



DRAFT MINUTES



ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

August 19, 2023

3:00 PM

Tow Diem Athletics Facility

1) Opening

a. Call to Order

i. Chair calls meeting to order at 3:13pm

b. Land Acknowledgment

i. Vice President Chessman: Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

c. Roll Call

i. 10 Senators present, 2 absent.

d. Approval of Agenda

i. Chair entertains a motion to approve this meeting's agenda.

1. Discussion

a. Senator M. Schmitz motions to strike Vice-Presidential Appointment Cruz Davis-Martinez.

i. Seconded and passed.

2. Seconded and passed.

e. Approval of Minutes

i. Chair entertains a motion to table last meeting's minutes.

1. Seconded and tabled

f. Approval of Open Meetings Act Resolution

i. Chair entertains a motion to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution.

a. Discussion

i. Senator Schmitz: Point of Information. Are the bold items sections that have changed?

ii. Vice President Chessman: No, those are headers.

2. Seconded and passed.

2) Preliminary Business



- a. Guest Speaker
 - i. None.
- b. Public Comment
 - i. None.
- c. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
 - i. Vice President Chessman: Vice President Chessman is so excited for today. She recognizes that today has been a very long day for all the senators, and thanks everyone for being troopers.
- d. Joint Council
 - i. President Pacheco: We do not have any Joint Council reports right now. But we are going to start reaching out to resource center directors, some deans, and colleges to see if there are any student representatives that we can get to Joint Council. President Pacheco does not expect that we will have a full board before the next full senate meeting. We will try to have a full Joint Council before the second full senate meeting. We will keep you updated. Hopefully, we can utilize their counsel to get more involved with things we are doing at ASUNM, not just stuff with the Senate.
- e. Boards & Committees Report
 - i. President Pacheco: President Pacheco is waiting to hear back from the faculty senate to see what vacancies are needed for undergraduate representatives. Once she hears back from them, then applications will open on Instagram for the board and committee appointments. Senators are encouraged to apply if interested. If a senator knows of anyone else that is interested, senators are invited to encourage them to apply as well. President Pacheco will forward information to Vice President Chessman to pass along to the senators.
- f. ASUNM Senators
 - i. Senator Wright: Senator Wright expresses her excitement for all the new ASUNM senators. She encourages new senators to lean on the more senior senators and ask questions.
- g. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. Attorney General Peacock: Attorney General already has sent out the new Constitution and it should be on the website soon as well. So that is up to date. He is still waiting on legal counsel for many of last semester's goals. If someone has questions regarding what is going on with the communications team or any of their specific duties, please contact



Attorney General Peacock, because the specific wording is not in the lawbook yet. Attorney General Peacock presented two edits concerning the law book. Both edits are inside the legislative code. The first edit occurred in Article Two subsection two clause F, changing the word “of” to the word “for”. This concerns the President Pro tempore not counting as a member of quorum for any committee unless not enough members of the committee are present. The word “of” was the incorrect preposition for the phrase and the Attorney General is allowed to make the change as it is simply a grammatical error. The second error that was corrected was in Article six subsection one, he removed the “s” from regards changing it to regard.

h. ASUNM President’s Report

- i. President Pacheco: President Pacheco expressed her gratitude for everyone that came today and her excitement for everyone who is involved with Senate. She shared some updates from her end. With the chief of staff and Vice President Chessman, worked to establish a solid foundation for the year. There are three new positions: the Director of Student Wellness, Director of Environmental Affairs, and Director of Student Org Relations. The new positions attracted attention this last application cycle, with 375 total applications, which has not happened in over 20 years. President Pacheco provided updates on agencies. Student Special Events is hosting welcome-back days this week, with food and music. President Pacheco’s advice is that the more involved a person is with their agencies and resource centers, the better a senator they will be. President Pacheco recognized Senator Gurule for his close relationship with Lobo spirit and encouraged other senators to look toward him as an example. Reach out to seasoned Senators. Vice President Chessman has been so involved with senate and will be the greatest resource for the senators.

3) Business

a. Approval of Vice-Presidential Appointments

i. Miriam Barba

1. Chair entertains a motion to open the Vice-Presidential appointment of Miriam Barba.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
2. Questions



- a. Senator Schmitz: What is one thing that you want to get out of being a senator?
 - b. Miriam Barba: Miriam Barba, wants to be more involved in the behind-the-scenes process. She expressed that she has seen the perspective as a student attending events but would like to get involved with the backstory and how events get to where they get to.
 - c. Senator Angel: What are you most excited about?
 - d. Miriam Barba: Miriam Barab is excited about her committee with outreach and events. After seeing the success with finals week, she has a lot of ideas of what we can do for the students during dead week during finals.
3. With a vote of 10-0-0-2 the Vice-Presidential appointment of Miriam Barba passes.
- ii. Hilaria Barragan
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open the Vice-Presidential appointment of Hilaria Barragan.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Moore: What are one of your goals for this semester?
 - b. Hilaria Barragan: Expressed that she wanted to get people involved as quickly as possible with ASUNM.
 - c. Senator Schultz:
 - d. Senator Montoya: How do you think that you can better the student body by being a part of ASUNM?
 - e. Hilaria Barragan: She expressed that she has been around leadership for the majority of her life. She wants to help encourage those who feel like they do not belong and raise awareness about ASUNM.
3. With a vote of 10-0-0-2 the Vice-Presidential appointment of Hilaria Barragan passes.
- iii. Adrianna Casaus
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open the Vice-Presidential appointment of Adrianna Casaus.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
 2. Questions



a. Senator Wright: What is your biggest goal?

Adrianna Casaus: Adrianna's biggest goal is to promote freshman and transfer students in order to promote diversity in the student senate.

What skills will you be bringing to ASUNM?

In high school, Adrianna held many leadership positions and participated in public policy organizations. Her involvement in both has made her knowledgeable in private, public self-policy and policy and improved her public speaking skills.

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promote more

c. Senator Gurule:

d. Adrianna Casaus: In high

3. With a vote of 10-0-0-2 the Vice-Presidential appointment of Adrianna Casaus passes.

iv. ~~Cruz Davis-Martinez~~

v. Emma Fetherman

1. Chair entertains a motion to open the Vice-Presidential appointment of Emma Fetherman

a. Seconded and passed.

2. Questions

a. Senator Schultz: Obviously, you have worked behind the scenes of ASUNM, are you excited to actually be a senator?

b. Emma Fetherman: Yes, she is excited to be more involved with the senate.

c. Senator Moore: What are your goals for this semester?

d. Emma Fetherman: Emma Fetherman is interested in working toward better compensation for room advisors as she feels that they have been unfairly treated in the past few years.

e. Senator Schmitz: With that resolution, do you have ideas of how you are going to reach out to the student body? What groups do you have in mind?

f. Emma Fetherman: Emma Fetherman plans to reach out to Vice President Mikenzie Chessman, since she has extensive knowledge in resolutions. Emma has already spoken with several RA's, she has investigated the RA contract, and discovered that the stipend is for \$2700 over a 10-month period, which is equal to \$270 dollars per month and there is no overtime pay for holidays.

- g. Senator Angel: Out of all the committees, why are you interested in working with the finance committee?
 - h. Emma Fetherman: Emma Featherman has worked extensively with the finance committee for the last couple of semesters and believes their work is significant. She is a huge fan of immediate direct impact.
3. With a vote of 10-0-0-2 the Vice-Presidential appointment of Emma Fetherman passes.
- vi. Lucas Gutierrez
 - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open the Vice-Presidential appointment of Lucas Gutierrez.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
 - 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Schmitz: What is one thing that you are looking forward to at Senate and then what is one thing that your background in Greek life that you think you can bring to senate?
 - b. Lucas Gutierrez: Lucas Gutierrez is most excited about seeing the backend of everything, and how things are passed. Greek life has provided a foundation of people around him that has taught him to rely on others.
 - c. Senator Gurule: What other involvements do you have at UNM?
 - d. Lucas Gutierrez: During Lucas Gutierrez freshman year he was involved in SSC, and then his sophomore year he was the assistant director of elections. Since his sophomore year was during covid he feels like one of the biggest skills he learned was the ability to adapt.
 - e. Senator Angel: What part of finance are you most excited about getting involved with?
 - f. Lucas Gutierrez: Many organizations mostly know about ASUNM because they know that they get money from ASUNM. Lucas is most excited about going and reaching out to organizations and networking with anyone who is involved in finance. He wants to help smaller organizations where individuals want to join the



organization, but the people in charge do not have appropriate funding.

3. Discussion

4. With a vote of 10-0-0-2 the Vice-Presidential appointment of Lucas Gutierrez passes

vii. Bailey Rutherford

1. Chair entertains a motion to open the Vice-Presidential appointment of Bailey Rutherford.

a. Seconded and passed.

2. Questions

a. Senator Wright: What is your biggest goal that you want to get out of Senate?

b. Baliey Rutherford: Baliey Rutherford's biggest goal is to gain personal perspective. Baliey Rutherford aspires to be a teacher and feels that this sets an example.

c. Senator Grado: What experiences outside of ASUNM do you think you can bring to ASUNM?

d. Baliey Rutherford: Time management is something that Baliey Rutherford has learned outside of ASUNM and believes that it will be helpful on the senate.

e. Senator Montoya: What are you most looking forward to being on the senate?

f. Baliey Rutherford: Baliey Rutherford is excited to have access to resources centers, and information. In addition, Baliey Rutherford is looking forward to being the spotlight and a voice for those organizations.

g. Senator Moore: I yield.

3. Discussion

4. With a vote of 10-0-0-2 the Vice-Presidential appointment of Bailey Rutherford passes.

viii. Chair entertains a motion to recess until 3:50 pm

1. Seconded and passed.

ix. Chair calls meeting back to order at 3:53

1. 16 Senators present, 2 absent.

b. Approval of Fall 2023 Standing Rules

- i. Chair entertains a motion to open the approval of Fall 2023 Standing Rules.



1. Seconded and passed.
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. With a vote of 16-0-0-2 the Fall 2023 Standing Rules passes.
- a. None
 - c. Finance Committee
 - i. Senator Schultz: Senator Schultz welcomes everyone, especially the finance senators, and discusses that she can be reached by email, text, phone calls and group chat at some point.
 - d. Steering and Rules Committee
 - i. Senator Schmitz: Senator Schmitz expressed her excitement for the semester, and for the new senators. She looks forward to what will come out of the senate this semester. Her one comment was that people need to speak up, so that everyone in the room can hear what is being said so that we do not have to constantly ask people to speak up.
 - e. Outreach and Events Committee
 - i. Senator Moore: Senator Moore expresses her excitement for the semester and all the fun things that are planned. Her advice was to not be afraid to try new thing and ask questions. What you put into senate is what you will get out of senate.
- 4) Closing
 - a. ASUNM Closing Comments
 - i. Senator Angel: Senator Angel expressed his excitement for the semester and our next meeting.
 - ii. Senator Schultz: Senator Schultz wished everyone a great start to classes on Monday.
 - b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
 - i. President Pro Tempore Wright: President Pro Tempore Wright echoed previous sentiments, encouraging everyone that we are going to have an enjoyable time. She encourages everyone to speak up and get involved.
 - c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
 - i. Vice President Chessman: Vice President Chessman encourages everyone to be on the lookout for emails from the chairs with the agenda for this week. The first meeting is on Wednesday. Come say hi if you are in the office this week.
 - d. Adjournment
 - i. Chair adjourns meeting at 4:00pm.