

Senate or the Executive Branch. An advisory opinion has no force of law but is given as a matter of courtesy. These opinions are often cited as the probable correct law on the subject but are not binding.

Answer – (judicial) The means by which the defendant states their defense to the claim stated in the complaint, or any counterclaim against the plaintiff.

Appropriation Bill – A proposed piece of legislation which, if enacted, signed, or otherwise confirmed would authorize the expenditure of funds. It is a mechanism to request funding outside of the budget processes.

Appointed Chair – A member of a Senate Committee who is appointed by the Vice President to serve as chair.

ASUNM Office - The physical office located in the Student Union Building, Room 1016 or any other physical or virtual space approved by the President or Vice President used to conduct ASUNM business.

ASUNM Officer: any student holding a position in an ASUNM Government organization and all elected or appointed students serving in the ASUNM Government.

ASUNM Positions – Any position that is not elected but is filled by an individual who has gone through an application and appointment process and is ultimately selected by the ASUNM President with approval of the ASUNM Senate. This excludes students appointed by the ASUNM President to non-ASUNM Boards and Committees.

Bill – A proposed piece of legislation which, if enacted, signed, or otherwise affirmed, would become law.

Campaign Worker – Any person or organization involved in the campaign for the passage/defeat of an issue on the ballot or that aids a candidate or group of candidates in the solicitation of votes for the purpose of obtaining an elected office within ASUNM. Any person or organization becomes a campaign worker when the candidate(s), any group of candidates, or any candidates running together,) consents to the aid or is aware of it and does not attempt to stop it. Aiding in a campaign includes but is not limited to creating and/or distributing campaign material, fund-raising, and soliciting votes in any manner.

Campaign – Any and all acts and/ or resources that are involved in the solicitation of votes or endorsements for the purpose of obtaining an elected office, or the passage/defeat of any issue appearing on the ballot.

Challenge Ballot – A ballot cast by a challenge voter, and subject to individual verification by the Election Commission.

Challenge Voter – A voter who has their status as a member of ASUNM questioned.

Claim – Any demand for something as one's right or the right to an equitable remedy for a breach of contract or performance.

Classroom Component - Activities within a chartered student organization that contribute to earning a class credit hour including assignments outlined in the syllabus or assigned by an instructor.

Community Service – An unpaid act of a Senator, on behalf of ASUNM, that benefits the community in any way.

Complaint – A formal charge.

Constitutional Amendment – A proposed alteration in or addition to the ASUNM Constitution.

Contest of Election – A written challenge to the results of an election.

Contestant – Any student who files a written notice of contest of an election.

Contester – Any official against whom a written notice of contest of election has been filed.

Deficit Spending– Spending of ASUNM money that is not available in an organization’s account. This includes the spending of ASUNM money not available in individual line–items within an organization’s budget.

Early Departure –Leaving a meeting before it concludes.

Elected Chair – A member of a Senate Committee who is elected by a vote of a Senate Committee to serve as Vice Chair and who assumes the position of chair on a permanent basis when the Appointed Chair can no longer serve.

Election Official – Any member of the Election Commission, Poll workers, or other persons appointed to assist in any ASUNM election.

Endorsement – Any act where a member of ASUNM or UNM community abroad, excluding those with the power to adjudicate, publicly approves or supports a candidate for general elections.

Ex-Officio – A non–voting member with speaking privileges by virtue of, or because of, an office/position held, unless specified in the Law Book or Constitution otherwise.

Fall Retreat – The first organized meeting of the new academic year which falls before school starts where all available in ASUNM, led by the President and Vice President, learn the basics of ASUNM.

Financial Enjoinment – A legislative remedy issued in order to prohibit a group from engaging in any financial transactions.

Fiscal Year – The period of time beginning July 1st and ending June 30th.

General Election – A regularly scheduled election held during either the Fall or Spring Semester each year for the purpose of electing Senators and/or the President and Vice President or any referendum or constitutional amendment.

Group – Any chartered organization, service entities, Student Service Agency or committee, or General Government.

Impeach – To accuse an ASUNM official, elected or appointed, of a crime or malfeasance, before the Senate, by the presentation of a written accusation.

Interim – A temporary presidential appointee position pending approval from the Outreach and Appointments Committee.

Joint Resolution – A resolution that is passed by the Senate and signed by the President, at which time it will become an expression of intention or sentiment of the government and is limited to the term of the President who signed it.

Jurisdiction – The authority to interpret and apply the law of the territory under a given authority of control.

Official Candidate – A student who has filed with the Election Commission an affidavit for candidacy and who has been validated by the Election Commission, and who has also attended the mandatory candidate meeting.

One-Time Capital Outlay – A purchase that is made on an infrequent basis, usually equipment. Generally, a purchase is considered a one-time capital outlay only if time between purchases is 3–5 years or longer.

Opening Statement – An outline of anticipated proof in a case. Its purpose is to give the court introductory information about facts and issues so that the court will be able to understand the evidence. Such does not constitute evidence and may be limited in time by a rule of the court.

Outreach Hours – period of time a Senator commits to being physically present at: A student organization meeting or event in which the Senator is not a member of the organization but may represent through ASUNM, a meeting or event sponsored or cosponsored by a campus group of which the Senator does not regularly attend, or tabling. However, Senators may attend student organizations that they are a member of as a representative of ASUNM Senate and record that time toward Discretion Hours, for which said Senators aren't officers. In the case of tabling, the Senator must be clearly identified by a sign or ASUNM apparel. This does not include office hours, committee meetings, student service meetings, or joint committee meetings. These are to be done outside of the ASUNM office.

President Elect – The candidate elected during the spring ASUNM general election to the position of ASUNM President. This position will exist for the duration of time between the election results being certified and deemed official and the time the Presidential Oath of Office is administered. The President Elect is not formally powered to carry out actions on behalf of the Executive Branch and is therefore not considered a member of the Executive Branch.

Principal Sponsor – The Senator whose name appears first among the sponsors on a piece of legislation or the chair of the Senate Standing Committee sponsoring a piece of legislation.

Professional Services – Includes, but may not be limited to, a service done by a person or group specialized in a certain field or subject.

Referendum – An item of legislation which will be placed on the ballot of the next general election for a vote of the membership of ASUNM but does not provide for an amendment to the Constitution.

Resource Center – A department on campus offering a wide range of services tailored for students. This may include Accessibility Resource Center, African American Student Services, American Indian Student Services, Center for Financial Capability, College Enrichment Programs, El Centro de la Raza, Global Education Office, LGBTQ+ Resource Center, LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center, Veteran’s Resource Center, Women’s Resource Center, and other departments deemed necessary by the Vice President.

Reversion of Funds – Funds allocated by the Finance Committee but unspent during the fiscal year will be returned by the SGAO to the ASUNM General Fund at the end of the Fiscal year.

Scholarship – A financial award distributed to a member of ASUNM by the Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee – The ASUNM Scholarship Committee will be composed of the ASUNM President, ASUNM Vice President, President Pro Tempore, Chief Justice, Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Steering and Rules Committee Chair, Finance Committee Chair, and Outreach & Appointments Committee Chair. The chair will be the ASUNM Vice President. In the event that the Vice President is unavailable, the chair shall be temporarily appointed by the scholarship committee.

Seated Senate – All current members of the Senate session who have taken the oath of office.

Semester – The first day of classes until the Friday of Finals week.

Senate Resolution – An expression of intent or sentiment of the Senate. A Senate Resolution does not have the effect of law and may not be used to provide for the establishment of any rule or regulation; nor may it provide for an appropriation; nor may it provide for the establishment of any committees. A Senate Resolution is limited to the life of the session of the Senate in which it was passed.

Senator – An elected or Vice Presidentially appointed member of the Senate.

Senatorial Office Hours – A period of time a Senator commits to being physically present in the ASUNM office to conduct Senate business.

Seniority – Determined by either the greatest amount of time in office, or in the event of a tie, selection will be determined by the greatest number of votes received by the eligible Senators in their most recent election.

Service Entity – A program whose primary purpose is to provide service to the students of UNM.

Session – The sitting of the legislature, court, etc., for the transaction of its business. Student Government Accounting Office (SGAO) – A service department on campus that processes all funds allocated by ASUNM.

Spring Retreat - The first organized meeting of spring semester which before school starts where all available in ASUNM, led by the President and Vice President, learn the basics of ASUNM.

Standing Resolution– A resolution passed by the senate that provides for a directive or rule within the senate. A standing resolution shall stand as law within the senate and its life is limited to the session in which it was passed. A standing resolution does not need to originate in a committee, is passed by a majority vote, and does not need to be signed by the President of ASUNM.

Standing Rules – The rules guiding a government body on matters including but not limited to, speaking time, rules of debate, limits of debate, etc. A Government body will include but not be limited to, the Senate, its Committees, and Student Service Agencies.

Stipend – A financial award distributed to an ASUNM Officer in recognition of volunteer services.

Student Life Sector – A university resource or ethnic center.

Tardy – The event in which a Senator is not present when their name is called during roll call.

Town Hall Meeting – An open forum, coordinated by the Outreach and Appointments committee and the Vice President, which allows the University of New Mexico community to voice their concerns and questions regarding the University of New Mexico as a whole or special subject to ASUNM.

Voter – Any ASUNM member who votes in an ASUNM election.

Voting Period -The period from when voting opens until voting closes.