ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES

3-11-2020

1. Opening
   a. Call to order
      i. Vice President Lucas called the March 11th, 2020 Full Senate Meeting to order at 6:22 pm
   b. Roll Call
      i. Sen. Milan, Sen. Mondloch, are absent
         1. 18 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: Beverly Kloeppel, Director, UNM Student Health and Counseling
      i. Thank you for having us! We are very happy to be here. Out of a conversation that you all had at UNM Day, we are always interested in feedback from the students. We always want to be transparent with the funding that you all provide from us. We are mainly focused on our medical clinic and our mental health services. As you probably know, healthcare is a really expensive proposition. Student fee funding helps us offer many things, including radiology. We do not do enough X-Rays for it to pay for itself, but it is important that we have this on campus. Pharmacy, travel medicine, wellness, as well as our physical therapy services are things that we are able to provide. There could be anywhere from 25,000 to 45,000 people on this campus. We have folks on staff that are trained in public health to help with COVID-19.
         1. Questions:
         2. Sen. Zank: I’ve been told that the wait time for counseling is over 2 months, what are you doing to help that?
a. We have increased our counseling staff, we have embedded counselors in various resources on campus. Even with this, we are still seeing these long wait times. These issues are nationwide. Therapy Assistance Online is helpful for students to go and do this online. In house, you may be able to get one-on-one counseling appointments, like triaging, who are at high risk are able to get help in the same day. You are going to keep seeing this progress. We have asked for additional resources to help the students. You really have to have some face to face issues. The triaging is a safety net. We also spend a lot of time coordinating with the Dean of Students Office. One of the great advantages is the integrated model. If they need to be seen, the people can also be seen in the medical dept.

3. Sen. Flores: How many people do you think that you see on an average day?
   a. We probably see about 90-100 people a day. Another data point on there is that we really only reach about 50% of the student body. The top reason that people gave why they didn’t visit SHAC is that they weren’t sick, but we ask often on why people don’t come to the SHAC.

4. Sen. Rivera: I see you mentioned that people don't come because they aren’t sick, what type of things that are being done for preventative medicine?
   a. When we think about wellness programming, we think of potential risks. If people think that they are sick, or will get sick we advise that they come in. We also do mental health workshops. We really search for clinicians that work to help people be healthy now. We are working to increase the space that we have for mental health. Part of our limitation is a cramped area. If we have additional space, we are looking to expand our offering. We are hoping to open the basement.

5. Sen. Flores: How many people have you seen to test for COVID-19? If COVID-19 spread to the University, will you be testing everyone who comes through, or what will that process be?
   a. We have tested two students in the past few days. We have to work with the dept of health to get people tested.
b. We are testing people that have certain risk factors: a fever, a cough, or shortness of breath. We will be having a lot of people come back from spring break that will have those risk factors. We are hoping to get better data. We have only tested high risk people. The rates of death from this is really low. The best advice that we can give you is to protect your cough, washing your hands, wiping down surfaces. Thinking about things like that will go long ways to protect yourself. If you have any of those symptoms, we are going to have a conversation about what your risk factors are. We are increasing the number of phone lines and looking to expand our testing.

6. MOTION to extend speaking time until the end of Q&A
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed

7. Sen. Maus: Under what conditions would there be a mandatory quarantine?
   a. The only people who would be mandatory quarantine would be level 2 or 3 countries for COVID. Some of these countries are not letting people in or out. There will be people who will be screened for their symptoms and they will be testing them as well. There is a self monitoring mode, which is taking care to noticing if you are developing a fever, but it is being very cautious. At this point in time, they are not recommending quarantine for anywhere besides these countries.

8. Sen. Olaguir: For students who are uninsured, does it cost anything to get tested?
   a. Right now, the State is not charging for testing.

b. ASUNM President’s Report
   i. President Biederwolf: For monthly initiatives, we are still working with the LGBTQ and the Women’s Resource centers, but we have not heard back from them yet. SSE will be hosting Ali Siddiq. Fiestas will be April 4th. Senate packets are due March 23rd at 5pm. The Budget Summit was this Monday, the tuition recommendations that I have mentioned were passed. One of the campus safety issues was closing the Campus at night. The Governor cut about $1 million from the Capital Outlay.

1. Questions:
2. Sen. Macsaveny: How would closing the campus work?
a. There wouldn’t be an increase in patrolling, but guests who were not students would have to get a guest pass.

3. Sen. Harris: Can you go into more depth about the trespassing?
   a. They are trying to get rid of individuals who are walking around on campus. They want to help stop people who are not students.

c. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks
   i. Vice President Lucas: Please speak up, please read the email about the office hours. Your office hours are not for you to go to your orgs and agencies. If you would like to do that, please do it on your own time.
   
ii. Senator Accountability
    1. none

d. ASUNM Executive Agencies
   i. Arts and Crafts Studio
      1. Sen. Flores: Thank you to everyone that came out for those who attended the event today! Look out for some graphics for a workshop in April. They are still offering ceramic workshops, but they will be doing jewelry workshops soon!

ii. Community Experience
   1. Sen. Jaffee: We partnered with Arts and Crafts, it was a great event, I went for a little bit. I made some sugar scrubs. We are planning on doing an event March 21st and then March 28th to help the Barrett House which is a place that helps Women and Children in domestic abuse situations.

iii. Elections Commission:
   1. Sen. Corona-Casteñeda: Exec. Director Moe just wanted to say that senate packets are due the Monday after break!

iv. Emerging Lobo Leaders
   1. Sen. Lutz: ELL found out who their mentors are, so if you have one, please reach out to them, bring them to meetings and have them included. It's really nice to see some here today too!

v. Governmental Affairs
   1. Sen. Rivera: The sample of Girard was canceled from Gov. Lujan Grisham. They are now working on the census.

vi. Lobo Spirit
   1. Sen. Zank: Lobo Spirit still is winding down from UNM day, it was really successful. We also had fun with Neon Skatedown. Right now they are planning for a carnival type event in April, they
will also have some games and bouncy houses at fiestas for students to enjoy.

vii. Student Special Events

1. Sen. Lopez: They are going to have a stand up comedian tomorrow! They will be announcing the Fiestas line up. Student orgs are able to table at Fiestas. They are mostly getting ready for Fiestas.

viii. southwest Film Center

1. Sen. Olaguir: SWFC is doing a midweek movie that is Frozen 2 which is shown in the theatre, that runs until the 12th at 6:30pm. The Reel Club is every Friday for film enthusiasts that is a good networking opportunity. Campus moviefest is having a premiere and it starts at 7.

e. Joint Council

i. No report

f. Boards and Committees

g. Public Comment

i. UNM Should declare a public climate emergency. Climate change is a massive threat. The Student Senate had written resolutions about transitioning to renewable energy for UNM, but we have not seen an action from the administration. We are working on a campaign to have UNM declare climate change an emergency and to have them address this issue. We are going to meet with the President’s Chief of Staff, but we are hoping to meet with her at some point. We think this would be a great step. We are doing this, and I would love to collaborate with any of you.

h. ASUNM Senators

i. Sen. Rivera: I went into my office hours and I realized that my favorite mug was gone from the Senate Lounge, please bring it back.

i. Attorney General Law Book Edits

i. none

3. Business

a. Finance Committee

i. Sen. Lutz: I have a presentation to go over the issues that have been brought up about the budget bill. If you have any concerns, please bring them up to us before. We want to clarify why we made some changes. We have $548,341 to give out and $781,914 in requests. The groups also include the Orgs and Agencies. We went through every group equally and evenly. We went through our standing rules. We have to reduce hours across ASUNM entities. With these cuts, we were proud of our budget
bill. We had spending information from the past three years, how much we gave and how much they actually spent. We had individual hearings before and after cuts were made. We have cut the ELL projects coordinator and the GA projects director. We asked the directors specifically what these positions do. For SWFC, we cut the assistant director and the theater director because we asked what the difference was, and it was about the hours and the weekends. With concessions, we had cut that. We have cut the SSE Cultural Directors. Within the past three years, they had only held a few cultural events and a few speakers. We had combined the speaker director and the cultural director. We made sure that we had talked the positions. Technically, we do not have to fund these positions. We do not think that we should cut these positions forever, but we do not have funding for them. We tend to have more money in the fall, so we could have a special appropriation for some positions. The Santa Fe roundhouse increased the minimum wage, and we did not have the money to fund this. The Finance Committee will not deny any requests for funding for salaries. The first round of cuts that we have made to SSE were extreme and drastic, they would not be able to function. After talking to SSE, we had put money that we have cut from SSE back into Fiestas. The total amount that they are getting was money that they had already had, we just redirected it. ASUNM should and does prioritize the student population, please consider these numbers. 85% of the total fund goes back to ASUNM. We do not want to cut positions, but we do not have the funding to fund the programming and positions. These decisions were not easy to make. We consider all factors and have been talking to all the agencies. Please come speak to me and my committee before the budget bill comes to full senate.

1. Questions:
      i. We want to hear everyone's opinion, and this is the bill that we as the Finance Committee think is appropriate. Of the general fund 85% is going to ASUNM entities and the other 15% is going back to the student orgs who requested budgets that are not part of ASUNM.

   b. Sen. Zank: Do student orgs know their budget before it is voted in in full senate?
i. To my understanding we usually put it through full senate and then let them know, so I was just planning on letting them know after.

c. Sen. Flores: When are your office hours?
i. Friday 9-11, I am usually there more but those are my official hours

ii. Sen. Lutz: 6 appropriations went through this week, they all looked good to us!

iii. Sen. Regalado: MOTION to block vote appropriations
1. MOTION is seconded and passed

iv. Appropriation 34S: Deviate
1. Sen. Hill: We had cut the travel per diem and other things to comply with our standing rules
2. Questions:
3. Sen. Chioda: We increased travel?
   a. They had done their calculations wrong?
4. Discussion:
5. Sen. Flores: The difference between the travel day and the overnight is that they are fed throughout the day. The program that they are with feeds them, so we cut the food that they don't need to buy
6. Sen. Lutz: Within the conference fees that they asked for adds food and conference fees, so we cut the food.

v. Appropriation 35S: National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum
1. Sen. Olaguir: This appropriation was submitted for facility rental. They will be having a sexual education event and they need a place to host it.
2. Discussion:
3. Sen. Flores: This is very clear and very straightforward.

vi. Appropriation 36S: Beta Alpha Psi
1. Sen. Rivera: They are requesting for additional funding for a conference that will be held in Denver in March. We have cut line item 22 to fit with our standing rules.

vii. Appropriation 37S: Society For Women Engineers
1. Sen. Lopez: They came and asked for an appropriation for food. They will be having a networking event for engineers.
2. Discussion:
3. Sen. Lutz: This event that SWE is putting on is to help people get into fields that they are studying.
viii. Appropriation 38S: Chinese Students and Scholars Association
   1. Sen. Flores: This is for an event that they are holding at Roller King. They are asking for the venue, fake tattoos, polaroid cameras, etc. The first 50 people who are registered do not have to pay to go. This org does a lot, you should check them out.

ix. Appropriation 39S: Geology and Environmental Science Club
   1. Sen. Lutz: they are requesting funds for a trip to the Gila wilderness. They asked for gas and for food.
   2. Questions:
      3. Sen. Maus: What are the standing rules for travel per diem?
         a. 150 per night, 50 per day
   4. Discussion:
      5. Sen. Flores: We separated the travel overnight and travel days to make this more understandable.
      6. Sen. Lopez: This event sounds really cool!

x. With a vote of 18-0-2-0, the appropriations are passed

b. Steering and Rules Committee
   i. Sen. Regalado: Today we have two bills and a resolution. One of these is a constitutional amendment and we have to have ⅔ of the student population vote on it.
   ii. Bill 8S: Amendment of Article X of Elections Code
      1. MOTION to open Bill 8S
         a. MOTION is seconded and passed
         b. Sen. Zank: This bill is pretty simple. The Legal Council just said that we should change the grammar to have this make more sense.
         c. Discussion:
         d. Sen. Maus: This is a very simple thing that the legal council recommended.
         e. Sen. Molinar: MOTION to vote
            i. MOTION is seconded and passed
            1. Bill 8S is passed
   iii. Bill 9S: Constitutional Amendment to Increase ASUNM Student Fee
      1. MOTION to open Bill 9S
         a. MOTION is seconded and passed
         2. MOTION to table
            a. MOTION is seconded and passed
         3. MOTION to open
            a. MOTION is seconded and passed
i. Sen. Regalado: This bill is the same exact bill that was on the ballot last week. The reason that this is in full senate now is so that it could be on the Senate ballot.

ii. Questions:

iii. Sen. Olaguir: This is a way to have the students vote on this again?
   1. Yes.

iv. Sen. Jaffe: Will this bill be identical as the one that was on the Presidential Ballot?
   1. Yes, the bill is the exact same.

v. Discussion:

vi. Sen. Rivera: I have a feeling that the student body has already spoken with their vote. I have seen a ton of outreach from the president's office. This did not give us the expected results, I don’t see how more outreach could work. Unless someone has a good reason to support this bill.

vii. Sen. Zank: I would like to voice my continuous support for this bill. Letting the student body vote on this is kind of like us shooting ourselves in the foot. The student body is usually uninformed. I know that this is controversial, but I think that we owe it to the students that did vote for it, as a majority of the student body did support it. There are opinions that can be changed with outreach. If this doesn’t pass, orgs will be wondering why there isn't any funding.

viii. Sen. MacSaveny: I do not think that many students understand where their funding will go. We were very close to getting this passed, and we have to work on this.

ix. Sen. Musa: I think that this bill should be failed. We cannot control what will be said about it. To say that we aren’t doing outreach isn’t valid. We had to table multiple times this week. We had these opportunities. There are influential people on this campus who are spreading misinformation.
Sen. Hill: I would like to thank everyone who did outreach, it has taken a lot of time. I would like to say that the student body spoke, they had the information, and they decided to fail it, and as students, we should follow what they say. It's not on us, it's our job to fix problems that arise, and with that, I think we should fail this and address problems later on.

Sen. Flores: This bill first came up with the deficit that we were in when this bill came about. I have sat in this room for countless hours about what we can do. The students were given a lot of misinformation. I told the students about the ballot, the candidates and the bill. A lot of the information that they were given was incorrect. At the end of the day, the students need this money. We will continually be in a deficit. This needs to be done. We have been waiting since 2002 to enact this change. The problems are not with the orgs, it is the students that are not involved. Try and reach out to the students that are not here. If we want to continuously have things like Fiestas, we need to increase this fee. Just because we have done what we have to do, that doesn’t mean that we have to do more. If this doesn’t change we will forever be in a deficit.

Sen. Lutz: First, we can all see how close this vote was, and there are a lot of students who are in favor. There were a lot of factors that were involved such as what other people said, and we can't control what other people say but we can keep trying. We should not give up because it's hard or we didn't get the results we wanted the first time. It had a great impact on all of us, we can all agree this is a big issue. If no one tries it'll never get changed. As Finance chair, we are in tight financial constraints, we will have to continue cutting jobs and programming because we do not have enough money because of a drop of enrollment and inappropriate fees. Anyone who knows anything
about ASUNM knows how important it is. It's exhausting, but I believe that ASUNM needs this and we should not give up just because it didn't work right away.

xiii. Sen. Regalado: I am really torn on this one too. I felt like the Chief Of Staff and Deputy Chief Of Staff did an outstanding form of outreach. I just don’t know what more can be done. If we really really need this, we can ask the Board of Regents to change the constitution.

xiv. Sen. Molinar: I think we should increase the fee, but we don't have enough time, so it's beneficial to rethink our strategy, I don’t think they will listen until it affects them. Thank you for the outreach and all the hard work though.

xv. Sen. Olaguir: I wanted to notice that the biggest push was during the presidential election, but many of the students were confused about the increase in tuition.

xvi. Sen. Jaffee: We represent the students, we are not elected to voice our opinions, we are elected to represent the student body, not orgs, not partitions of the student body, we are elected to represent everyone. We did a lot of outreach, and I think the spread of information could have been directed towards me, but I am also trying to explain to people who it does not affect why it does not affect them. I did a lot of research on this, and I might know more than some of you here, but regardless, but it was said that the student orgs aren't the problem, the nontraditional students are the problem, however, those are the people that it does not affect, so it's those that don't care. We are not elected to represent student orgs, we are elected to represent the student body.

xvii. Sen. Maus: The student body did vote the way that they wanted to tonight. Almost everyone in this room understands that this bill is essential. The difference between not passing this and passing this
tonight is that if we don’t pass this, this ends here. If we don’t put this through tonight, we are not giving ourselves the opportunity to make the right decision. If the students vote this down again, then we should keep putting this through.

xviii. Sen. Rivera: This increase does benefit all students, I love this, it can go a long way. I had been a strong proponent since its inception and I spoke with former finance chair, I see the situation we are in, I feel that passing this will be redundant, it won't even be a month, it will seem that we are trying to jam it down their throats, and to be honest I am conflicted, because I did support it, but at the same time, it is a month, don't get me wrong, the outreach was great, but I feel that more of it will be redundant, and I don't think this is giving up, I am graduating, but where I am coming from is what is best for the student body, and I feel that passing this in short notice will be redundant.

xix. Sen. McKim: I would like to echo what previous senators have said. Just because you get hit and it hurts, that doesn't mean that you just lay there. There are a lot of speculative ways that made this bill fail. The total votes in this election was less than 10% of the student population. This bill needs to happen. The Finance Committee has given presentations and I hope you all understand the gravity of the situation.

xx. Sen. Lopez: Is there a way we can word this differently? Even when I was reading it, it can be hard to get through that language, and reading through the language can be complicated. Can we put something on there to help with this?

1. AG: the way we put it on the election is the way we put this to the reagents, i am open to changing this, and i am open to other options.

xxi. Sen. Chioda: I agree with what many previous senators have said. I have seen the crisis that we are
in financially. If you haven't told students to their face that they will not receive funding then you don’t understand the importance of this bill. If the students voice their opinion, then they can voice it again. The for and against margin was about 50 votes. I don’t think that pushing this through tonight will not hurt.

xxii. Sen. Zank: the difference was 149 students, i think we can change those votes. Only 13% of the student body, and i think we can get this passed. I want to commend everyone, but the only reason we had this opportunity to fight was because of the backfilling, but we do have the opportunity now. Just because we lost today does not mean that we can't win next week. The student body does not understand how money works, and I think going back and changing minds will help. By telling people it is only $5, they will agree, otherwise, it is really difficult. All students will benefit from this, I will keep pushing for this.

xxiii. Sen. Hill: Regardless of how many people that spoke tonight, we all are here to serve the undergrads. 500 student orgs will benefit from this. Only 6 of the 20 people in senate will have to sit in front of orgs and say that you do not get this funding. Even if a person does not care, they at least have the option to go to these events if they want to or not.

xxiv. Sen. Rivera: Seeing the pure passion in the room, this bill is very complicated. It is our last effort for the semester, and it doesn't hurt to try again, and who am I to say that it won't pass, I see the struggles that the finance committee has. I feel that the speeches here have swayed me, and I think I will vote in favor of this bill, it is needed.

xxv. Sen. Lutz: I feel like we are just going in circles at this point. Every single undergrad is affected by this student fee. We can’t force people to go to these events, but they have that option. Less money does
equate to less events and lower quality events. We were just off by a few votes and we can get people to vote for this. If we do decide to pass this, we all have to commit to this. If we do not put in the effort, then nothing else is going to happen.

xxvi. Sen. Jaffee: I agree that we are going in circles, we all think we are doing what's best, and we think we are doing what is best.

xxvii. Sen. Maus: call to question

1. With a vote of 15-2-1-2, Bill 9S is passed

iv. Resolution 2S: Support of the 2020 Census

1. MOTION to open Resolution 2S
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed
   b. Sen. Corona-Castañeda: This resolution acknowledges the importance of the census so that the state can get funding.
   c. Questions:
   d. Sen. Olaguir: Does the resolution have any instruction for any senators to take any direct action?
      i. Resolutions are the outward voice of ASUNM, but there is not direct action of ASUNM Senators.
   e. Discussion:
   f. Sen. Zank: I voted for this bill, but I would like to voice this bill as this bill is kind of redundant. There was a second resolution that was failed that was about the census. I would encourage you to vote this down, as I do not think that the purpose of this resolution of this bill.
   g. Sen. Jaffee: I appreciate that the previous senators allowed this to go through. Saying that everyone here supports the census is purely beneficial. I think that there is a point in passing this and I think that we should.
   h. Sen. Maus: I know it looks like there were a lot of changes that we made. As far as this is written, I think that this is very well written.
   i. MOTION to vote on Resolution 2S
      i. MOTION is seconded and passed
         1. With a vote of 17-1-0-2, Resolution 2S is passed

c. Outreach and Appointments Committee
i. Sen. Musa: Most of our focus has been student fee outreach, but I guess that we have to try again. This is a lot of burden on one person and 6 senators.

ii. Appointments
   1. MOTION to open discussion
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
   2. Julia Wagner, Ceramic Studio Technician, Arts and Crafts Studio
      a. Sen. McKim: We reviewed her application last week, she is extremely qualified. Everything seemed perfect, and she seemed perfect for the job.
      b. Discussion:
      c. Sen. Flores: I got the opportunity to meet her, she is really excited about this position. The arts and crafts studio is lucky to have her
      d. Sen. McKim: MOTION to vote
         i. MOTION is seconded and passed
            1. The appointment is passed

iii. Outreach
   1. Sen. Musa: We just have to reevaluate. I will come up with something after spring break if we come back.

d. Joint Committee Reports
   i. none

4. Closing
   a. ASUNM Closing Comments
      i. Sen. Lutz: Please reach out to me or finance senators if you have questions about the budget bills so it will make it more efficient. My office hours are Friday 9-11, and text us if you want to meet with us.
      ii. Sen. Rivera: With regards to the fee increase, it is important to do the outreach, but it is a personal responsibility of all the senators to outreach to people every day. This is a job for everyone to do on a one to one basis.
      iii. Sen. Maus: I want to say that I am impressed with the passion and dedication and regardless of what happened today, we saw the work we put in and I'm proud to sit on this senate so let's work hard and get it passed next time.
      iv. Sen. Chioda: Outreach goes a lot further than tabling. Meeting with people in class and talking to people in class is more effective. Talking to people in a more casual way is just as, if not more, effective.
      v. Sen. Flores: To reiterate things, I will be in the office whenever you need me to, I am usually in there Wednesday starting at 12. On a better note,
tomorrow LoboTHON and Sigma Chi are hosting an event for the kids and the Huntsman cancer foundation. Tickets at the door are $10. It would be nice to see a lot of senators out there, LoboTHON is coming up soon so keep pushing this.

vi. Sen. Lopez: I would like to mention that my office hours are wednesdays from 10-11, come talk to me if you want to! If you need to do your taxes, I can help you!

vii. Sen. Jaffee: I want to say that I am innately opposed to the bill. If every student voted, I would pass it. A lot of facts I’ve seen from the bill are not supported and I'd like to talk about that, I am not trying to stir the pot, I genuinely have points, I'm not trying to be the bad guy, i'm trying to do the right thing.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
   i. Sen. Hotz: I just want to remind you all that 6 outreach hours are due before spring break. If you do not fill this out or have these hours you will be receiving a demerit. There are a lot of events that are coming up.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
   i. Vice President Lucas: I just want to remind you all that the deadline for legislation and appropriations is the Friday of spring break. Don’t forget to submit your outreach hours. As far as O&A events go, please make it if you make a commitment. If you need ideas for outreach, please come to me. The budget bill will be going through April 1st, so please talk to them and ask them questions. You have all done a very good job on your path to getting here. As far as the break goes, we do not know that will happen with COVID-19, but please check your emails and take care of yourselves

d. Adjournment
   i. Vice President Lucas adjourns the March 11th, 2020 Full Senate Meeting at 8:26 pm