

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: Senator M. Chessman (A)(S)(E), Senator S. Wyatt (A)(S)(E), Attorney General J. Zinsmeyer (E), President Pro Tempore R. Romero Salas (S), Senator S. Carrillo (S), Senator J. Sanchez (S)

1st Reading: _____

Referred To: _____

2nd Reading: _____

Committee Action: _____

3rd Reading: _____

Senate Action: _____

Executive Action:

Approved Vetoed

ASUNM President

Date

Unsigned by the President on this ____ day of _____ 2022. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: _____ Senate Action: _____

Be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico that the following be amended in (*Legislative Code*) of the ASUNM (*Lawbook*):

Article III: Senators

Section 1. Oath of Office

1. No Senator will assume the duties of that office until an Oath of Office has been administered.
2. The Senatorial Oath of Office must be administered by a Justice of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico Student Court, and must be witnessed by a representative from each of the following:
 1. The Executive Branch.
 2. The Legislative Branch.
3. In the case that a Justice is unavailable to administer the Senatorial Oath of Office, the President of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico will administer the Senatorial Oath of Office. In the case that the President of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico is unavailable to administer the Senatorial Oath of Office, then the Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico will administer the Senatorial Oath of Office.
4. The Senatorial Oath of Office will be administered with the right hand uplifted and the following words said aloud: "I, (name), do affirm that I will uphold the laws of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico, the State of New Mexico, and the United States of America; that I commit myself to the service of the undergraduate

students of the University of New Mexico, and that I will otherwise fulfill the duties and obligations of a Senator of the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico to the best of my ability.”

5. Upon affirmation of the Oath of Office, an affidavit will be filed attesting to the authority of the Senator. The Senator may then assume office.

Section 2. Duties of each Senator serving on the ASUNM Senate

1. Each Senator is required to attend Standing Committee meetings and Full Senate meetings for the entire duration of the meeting.
2. Each senator is required to hold at least two (2) Senatorial Office Hours a week, which will be held in the ASUNM office. It is mandatory that each Senator submit their Office Hours weekly. The date and time of the submission will be at the discretion of the President Pro Tempore each semester.

C. If a Senator is unable to complete their office hours during their stated times they need to contact the President Pro Tempore before the designated time of their office hours. If a Senator is unable to attend their Standing Committee meetings or Full Senate meetings, they need to contact the President Pro Tempore at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting is scheduled. The President Pro Tempore will then immediately notify the committee chair and the Vice President of the senator's absence. In case of an emergency, every effort should be made to contact the President Pro Tempore within forty-eight (48) hours after the meeting or office hours, with a written notification to excuse the absence.

D. Each Senator must be appointed by the President of the Senate to one of the three Senate standing Committees. Those committees are the Finance Committee, Outreach & Appointments Committee and the Steering and Rules Committee.

1. The Finance Committee shall refer to the finance code and ASUNM Constitution for all financial responsibilities.
2. The Outreach and Appointments Committee shall be responsible for the following outlined duties as well as what is outlined in the ASUNM Constitution.

a. Appointments

- i. All appointees for the positions of Chief of Staff,

Attorney General, Director of Communication, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Student Service Agency Executive Directors, and Student Court Justices will be interviewed by the Outreach and Appointments Committee. All other appointees for positions may be interviewed at the discretion of the committee.

1. The appointee must attend the meeting in person or send another student to represent them at the committee hearing.

2. The appointee must inform the Outreach and Appointments Committee Chair at least three (3) days prior to the committee meeting if another student will be representing them at the committee hearing.
 3. The appointee may not send an ASUNM Senator to represent them at the committee hearing.
 - ii. All appointees will be required to submit an application specific to their desired position, cover letter and resume.
 1. If one or more of the documents is not presented to the Outreach and Appointments Committee, the appointee will not be approved until all documents are received by the Outreach and Appointments Committee.
 2. If all documents are not received by the next Outreach and Appointments Committee, the committee must vote not to approve the presidential appointment.
 - iii. If the Outreach and Appointments Committee confirms the appointment, it shall be forwarded to the ASUNM Senate for approval.
 1. The candidate need not be present at full Senate.
 2. If the candidate is not approved by the Senate,

the President must submit a new appointment or

resubmit that application.
 - iv. If the appointee is recommended for an interview with

the Outreach and Appointments Committee and the appointee or their representative fails to attend the scheduled committee hearing, the appointee or their representative must attend the subsequent committee hearing.
 - a. If neither the appointee nor their representative attends the subsequent committee hearing and in doing so has failed to attend two (2) ensuing committee hearings, then the Outreach and Appointments Committee must vote to not approve the same presidential appointment.
 - v. The Outreach and Appointments Committee votes to approve or not approve the presidential appointments that are interviewed at a committee hearing.
 - vi. If an appointment is not approved by the Outreach and Appointments Committee:
 1. The President must submit a new appointment or resubmit an application for the same candidate within five (5) days to the Outreach and Appointments Committee Chair for reconsideration.
 2. Each appointee may only be submitted twice for the same position.
 - c. If an appointee is not approved after the second submission, the President must submit a new appointment.

d. If an appointment is approved by the Outreach and Appointments Committee, the same process for final approval by the Senate as outlined in the Legislative Code Article III, Section 2, A, ii is followed.

b. Outreach.

i. The Outreach and Appointments Committee shall be

responsible for making and posting content for any dedicated ASUNM Senate social media accounts, under the guidance of the Chair, and for beginning the planning of specific ASUNM Senate town hall initiatives.

ii. Further outreach responsibilities are outlined in the ASUNM Constitution and are under the discretion of the committee and the President Pro Tempore.

3. The Steering and Rules Committee shall be responsible for what is outlined in the ASUNM Constitution.

E. Senators will also serve on Student Service Agencies as appointed by the President of the Senate.

1. Senators must contact their Student Service Agency at the beginning of each semester to establish meeting times, support opportunities, and provide financial assistance. Senators must continue to communicate throughout their term with their assigned agency. One (1) Senator from each agency shall report to Full Senate regarding the agency.

F. The office of the Vice President will assign a list of chartered student organizations to each Senator. Senators must attempt to contact their student organizations within two (2) weeks of receiving the list.

1. Senators must provide their assigned student organizations with the Senate office hours published by the office of the Vice President.

G. The office of the Vice President will assign each Senator to different Resource Centers. Senators must conduct a monthly meeting with a representative from their respective Resource Center starting in the month they receive their sponsoring Resource Center. Senators must coordinate these meetings with the appropriate Joint Council representative, if applicable.

1. Senators must contact their Resource Center and the appropriate Joint Council representative, if applicable, at the beginning of each semester to establish meeting times and support opportunities. Senators must continue to communicate throughout their term with their assigned Resource Center and the appropriate Joint Council representative, if applicable.

2. If a student service department on campus would like representation, they shall make a request in writing with the Vice President.

H. Each Senator is required to complete a minimum of twelve (12) Outreach hours, with the exception of the Senators of the Outreach and Appointments Committee, who are required to complete sixteen (16) Outreach hours. It is mandatory that each Senator submit their Outreach hours. The time and date will be at the discretion of the President Pro Tempore each semester.

1. Hours are broken down into the following categories: a. Four (4) ASUNM Event Hours

i. Four (4) hours, completed either together or separately, spent at an ASUNM approved outreach event, including but not limited to Student Service Agency hosted events, Senate planned outreach events, Executive planned outreach events, or any other outreach event deemed acceptable by the President Pro–Tempore

b. Four (4) UNM Community Hours

i. Four (4) hours, completed either together or separately, spent doing any activity in line with the definition of a senatorial outreach hour at a non–ASUNM sanctioned event.

c. Four (4) Discretion Hours

i. Four (4) hours, completed either together or separately, completed in an outreach event of the Senator’s own choosing including but not limited to the above approved events, or any outreach event consistent with the definition of an outreach hour found in the Definitions Code.

2. The additional four (4) hours required of Outreach and Appointment Senators will consist of two (2) ASUNM Event Hours and two (2) UNM Community Hours.

3. Senators are each required to complete four (4) Outreach hours by the onset of Fall or Spring Break to avoid disciplinary action. The remaining eight (8) hours must be completed by the final Full Senate meeting of the semester.

a. Outreach and Appointment Senators must complete their additional four (4) hours by the final Full Senate meeting.

9. Senators may be appointed to boards and committees. Senators that have accepted a position in any of the preceding governing bodies are required to attend all meetings for the boards and committees to which they have been appointed.

10. If a Senator fails to comply with the duties of their office which include but are not limited to, regular attendance of office hours, committee meetings, Senate meetings appointed board meetings, appointed committee meetings, or outreach hours along with the proper submission of Office and Outreach Credits at the Senate Pro Tempore’s discretion, that Senator will face proper disciplinary action as outlined by the Senator Accountability Code and the ASUNM Constitution.

I. Senators are each required to report all affiliations with non-ASUNM government student organizations at UNM to the Vice President and President Pro Tempore.