed in the office.

iv. SFRB: Deliberations will be on October 27th, November 2nd and 3rd. We hope to allocate that one time funding of $500,000.

v. ASUNM Fee Outreach Committee: Since the special meeting, there have still been questions about a bill and if it will be passed next semester. We are still facing uneduction. Time is our biggest aspect of this group, and we have to educate the students about what the fee is, and how we pay it. I do plan on starting a committee to address this issue. If you have any interest in sitting on this committee, please reach out to Chief of Staff Silva.

vi. Capital Outlay: Right now, we have three outlay projects that we want to get to the state. We met with people to talk about feasible solutions. Renovation of the bus stop at Yale, better lighting, digital display. We have talked to PATs about this. A universal bathroom in the SUB will be great, as many conferences are asking for a universal bathroom. The University is planning a renovation on Central and Girard to rebrand to have a better welcome to people who drive by UNM. These are our three options for capital outlay.

vii. Amanda Parea went to tuition and fee modeling meeting. We are looking to increase in-state tuition for students that are taking 15-18 credit hours and decreasing tuition for students who are taking 1-4 hours. The tuition at
NMSU is more expensive. The average household income for UNM students is a lot higher than students at NMSU. If you have any questions, please reach out

1. Questions:
   2. Sen. Varela: Will the remodeling on Girard include better lighting or a fence? Is there talk about moving the bus stop seats?
      a. President Biederwolf: This was one of the projects that I presented, but it is not our highest priority. Our first priority is enhancing the bus stop that is there. We do not know what that area will look like because there are benches there. This remodel would be beneficial to campus safety. There are talks about moving those seats.
   3. Sen. Varela: You said that November 20th was the deadline for submitting a bill?
      a. Yes, the last Full Senate meeting is November 20th. I want to take 4-6 months to put together a new bill.

c. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks
   i. Senator Accountability
      1. No demerits.
   ii. You need to send out your sponsoring senator emails, It is usually due before Full Senate Meetings, but send them out by tomorrow by 8 am. Make sure that you are going to your boards and committee meetings. If you need more information about those, reach out.

d. ASUNM Executive Agencies
   i. Arts and Crafts Studio
      1. Sen. Varela: They are doing a call to artists for the mural in the SW corner of the SUB. The person that wins get a $250 scholarship. December 9th is the last day to submit. They are open til 7 every day.
   ii. Community Experience
      1. Sen. Gonzalez: They just finished up Fall Frenzy. If you have pictures, DM them so they can post it. They have a breast cancer walk and Halloween blood drive.
   iii. Elections Commission
      1. Sen. Chioda: Endorsement forums are Monday, October 28th at 12pm.
   iv. Emerging Lobo Leaders
1. Sen. Lutz: They all went to the Empire Board Game library, they had a lot of fun and they all came out of their shell. Please keep in touch with your mentee.

v. Governmental Affairs
   1. Sen. Hotz: November 14th and 22nd are UNM Day trainings.

vi. Lobo Spirit
   1. Sen. Torres: They are starting out monday with the Homecoming Week events, they had the fall fiesta carnival. Tomorrow night, make sure to go to Silent Lights. Friday is the all sports pep rally. Go to the game on Saturday!

vii. Student Special Events
   1. Sen. Lopez: They had a great turnout with Dia De La Raza, they have been reaching out to Native American Student Services for this month. They need help with set up and tear down of silent lights. On November 7th, they will have a suicide survivor to come talk. There was a great turn out for the fall frenzy. Lobo’s Got Talent is the same week as the speaker.

viii. Southwest Film Center
   1. Sen. Rivera: Tomorrow (October 24th) at 5 is that last time to submit submissions for Cherry Reel. Howloween is October 25th at 4-8:30 with Arts and Crafts Studio.

e. Joint Council
   i. President Biederwolf: We took this week as a first step into reaching out to students about the fee increase. Sen. Romero came in to present the fee increase and all the information about the budget and appropriation process. We got pretty good feedback on this, and questions about how the student fee would increase enrollment and student experience. The events that everyone loves would continue to be fantastic if the fee was to increase. Other than that, we went through the finance business and appropriations.

f. Boards and Committees
   i. none

g. Public Comment
   i. Jacob Silva with College of Population Health: Right now, we are requesting a tuition differential, money that would go directly to the college. The people that I have talked to understand the importance of the request. The amount that they are proposing is $100 per credit hour, that would be an extra $900 on our tuition. I do not have a solution on what I would like you all to do, but it is important that this is presented to you all.
Population health is needed in New Mexico, and a substantial increase in tuition would inhibit students from coming. We understand the importance of this, but we do not want this increase to be that much.

ii. Todd Moe: I would like help with all of you reaching out to your orgs for the senate election and endorsement forum. This is a great opportunity for the student orgs to learn about the candidates. This semester, we have an exceptionally diverse candidate group. We have a google form for people to suggest what they would like to see at the forum. Please send this forum out to your orgs. Voter turnout at UNM has been dismal for a while now. I would like you to also share with your orgs the importance of voting. Students voices want to be heard, and voting is a way to do that. Voting is November 4th, 5th, and 6th. Take the next two weeks to vote and to encourage people to vote.

1. Vice President Lucas: When is the deadline for the survey?
   a. Todd Moe: We are looking at about Friday evening, but we will be taking questions up until the endorsement forum. We are looking for about 20 questions then we will narrow that down.

h. ASUNM Senators
   i. none

i. Attorney General Law Book Edits
   i. none

3) Business
   a. Finance Committee
      i. Sen. Romero: We had 9 appropriations go through at $7,660. If this all goes through then this would put us at $7,440 in the general fund.
      ii. Appropriation 28F - Navigators
         1. MOTION to open Appropriation 28F
            a. MOTION is seconded and passed
               i. Sen. Chioda: This student org was looking for $1,653 dollars for travel to a conference up in Colorado. We passed this appropriation as is.
               ii. Questions
               iii. Discussion:
               iv. Sen. Lutz: We should pass as is here.
               v. Sen. Regalado: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 28F
1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   a. With a vote of 19-0-0-1,
      Appropriation 28F is passed at $1,653.

iii. Appropriation 29F - Bengal United Sports Club
    1. Sen. Torres: MOTION to open Appropriation 29F
       a. MOTION is seconded and passed
          i. Sen. Lutz: This club is requesting funding to attend a conference in Phoenix Arizona. We reduced the refreshments and food to $0 because that funding was given to them in their budget. We decreased the airfare as one of the tickets was for a non-UNM student.

     ii. Questions:
          1. Sen. Lutz: Their main sports are cricket and soccer.

     iv. Discussion:
     v. Sen. Lopez: We looked over this pretty thoroughly, and this should pass with the recommendations that we made.
     vi. Sen. Woodworth: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 29F
         1. MOTION is seconded and passed
            a. With a vote of 19-0-0-1,
               Appropriation 29F is passed at $955.

iv. Appropriation 30F - Deviate
    1. Sen. Romero: MOTION to open Appropriation 30F
       a. MOTION is seconded and passed
          i. Sen. Rivera: They are requesting funding to attend a conference in Colorado. We drastically cut the conference fee so that it followed our standing rules.

     ii. Questions:
     iii. Discussion:
     iv. Sen. Ali: There are a few typos, do we need to fix that?
          1. Vice President Lucas: No, we do not need to make a motion to change that.
v. Sen. Neal: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 30F
   1. MOTION is seconded and passed
      a. With a vote of 19-0-0-1,
         Appropriation 30F is passed at $2,155.

v. Appropriation 31F - Pakistan Student Association
   1. Sen. Woodworth: MOTION to open Appropriation 31F
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
         i. Sen. Lopez: They are a newer org, so they are asking for money to start up their org. They are asking for food for their meetings. We cut the printer supplies as it was requested twice in the appropriation.
         ii. Questions:
            iii. Sen. Torres: How many people are in the org?
                1. Sen. Lutz: They have 4 undergrads, but they involve the community a lot.
            iv. Sen. Regalado: I was wondering if we asked who comes to their biweekly meetings, if there are only 4 people?
                1. Sen. Chioda: We kinda missed that in committee, as we are funding them in full for 4 members.
            v. Sen. Zank: Are the meetings for the rest of the semester?
                1. Sen. Lutz: There are 4 meetings left, so $50 for food for each meeting
         vi. Discussion:
            vii. Sen. Lutz: We passed this because it was below our standing rules. They do have a lot of community members that come to their meetings.
            viii. Sen. Torres: I would be comfortable cutting the food and refreshment line item to $75 or $100. We fund a lot of the bigger orgs at this amount.
            ix. Sen. Romero: MOTION to reduce line item 3 to read $100
                1. MOTION is seconded
                   a. Discussion:
b. Sen. Flores: Their food and refresh isn’t just for their meetings.
c. Sen. Romero: I feel comfortable cutting this because there were only a few meetings left in the semester.
d. Sen. Regalado: I feel comfortable cutting this, I think it is a fair amount to cut by.

2. MOTION is passed
   a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, the MOTION to decrease line item 3 to read $100 is passed.

x. Sen. Romero: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 31F
   1. MOTION is seconded and passed
      a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Appropriation 31F is passed at $302

vi. Appropriation 32F - Men’s Water Polo Club
   1. Sen. Romero: MOTION to open Appropriation 32F
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
         i. Sen. Flores: This team is requesting funding to go to Colorado. They are also looking to purchase a new storage container. We had no problems, so we feel comfortable passing as is.
         
ii. Discussion:

iii. Sen. Lutz: They came back to ask for funding for something that they did not get through the budget process.

iv. Sen. Lopez: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 32F
   1. MOTION is seconded and passed
      a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Appropriation 32F is passed at $981.

vii. Appropriation 33F - Asian American Students Association
   1. Sen. Lutz: MOTION to open Appropriation 33F
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
         i. Sen. Romero: They are requesting funds to get their org started up. They are asking for refreshments and food for their meetings, they have 60 members. The food would be for two more larger scale events.
ii. Questions:

iii. Discussion:

iv. Sen. Torres: I think that this is good that the org is getting started up, they’re doing a lot for the students.

v. Sen. Hotz: They are doing a great job marketing. They came to talk to me while filling out the appropriation

vi. Sen. Lutz: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 33F

1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   a. With a vote of 18-0-1-1,
   Appropriation 33F is passed at $503.

viii. Appropriation 34F - Nepali Student Association

1. Sen. Romero: MOTION to open Appropriation 34F
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed
      i. Sen. Lopez: They are requesting funding for their upcoming events. They would like food and an audio system for one of their events.

ii. Questions:

iii. Discussion:

iv. Sen. Regalado: This appropriation looks fine as it is, and we should pass it.

v. Sen. Aldrich: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 34F

1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2,
   Appropriation 34F is passed at $674.

ix. Appropriation 35F - Antimicrobial Resistance Mediation Outreach

1. Sen. Torres: MOTION to open Appropriation 35F
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed
      i. Sen. Lutz: They are requesting funding to get their org started up. This is their second time going through the appropriation process, as their first time was not very good. They are asking for funding for events. With the changes that we made, we should fund as is.

ii. Questions:

iii. Sen. Torres: How many people are in the org?

   1. Sen. Lutz: They have 20 undergraduates.
iv. **Discussion:**

v. Sen. Flores: This appropriation looks good, they listened to what we had to say, we should pass is.

vi. Sen. Regalado: It is nice to know that they came back for a second time.

vii. Sen. Lutz: MOTION to vote Appropriation 35F

1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2,
      Appropriation 35F is passed at $252.

x. Appropriation 36F - Best Buddies

1. Sen. Romero: MOTION to open Appropriation 36F
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed
      i. Sen. Flores: They are requesting funding for their match party! They are only asking for $85 for this event. They are really excited, it is this weekend on the 26th.
      
      ii. **Questions:**

     iii. Sen. Regalado: How many people are attending this event?
         1. Sen. Flores: They have about 4 people.

   iv. **Discussion:**

v. Sen. Romero: We really appreciate when orgs come in asking exactly what they need. This looks really good. For future reference, it is nice when people ask for exactly what they need.

vi. Sen. Lutz: Seeing this org was amazing, it is a very commendable program. We should pass as is.

vii. Sen. Flores: MOTION to vote on Appropriation 36F

1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2,
      Appropriation 36F is passed at $85.

b. **Steering and Rules Committee**

   i. Sen. Hotz: We discussed a lot of the business that was in the Special Meeting. These bills are the Attorney General's law book edits

   ii. **Bill 10F** - Changes the formatting and title of Article IV of the Student Service Agencies section of the ASUNM Law Book

      1. MOTION to open Bill 10F
         a. MOTION is seconded and passed
i. Sen. Neal: These bills are just following the recommendations of the Attorney General’s law book edits. They are pretty straightforward.

ii. Questions:

iii. Sen. Lopez: Are they Constitutional or Law Book changes?
   1. Sen. Neal: They are Law Book changes

iv. Discussion:

v. Sen. Romero: I would like to commend the authors for 10 and 11, as AG mentioned these and these are the only two that are through.

vi. Sen. Hotz: We changed “Personal” to “Agency” to make the section more specific.

vii. Sen. Lopez: MOTION to vote on Bill 10F
   1. MOTION is seconded and passed
      a. With a vote of 19-0-0-1, Bill 10F is passed.

iii. Bill 11F - Changes the formatting and title of Article V of the Student Service Agencies section of the ASUNM Law Book
   1. Sen. Regalado: MOTION to open Bill 11F
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
         i. Sen. Neal: This was pretty straightforward, it changes the section to read “ASUNM Student Agencies”
         ii. Questions:
         iii. Discussion:
         iv. AG Montoya: I will repost the link to assign yourself to a section.
         v. Sen. Romero: MOTION to vote on Bill 11F
            1. MOTION is seconded and passed
               a. With a vote of 19-0-0-1, Bill 11F is passed.

c. Outreach and Appointments Committee
   i. Sen. Woodworth: There were 2 events since last meeting, Color and Chill, and the Homecoming Week Kick-Off Tailgate.
   ii. Lauren Candland, Community Experience Communications Director
      1. MOTION to open
         a. MOTION is seconded and passed
i. Sen. Woodworth: She was the only person going through. We answered all the questions knowledgeable, and we feel comfortable with her.

1. Questions:
2. Sen. Lutz: What changed from the first time you interviewed her and the second?
   a. Sen. Woodworth: There were some concerns that we had the first time, and we brought up those concerns and she answered knowledgeable.

3. Sen. Lopez: Can you discuss those concerns?
   a. Sen. Woodworth: We cannot, it is a closed interview.

4. Discussion:
5. Sen. Romero: She’s done a tremendous job with Community Experience Social Media outreach.
6. Sen. Torres: The engagement with the Instagram is a lot higher than what is has been. She is very dedicated

ii. With a vote of 18-1-0-1, the appointment is passed.

iii. Outreach
1. Upcoming Events
   a. Sen. Woodworth: We had the color and chill event, and it was really cool to see everyone come out. Sen. Irving had the tailgate event on Monday, and that would be a great tradition to carry on. We have two more events coming up.
   b. Sen. Zank: I tried to do some surveying, but I realized that that is not what I want my outreach to be. I would like to hold a forum for the fee increase.
   c. Sen. Rivera: Are there any plans on reaching out to the student body?
      i. Sen. Woodworth: I have a meeting tomorrow to go over all of the outreach ideas, and we will be letting you all know what we come up with.

   d. Joint Committee Reports
      i. none
4) Closing
   a. ASUNM Closing Comments
      i. Sen. Regalado: We did a really good job tonight, there was not spicy business going through, so it was pretty simple. The appropriations were great, we need to get working on the Law Book Edits
      ii. Sen. Hotz: Bills are due on the Friday before committee at 5 pm. These are quick fixes. Put an S&R sponsoring senator on the bill so they can speak about it during committee, but let them know that they are the sponsoring senator.
      iii. Sen. Flores: UNM Trailblazers would like me to talk to you guys to get people involved. We work closely with ASUNM Alums. It is a great way to network with alums.
   b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
      i. Sen. Torres: This was a very efficient meeting. Lobo Respect is advocating for people to wear purple tomorrow for Domestic Violence Awareness.
   c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
      i. Vice President Lucas: Shout out to Sen. Irving and Sen. Ali for all the work on your outreach events. Good work to all of you. If you all want to submit legislation or plan an event, please do so soon!
   d. Adjournment
      i. Vice President Lucas adjourns the October 23rd, 2019 Full Senate meeting at 7:45 pm.