



ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES

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May 18, 2022

1) Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Chair calls meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Roll Call
 - i. 11 senators present. 3 senators absent.
- d. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve last meeting's minutes.
 - ii. Motion was seconded and passed.
- e. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motion to approve this meeting's agenda.
 - ii. Motion was seconded and passed.

2) Preliminary Business

- a. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
 - i. V.P. Pacheco: Hi everyone. I am very excited to see you all tonight even though it is not in an ideal format. However, welcome to Senate. Feel free to ask questions, it is going to be a learning curve. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Reach out to me and President May if you have any questions. There are also tenured senators that have a lot of experience so feel free to reach out at any time.
- b. ASUNM President's Report
 - i. President May: Congratulations to all of the new Senators and to my Executive Cabinet. Some of them are here tonight. I am looking forward to the upcoming year, and there are many initiatives that I want to pursue, so if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. There are many ways to advocate for what you want within Senate.
- c. Public Comment
 - i. No Public Comment.
- d. ASUNM Senators
 - i. Sen. Romero-Salas: Hey everyone. It is good to be back in Senate. I am excited to get a lot of stuff done and work with all of you.
 - ii. Sen. Carrillo: Hi everyone. I just wanted to congratulate all of the new Senators, and I am looking forward to the upcoming semester. I will keep my opening comments brief.

- iii. Sen. Chessman: Hi everybody. As previous senators have mentioned, I want to congratulate all of you and all of the new Executive Cabinet. I am sure that you all will do a great job this year, and I can't wait to start Senate with all of you.

3) Business

- a. Approval of Vice-Presidential Appointed Senators
 - i. Chair entertains motion to block vote the approval of appointed senators.
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.
 - ii. Destinee Alarcon
 - 1. Candidate questioned on reasoning to become a senator.
 - a. Candidate discussed previous experience as a Senate Aide.
 - 2. Candidate questioned on how the role of senate aide prepared to be a senator.
 - a. Candidate discussed the behind the scenes work with senate meetings and observing Parli Pro.
 - iii. Kevin Peacock
 - 1. Candidate questioned on reasoning to become a senator.
 - a. Candidate discussed previous experience and desire to represent students.
 - iv. Christian Pereira
 - 1. Candidate questioned on reasoning to become a senator.
 - a. Candidate discussed involvement in student organizations on campus and the role ASUNM can play on campus. Candidate referenced how experience can help with success in this role.
 - v. Jesus Sanchez
 - 1. Candidate questioned on reasoning to become a senator.
 - a. Candidate discussed experience on campus and personal experience that drove desire to be voice of students.
 - vi. Bhumi Milan Thanki
 - 1. Candidate questioned on reasoning to become a senator.
 - a. Candidate referenced participation in student organizations, on-campus job, and being an international student as a reason to apply.
 - vii. Senators approved with a vote of 11-0-0-3.
 - viii. Chief Justice Ramirez issues Oath of Office for all appointed Senators.
- b. Election of President Pro-Tempore
 - i. Sen. Chessman: I nominate Sen. Romero-Salas for Pres. Pro Tempore.
 - ii. Sen Romero-Salas: I accept.
 - iii. Sen. Chessman: I have nominated Sen. Romero-Salas for President Pro Tempore because of his experience and dedication to Senate. As Attorney General, he has knowledge of the lawbook and is experienced writing legislation. He has served in a Chair position as well, so I am confident that he will do well in this role.
 - iv. Sen. Carrillo: As a previous Senator has mentioned, Sen. Romero-Salas is well qualified to be President Pro Tempore. He has written countless pieces of

legislation, and is very knowledgeable about not only Senate but ASUNM as a whole.

- v. Sen. Pereira: I have worked with Sen. Romero-Salas in World Affairs Delegation, and his organization was amazing. I can't speak to his previous ASUNM experience, but I can speak for his work ethic.
- vi. Sen. Villegas: Sen. Romero-Salas has a good goal for what ASUNM Senate can do. He wants us to be cohesive and a community. Moving forward as a combined force can make ASUNM have a bigger impact on campus.
- vii. With a vote of 16-0-0-3, Sen. Romero-Salas is elected as President Pro Tempore.

4) Closing

a. ASUNM Senators

- i. Sen. Chessman: Congratulations to our new President Pro Tempore. I am very excited to work with everyone. Congratulations to the new President, Vice President, Executive Cabinet, and newly appointed Senators. I am excited to work with you all this year.
- ii. Sen. Baca: I am so happy to work with all of you. Coming in as a Senator can be very scary, and if you need any help at all, please reach out. I will also like to get to know all of y'all.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. Sen. Romero-Salas: I want to thank you all for trusting me to be in this position. This position is very integral to Senate, and I hope I can fulfill it to the best of my abilities. Talking to administration and talking to NSO, we do have a lot of impact. We have a certain position as student leaders and have authority. We can make significant change.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing:

- i. V.P. Pacheco: Thank you all for sticking with me through this first meeting. I am very excited to embark on this journey with you all. If there are any initiatives you want to pursue, please meet with me. There are a lot of visions that will intersect, and we can brainstorm and make changes this upcoming year. Chair applications are now open. If you have any questions about that, reach out to me with any questions. Also fill out the General Info Form as soon as possible. Thank you all, and I look forward to this next year.

d. Adjournment

- i. Chair adjourns meeting at 6:49pm.