ASUNM Special Meeting Minutes
10-16-19
8:00 PM, Kiva Lecture Hall

1. Opening
   a. Call to Order
      i. Vice President Lucas call the October 16th, 2019 Special Full Senate
         Meeting to order at 8:00 pm
   b. Roll Call
      i. Senator Neal is absent
         1. 19 Senators are present.
   c. Approval of Agenda
      i. MOTION to approve the agenda
         1. MOTION is seconded
            a. Sen. Torres: Vice President Lucas told me to MOTION to
               strike through Approval of Minutes
            i. MOTION is seconded
               1. 2-14-3-1 MOTION is failed
                b. Sen. Hotz: MOTION to strike through Approval of Minutes
                   i. MOTION is seconded and passed
                  2. MOTION is passed
   d. Approval of Minutes

2. Preliminary Business
   a. Public Comment as pertinent to the business at hand
      i. President Biederwolf: The ASUNM budget got cut $92,000 leaving us
         with less than previous years. The total SFRB deficit is a lot, and they
         could help us out. We do have funding for the spring, but it is only a one
         time fix. This one time funding is a great thing right now, but come Fall
         2020, we will be in the same place we are at now. This will give us time to
         propose a bill that will increase the student fee by 5% based on
         enrollment. This time will give us the opportunity to work on a bill and
         outreach to get this bill passed. The work that you Senators have put in is
         great, but waiting until Spring will give us time to work more on outreach.
      ii. Victoria Pena Parr: I am a non-greek student that commutes to campus. I
           have received funding from the Finance Committee through my student
           org. This financial crisis is a lot more intense than we thought. This one
           time funding is great, but we need to work on a long term fix. I feel that
short term funding should be passed tonight, and then work on long term fixes. From looking at the SSE Budget, most of it goes to student salaries. Legislation that is designed to hurt agencies is going to hurt the students. Limiting agencies is cutting student employment. Unless you are in ASUNM, students are not educated on ASUNM and what goes into it. If you want to pass an amendment, you need to outreach. You are representing the students, so please act like it. It is time to start new methods of outreach for the students.

iii. Noah Dowling-Luhan: I do not understand why we need to have a $5 increase in fees. 81% of the funding goes to ASUNM, while the rest goes to the orgs. This government is not very democratic. This bill pushes forth the fact that the students are not getting thought of. The programs that you put on do not really benefit the students, and are failures. Nothing comes out of what you guys do. The cut that we have is incredibly unfair, the 19% that goes to orgs is unfair. I feel like the increase in funding is going to Greek life. The deficit is fake, and the increase is not going to help anyone on campus. This money does not go back to the students. This bill should not go through.

iv. Alice Vernon: I was a member of the SFRB this past year. I created these sheets to clarify the numbers on where your student fees go. Student fees is an umbrella term. The biggest portion of the fees go to debt services (58%). Another portion goes to the student activity fee (30%). The ASUNM budget is about (2.36%). ASUNM does not take up 81% of the fees, as that number is wrong. I wanted to make sure that you guys know what you guys are talking about. I am in favor of an increase, but the budget constraints have been felt across the entire university. We have been smart with our money, but we are now starting to feel the deficit. I just wanted you to all have the correct numbers.

b. Special Business
   i. Bill 6F
      1. MOTION to open Bill 6F
         a. MOTION is seconded
         i. With a vote of 19-0-0-0, the MOTION to open Bill 6F is passed
            1. Sen. Romero: You all kind of know what this bill is about. I agree with President Biederwolf and what he has stated. We have bought time, and now we have time to work on a bill that we can put in the outreach hours on. I think that we should fail this bill, and work on one for next semester.
            2. Questions:
            3. Sen. Varela: How many new people have you made aware of this business? What does
that include when you mention it to other people?

a. Sen. Romero: I have not necessarily promoted outreach, but I have been talking about it with people that I have been interacting with. I have discussed it with the intentions of the bills and the structures. I talked about what we were talking about and why.

4. Sen. Rivera: You said that we should be pursuing a new bill with a more permanent structure, what do you mean by that?

   a. Sen. Romero: We talked about doing ahead count, and basing the increase off of that. This would be fair for the students. The structure of a one time increase to a specific amount is fine for now, but what is the right number is the question.

5. Sen. Varela: How come on this bill, the prorated version (headcount) is not included?

   a. Sen. Romero: I do not think that this bill should go through tonight.

6. Discussion:

7. Sen. Lopez: I had looked at all three bills and talked to the senators, but after hearing President Biederwolf, I think that the best thing to do right now is to fail this bill. We need more time to work on a new bill to outreach and educate the students.

8. Sen. Chioda: I also think that this should be failed tonight, but should be revisited. It is hard to come up with a constitutional amendment like this. More time should be allotted. Outreach is important, and I have been doing the best that I can. Over a span of a few months, we can reach out to all the students.

9. Sen. Regalado: Last week, it was so important that something got passed because we had no money. It was a matter of urgency to get more funding. I think that we can work to educate the students next
semester. One of the students was not educated, and that is our fault that they are not educated. A lot of people do not know what ASUNM really does. I think it is important that we educate the student body, and it will hurt students if we don’t. Everyone in finance knows how much money we give out to student orgs.

10. Sen. Woodworth: When something needed to be passed, we need to pass it. And when we have time, we can pass something that we are proud of. Let’s pass something where we can outreach to students. Let’s go out there and do the education and teach everyone. This has to be a full senate coming together and going to the students. There is public comment for every meeting that we have. There was a student that said that we are not doing our jobs, and we need to be. As Senators, we need to have knowledge of what the other committees do.

11. Sen. Aldrich: I think that the comments about outreach that we are having now, I felt strongly about when this bill was introduced. We are the representatives of the student body. I know now how important the Finance Committee is, and I think that the rest of the student body needs education about what we do. Failing these bills would be best for the student body. I do not think that we are transparent of what we do. As an entire senate, we need to expose the financial crisis that we are in and what we do. It is important that we can thoughtfully put together a bill and explain the ins and outs of ASUNM. It is a downer to see things getting cut, but also we are running low on funds. We know what is going on, but the students do not. It is important that we fail these bills tonight.

12. Sen. Varela: I appreciate everyone's opinions on how we should fail these bills. We should work on writing a new bill. I would like written feedback on Bill 9F.
13. Sen. Zank: Thank you to the public comment, it is appreciated. One of the biggest problems that we will be facing in the upcoming months will be misinformation. It is going to be a lot of work to get the students to care.

14. Sen. Ruja: Before we can educate the students, we have to educate ourselves. Only one senator came to the budget hearings, and no one comes to the Finance Committee meetings. I encourage everyone to come to Finance Committee to see how we work, and to see what it is like when orgs come and talk to us. I challenge everyone to talk to the finance chair, the Vice President and the Pro Temp because it is important to see how finance works and how money is allocated.

15. Sen. Varela: MOTION to vote on Bill 6F
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed
      i. With a vote of 0-19-0-1, Bill 6F is failed.

ii. Bill 8F
   1. Sen. Hotz: MOTION to open Bill 8F
      a. MOTION is seconded
         i. With a vote of 19-0-0-1, the MOTION to open Bill 8F is passed

1. Sen. Hotz: This bill is to base the increase of the student fees off of enrollment. Based off of the comments today, I do not think that this bill will work out. Here is how the bill would work. As enrollment increases, the dollar would decrease as well; if enrollment increases by 25%, then the dollar would decrease by 25%. This was our thought process when we wrote this bill. I do think that we should fail this bill now, but we should still consider this for the future if enrollment continues to decline.

2. Questions:

3. Discussion:

4. Sen. Flores: I have been working the Sen. Hotz on this. We wanted a bill that would not just be a temporary change, and we need to find something that will work for senators that will come into office after us. I would
appreciate it if the Senators would look into this bill, as I think it would be something that would be better for the future.

5. Sen. Romero: Headcount brings up issues that I have with this bill. The concurrent, undergraduate and non degree undergraduate is added up to equal enrollment. As you can see, enrollment has been getting lower and lower. This number does not seem to be getting any larger any time soon. My only concern with this bill is that we do not know what an unfair number is for students to pay. I just wanted to show everyone this for the future to see what it would look like if enrollment keeps going down.

6. Sen. Hotz: I do not think that this is a perfect solution at all, it needs more thought. I do not think that this should pass. Something more specific would be more beneficial. I do commend public comment for speaking up your opinion. I feel that this gives us the potential to speak to students, and that we need to talk specifically about how we want to outreach to students. We should have a place where the students can see what we talk about during our meetings. It is hard for us to make a knowledgeable change when we don’t know why we had the change. I think a better website would be beneficial.

7. Sen. Zank: MOTION to vote on Bill 8F a. MOTION is seconded and passed i. With a vote of 0-19-0-1, Bill 8F is failed.

iii. Bill 9F

1. Sen. Lutz: MOTION to open Bill 9F a. MOTION is seconded and passed i. With a vote of 19-0-0-1, the MOTION to open Bill 9F is passed.

1. Sen. Varela: I think that there is too little known about what it takes to make this constitutional amendment. The remaining balance is $14,000 that will last us until June. Lower student enrollment is the main cause of the decrease in student fees. There
are also more student orgs, so we have to distribute more funding. Another reason is inflation. The enrollment disparity is something that we need to educate the students about. 73% of the headcount of the Bernalillo country is from out of state. For student orgs, I gave misleading information last senate meeting. The 81% and 19% is actually from an SFRB suggestion report, which is not factual.

2. Questions:

   a. Sen. Varela: It is to protect the orgs, agencies, daily lobo from the decrease in funding.

4. Sen. Zank: If we set a hard cap on this, how do you propose events like Fiestas don’t lose quality?
   a. Sen. Varela: I don’t think that things need to get cut, I just think that money needs to be allocated differently. Balance forward money is useful and it is usually always there.

5. Sen. Flores: What are the t-shirts?
   a. Sen. Varela: Agencies can request money to fund t-shirts, but orgs cannot do the same.

6. Sen. Hotz: If you were to cap the 65% to 35%, how would orgs be affected? Could this be changed to a max?
   a. Sen. Varela: I do not see it being specific for who the percentage is tied to, it is mostly restriction zones. If there is a clear way to write this, I would love that.

7. Sen. Romero: Let’s say we are going through the Spring semester, what happens when we are already at our 35%? With these restrictions, how do we go about figuring out this percentage? Why do you think this bill is needed?
   a. Sen. Varela: The bill does not say that the 35% is just for organizations.
Another reason that this shouldn’t be passed is because the Balance Forward portion of the Law Book was not included. We are in a deficit, but this bill is different as it protects agencies, orgs, and the daily lobo.

8. Sen. Chioda: I am confused on why some of the numbers on the flier are not equaling out to 100%? Where is the other 7.43%?
   a. Sen. Varela: This is from the SGAO, and honestly, I am not sure. In my legislation, my numbers are not related to this number. My numbers are open to change.
      i. Sen. Hotz: The missing 7.43% is going to the Daily Lobo.

9. Sen. Zank: In any future budget, are you saying that org/agency funding cannot exceed 65%? What is the reasoning?
   a. Sen. Varela: There is no reason for these specific numbers, it is a little random. It seems fair.

10. Sen. Torres: What does X mean in this legislation?
    a. Sen. Varela: X would be a number reached that is suggested by a professional accountant.

11. Discussion:

12. Sen. Romero: The second paper that I gave you will explain why our financial crisis is a student fee problem, not an allocation problem. The ASUNM salaries is receiving 49%, while orgs are receiving 28% from our funding.

13. Sen. Aldrich: I would like to commend the author for writing this. It is very honest, as it wants to protect the agencies and orgs. Putting this into the Constitution might not set up the future of ASUNM for success. I think that putting in these specific numbers might end up hindering ASUNM in the future. I think that this should go into the Law Book, not the Constitution. These
numbers put a specific line on what we can do.

14. Sen. Ali: I think this is a unique idea, but student orgs usually pay dues that help fund them. Part of being in a student org is paying dues.

15. Sen. Varela: ASUNM is also an org, and technically we can fundraise. In the Spring, agencies can request money, but orgs got less funding. Money that is not given to the orgs in the Spring is balanced out by the appropriation process. A Constitutional change should come with Law Book edits. A 5$ increase does not keep up with inflation, this number is nice, but there is no real facts behind it. Bill 9F considers inflation, this Bill will be a 5 year inflation rate. Everyone can contribute the same amount because everyone has equal access to all the events that ASUNM agencies put on. These outreach ideas are to increase voter turn-out. Some ideas for outreach is to do it through committee: making a committee to do student outreach.

16. Sen. Woodworth: Call to Question
   a. MOTION is seconded
      i. With a vote of 18-1-0-1, the Call the Question is passed
   b. With a vote of 1-18-0-1, Bill 9F is failed

   c. Resolution 1F
      i. MOTION to open Resolution 1F
         1. MOTION is seconded
            a. With a vote of 19-0-0-1, the MOTION to open Resolution 1F is passed.
               i. Sen. Regalado: This resolution is for trying to reach out to students that did not come out here tonight. This is something that we will still need to do, but at a later date. This resolution explains all the reasons why were looking to increase the student fees.
               
               ii. Questions:
               iii. Sen. Hotz: Do you think that we could still pass this resolution now or with a few changes?
                    1. Sen. Regalado: There are few changes that we could make and pass it tonight.
iv. Sen. Ali: Do you think it would be best to table this if there are some tweaks we have to make?
   1. Sen. Regalado: We can table this, or we can do the work now. It is up to everyone since we are not passing a constitutional amendment tonight.

v. Discussion:

vi. Sen. Romero: I would like to commend the authors of this resolution. This is the best first step to increase student fees. I think that we should get this done tonight.

vii. Sen. Aldrich: I know that it is 9:30 on a Wednesday, but we have been talking about being proactive, and this is a start. As we continue to figure out things that we need to do, we can add more resolutions.

viii. Sen. Hotz: MOTION to strike the first NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED
   1. MOTION is seconded and passed

ix. Sen. Hotz: MOTION to replace that clause with “NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that ASUNM is proposing a potential fee increase to present to the undergraduate students of UNM for the opportunity to vote on said ASUNM student fee change in the Fall 2019 General Election; and”
   1. MOTION is seconded
      a. Questions:
      b. Discussion:
      c. Sen. Aldrich: Friendly MOTION to add “Student Government” to that portion?
         i. Author Accepts
      d. Sen. Varela: Friendly MOTION to change “is” to “was”
         i. Author declines
      e. Sen. Romero: Friendly MOTION to add “government” between student and fee on third line
         i. Author Accepts
         i. Author Accepts
      g. Sen. Woodworth: MOTION to vote
         i. With a vote of 19-0-0-1, the MOTION is seconded and passed.
x. Sen. Hotz: MOTION to add after Nasha Torres (in NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED) “the UNM Bursar’s Office, the UNM Office of Planning, Budget and Analysis, the UNM Budget Leadership Team, the UNM Student Fee Review Board”

1. MOTION is seconded and passed

xi. Sen. Hotz: I was thinking that we can cross out “will not” with “may not”, as well as crossing out “which will leave many organizations unable to function” but I wanted to hear discussion.

xii. Sen. Varela: MOTION to strike the last WHEREAS and add “without immediate action regarding the ASUNM fee is crucial for the funding of ASUNM as a whole”

1. MOTION fails

xiii. Sen. Reglado: The “Action” should be before Fall 2020, but it should be okay to change “Will not” to “May not”

xiv. Sen. Hotz: MOTION to strike “Which will leave many organizations unable to function”

1. MOTION is seconded
   a. Questions:
   b. Discussion:
   c. Sen. Romero: I am against striking that, we should leave it to let the student orgs know what this is doing to us financially.
   d. Sen. Hotz: I agree with that, but this is a very bold statement, but I would be okay with editing it.
   e. Sen. Aldrich: Maybe change “Which may impact the extent to which orgs function”
   f. Sen. Varela: My problem with that is that it is only organizations, not agencies.
   g. Sen. Zank: Call to Question
      i. MOTION is seconded
      ii. With a vote of 16-3-0-1, the Call to Question is passed

2. With a vote of 5-11-3-1 MOTION fails

xv. Sen. Aldrich: I know we talked about submitting perfect documents, but this is a special piece of legislation, and we should continue to edit this.
Sen. Regalado: I also think that we have already started editing this, and I think we should continue editing this. I think we should make that clause less harsh.

Sen. Romero: I commend the senators that want to keep working on this, but we are continuing to gain new information that all of us could receive. Failing this now will allow us to readjust this and put it through next week.

Sen. Hotz: MOTION to strike “will” and replace with “may” on the 8th WHEREAS

1. MOTION is seconded and passed

Sen. Hotz: MOTION to add “at full capacity” after function”

1. MOTION is seconded and passed.

Sen. Hotz: We already have a really good start on this, and I see only one more motion that we could make. As of now, we should continue to go through with this and get this out to the students as soon as possible.

Sen. Lutz: MOTION to strike “immediate” on the 8th WHEREAS clause

1. MOTION is seconded and passed

Sen. Lutz: MOTION to add “by Fall 2020” after “action by” on the 8th WHEREAS clause

1. MOTION is seconded

a. Questions:

b. Discussion:

c. Sen. Romero: Friendly MOTION to change Fall 2020 to Fiscal Year 20-21

i. Author Accepts

d. Sen. Regalado: I feel that we might need to define Fiscal Year because some people might not know what that is.

e. Sen. Lopez: I am fine with changing it to Fiscal Year or Fall 2020.

f. Sen. Lutz: I feel comfortable using Fiscal Year, as it is used to describe money.

g. Sen. Romero: I understand why Fiscal year could be confusing, but the Fiscal Year emphasizes that we
cannot start that year without than funding.
   i. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, the MOTION is passed

xxiii. Sen. Lutz: With these changes, I am comfortable passing this as is, as it is enough to get the attention of the students. I feel happy with this.

xxiv. Sen. Romero: I would like discussion on adding in about how we have an increase two new agencies and the increase in student orgs.

xxv. Sen. Varela: MOTION to add on the 7th WHEREAS clause “and agencies” after “organization”

   1. MOTION is seconded and passed

xxvi. Sen. Aldrich: MOTION to add “And agencies” after organizations on the 8th WHEREAS clause

   1. MOTION is seconded

   a. Questions:
   b. Discussion:
   c. Sen. Chioda: Friendly MOTION to add ASUNM after the first motion
      i. Author accepts
   d. Sen. Varela: I do not think that that is necessary, and we would have to add that to the motion that was previously made.

   2. MOTION is passed

xxvii. Sen. Romero: MOTION to add on the 6th WHEREAS “as well as two (2) added ASUNM agencies”

   1. MOTION is seconded

   a. Questions:
   b. Discussion:
   c. Sen. Torres: Friendly MOTION to move “added” to before the “two”
      i. Author Declines
   d. Sen. Romero: I did not accept bc we are talking about how we have grown since 2002.
   e. Sen. Torres: The change sounded better
   f. Sen. Ali: Friendly MOTION to add “has been added”
      i. Author Declines
g. Sen. Lutz: Friendly MOTION to change “two (2) additional agencies”
   i. Author accepts
h. Sen. Regalado: I was going to change something, but this looks better.
i. Sen. Chioda: Doesn’t additional mean extra?
j. Sen. Romero: We are pointing out that we have added agencies.
k. Sen. Regalado: Friendly MOTION to change “additional” to “new”
   i. Author accepts
l. Sen. Ali: MOTION to vote
   i. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. With a vote of 17-0-0-3, the MOTION passes

xxviii. Sen. Romero: MOTION to add “ASUNM” before agencies on the 7th WHEREAS
  1. MOTION is seconded and passed

xxix. Sen. Aldrich: MOTION to add “and ASUNM agencies” on the last WHEREAS
  1. MOTION is seconded
     a. Questions:
     b. Discussion:
     c. Sen. Varela: Friendly MOTION to strike through ASUNM
        i. Author declines
d. Sen. Varela: Other opinions on that is encouraged.
e. Sen. Lopez: ASUNM still functions, we still convene, but Agencies would not function.
f. Sen. Aldrich: I think saying that ASUNM in general is taking away from the severity of how the orgs and agencies are getting affected

2. With a vote of 15-1-0-4, the MOTION is passed

xxx. Sen. Romero: I think this is where we want this, I think we should vote on this now.

xxxi. Sen. Gonzalez: MOTION to vote on Resolution 1F
  1. MOTION is seconded
     a. Questions:
b. Sen. Varela: Do we think that this is ready?
c. Discussion:
d. Sen. Varela: I wanted to add one more thing; I wanted to change “general fee” to “general fund.”
e. Sen. Aldrich: The general fund is encompassing the fee, but that is just how I read it.

2. With a vote of 16-0-0-4, the MOTION to vote is passed

2. With a vote of 16-0-0-4, Resolution 1F is passed.

3. Closing
   a. ASUNM Closing Comments
      i. Sen. Regalado: I’m really glad that we got to the Resolution. It is important that we reach out to the students, and this is a good first step. I’m glad we got to pass this. If we didn’t have that funding come in, we would have been passing something else tonight.
      ii. Sen. Rivera: I feel as though we are not doing a great job. We are not reaching out to the non-Greek population, and I feel that we should. The culture at UNM that is against ASUNM is caused by the administration. When you think of UNM, what do you see? I see that we are all over the place. A lot of people do not think of us as a special university, and that makes me sad. I’m very disillusioned with how this campus is.
      iii. Sen. Ali: Thank you everyone who came to my event yesterday, I really appreciate everything that you all have done to help.
      iv. Sen. Romero: I appreciate the comments of previous senators, and I appreciate everyone in the public that came in tonight. With the new information today, it proves that some senators have more info than others. Reach out to as many senators as you can.
      v. Sen. Lutz: We should recognize all the good things that ASUNM does, not all the bad things. Each committee is doing a lot for the students, and the individuals that put in the effort. While there is a great number of us who are in Greek life, there is no difference in the work ethic of greeks and non greeks. I am proud of all of us.
      vi. Sen. Flores: I just wanted to encourage everyone to go to finance, as there are still a lot of questions about what we do. Our office hours are posted, come and talk to us. Come to our committee after yours gets out. I think this would help everyone get on the same level of understanding.
      vii. Sen. Varela: Thank you to the public who came today and spoke their opinions and for the people that made the fliers who advertised our meeting.
viii. Sen. Aldrich: I think we need to be more transparent with what we do. We need to be more transparent and outreach more, and the students would see what we do more and that their opinions matter.

ix. AG Montoya: Thank you for all the edits! Please do not submit bills that are not perfect! The only thing that we should be discussing during senate is the content of the bill. This is an exception, but please don’t let this happen again. Send your bill out to people to have it edited before the meeting.

x. Sen. Hotz: I agree with what was previously said, but we did not know these certain changes that needed to be done. Thank you all for editing this and showing that we are working on outreach, even though we are not nearly done.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

i. Sen. Torres: Good job here tonight. Cultures are not changed in a day, and we need to put in the work now to have it happen in the future. Don’t get bogged down that we cannot change the whole of UNM in a semester.

c. ASUNM Vice-President Closing

i. Vice President Lucas: Thank you to everyone who showed up tonight. Senate is what you make of it, and all of you have put in a lot of work to make a lot of changes. This is a tough situation, and thank you for doing everything that you’ve done! Shout out to AG Montoya and all that she does! I expect you all to be on your best behaviour at the Homecoming events next week.

d. Adjournment

i. Vice President Lucas adjourns the October 16th, 2019 Special Full Senate Meeting at 10:38 pm.