

ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

August 31, 2022 6:00 PM

Lobo A&B, Student Union Building

- 1) Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - i. Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:01PM.
 - b. Land Acknowledgment
 - c. Roll Call
 - i. 19 Senators present
 - d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Chair entertains a motion to approve the agenda
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.
 - e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Chair entertains a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes.
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.
- 2) Preliminary Business
 - a. Guest Speakers: Mia Amin & Ana Paula Milan
 - i. Ana: Hello everyone, we're here to talk to you about our experience at ASUNM. Thank you so much for having us. ASUNM has shaped our experiences post-undergrads as students and in our career paths. I was the VP my senior year, and I am now part of a PhD program for economics. The main reason I was a part of ASUNM was to help my community. I am also a graduate research fellowship with A--. I see some mentees here tonight. I wanted to share three things I took away from ASUNM. Make connections, college is so much more than just going to class, like Ryan said. These connections go far beyond college, they will take you places. The second thing is never forgetting your 'why.' Your 'why' will carry you through meetings and things you don't want to do. The third is to challenge yourself. Push yourself out of your comfort zone. Do more. Meet with student orgs, write legislation, do better in your roles. You get out what you put in. Thank you so much for having me. What you do matters here.
 - ii. Mia: Hello everyone, I was president my senior year, from 2020 to 2021.I'm working with Project Echo, a global nonprofit based in New Mexico that serves Africans, meant to reduce healthcare disparities. ASUNM was



the single most challenging but best experience I had at UNM. You will get as much out as you put in. ASUNM helped me find a job, helped me get into Stanford for my master's, helped me get New Mexico's 40 under 40 award. I'm not saying this to brag, but to inspire you to put more in. Be present at these events, these meetings. Engage with your students. The voice of ASUNM is loudest when it is united with the executive branch. You must collaborate, no one will listen if you don't listen to each other. When I was president, we worked with the senate to email legislators to bring up the lottery scholarship to cover 100% of student tuition that year. That wouldn't have happened if we weren't united. Collaborate with President May. You are a student first, prioritize that part of your life. ASUNM is hard, take care of yourself. Thank you so much. That's all I have. Good luck.

- iii. VP Pacheco: Thank you so much, both of you, for coming in. Does anyone have any questions?
- iv. Sen. Carrillo: Thank you, my question is what lessons you learned from the COVID year that we can apply back in person?
- v. Mia: The biggest thing that has happened is the shift in priorities. Make sure that you are tapped into what the students of UNM want. What legislation they want passed and the best way to reach out.
- vi. Ana: Adaptability will be your greatest strength, be open minded to change. Be willing to compromise.
- vii. Sen. Carrillo: Thank you
- viii. Sen. Romero-Salas: Thank you Madam Vice President, thank you both for coming out, it's much appreciated. What was your favorite thing about ASUNM/UNM in general?
- ix. Ana: My favorite thing was the connections I made. I worked with the best people I know. Mia is my best friend, this amazing professional. And Krystah—Vice President Pacheco, Ryan Linquist, all of these people are amazing. Being involved in many things as an undergrad as well was invaluable to my perspective. So be involved.
- x. Mia: I would agree, but my favorite part was working with the staff I hired within the executive branch. It was the most diverse staff ASUNM had ever had, at least up until that point. Ana and I are both international students, and that played a part in our running. UNM being a minority majority campus and all these cultures are very important. Every time you talk to someone you learn something new.



- xi. Sen. Romero-Salas: Thank you so much. I have McDonald's underneath me right now and with the aroma you'd think I want to eat it, but this was so engaging I actually don't.
- xii. VP Pacheco: Thank you Sen. Romero-Salas. Senator Villegas
- xiii. Sen. Villegas: Thank you Vice President Pacheco? How did you guys deal with all the sociopolitical issues that arose with COVID?
- xiv. Mia: The day we won, there was the first COVID case in New Mexico. We didn't know what was going on. I relied on Ryan heavily; talk to your advisors. My staff worked with me to resolve issues as well, including tensions with the Daily Lobo.
- xv. Ana: What I learned the most was to be true to what you believe in.

 People will respect you more when you follow what you think. Carry that with you as senators.
- xvi. Sen. Villegas: Thank you so much for taking the time to come out for us.
- xvii. VP Pacheco: Any other questions? Seeing none, we will move forward. Thank you so much for coming out and talking to us.

b. Public Comment

- i. Jared Br(?): Lobo Hockey thanks ASUNM for its generous donation and assures that the hockey team has been and will continue to fundraise for their costs that were not covered in their appropriation, appropriation 1F.
- ii. Daniela Millan: Hello everyone, I just wanted to remind you all to have fun this semester. I am the director of communications, and I also sent out a calendar with every event imaginable on there for all of you, they should be in your emails. I also sent your retreat pictures to you, please pick one for the website or I will pick one for you, but I'll do a good job picking. Thank you!

c. ASUNM President's Report

i. President May: Hello, glad to see the senate starting off strong. Former President Amin said this already, but I want to echo her sentiment of staying united. The student GPSA (?) president and I are now doing standing meetings. We will most likely be having a student escort service this year, more details to come. This was a direct result of initiation and collaboration. I would appreciate more support in the Lobo Guardian app. Use all its features. I'm very excited this year, we have a lot of power this year, administration has been fantastic. Those of you who represent student agencies, go to their volunteer meetings. Krystah and I are going to NMSU on Friday to talk about what we can work on statewide. We have a couple open positions, tell your friends, the information is on our Instagram. Be present this year. With that, I yield my time.



d. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks

i. VP Pacheco: Hello everyone, great to see you all. If you're available tomorrow at noon, AISS is having a welcome back barbecue at noon, and CEB is having their welcome back barbecue September 7th at 11AM. Be very present at meetings; whenever we have a guest speaker or public comment, put your screens down and give them your undivided attention. That's all I have tonight.

e. Joint Council

i. President May: Joint council is very similar to senate, but instead of elected representatives there are representatives picked form each area of student life and look over things that pass through senate. The director of diversity, equity, and inclusion will be the chair for joint council. Unfortunately, Director Bell couldn't be here tonight. You'll hear more updates next meeting.

f. Boards & Committees Report

i. President May: The first meeting of the student union building board was today; the SUB board is a very powerful body. It moved the Lobo Food Pantry from where it was to its much more accessible location now. In the future if you're looking to apply somewhere, the SUB board is a great place. The student fee review board also has a couple open positions. You are welcome to apply for open seats. The student fee review board decides where student fees go, there are millions of dollars of general student fees that don't go to us. They allocate it to recreational services, resource centers, they decide what that goes to and what takes priority. If you have any questions please bring them to me, applications are due next Tuesday. That's all I have tonight.

g. ASUNM Senators

i. No comments

h. Attorney General Law Book Edits

i. Attorney General Zinsmeyer: I don't have any present law book edits at this time, I was murdered by my classes so I'm a bit behind. During discussion on legislation, make sure you cite the legislation properly; use the line, section, subsection. If it's a code, use the code and article, etc. During questions and discussions, please be prepared; you cannot go back once you've moved from questions to discussion. Block voting is a very useful tool, but you have to make sure you motion to block vote before you open the initial line item that you would like to have included in the block vote. Also, you only get one vote for the block vote, so it doesn't matter how many things are included. You will only have one



vote for the entire thing. Make sure you're using formal titles when you address someone. Also, keep your screens down for guest speakers and public comment. They don't come to talk to us often and it's really rude to not make eye contact or be doing something else on your laptop. We want people to come back and speak to us. That's all I have, I yield my time.

3) Business

- a. Approval of Vice Presidential Appointed Senator
 - i. Alicia Torres
 - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open the approval of Alicia Torres
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
 - 2. Alicia Torres questioned on what she's most excited for as a potential senator
 - a. Torres responds with a desire to get to know the resource centers and other senators, as well as using her position to make a difference.
 - Alicia Torres questioned on what she believes she can bring to ASUNM
 - a. Torres responds with her unique perspective and eagerness to work, her desire to learn about student government and her work ethic, and her experience collaborating with different student organizations on campus.
 - 4. Alicia Torres questioned on why she wants to join ASUNM
 - Torres responds with an eagerness to ensure that all student organization have a voice that is heard within ASUNM, as well and the desire to make a difference in her community.
 - 5. Alicia Torres questioned on if she has any initial plans or goals she has as a senator.
 - a. Torres mentions highlighting the importance of mental health to the student body and directing them to the resources on campus that are available to them.
 - 6. Roll call vote to approve Alicia Torres as a senator
 - a. Alicia Torres approved 19-0-0-0
 - 7. Chair entertains a motion to recess until 6:55pm.
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
- b. Finance Committee
 - i. Appropriation 1F: Lobo Hockey



- 1. Chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation 1F
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
- 2. Roll call vote to approve Appropriation 1F
 - a. Appropriation 1F approved 20-0-0-0
- c. Steering and Rules Committee
 - i. Bill 1F: Changing definition of 'Outreach Hours'
 - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open Bill 1F.
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
 - b. Bill 1F approved 19-1-0-0.
 - ii. Bill 2F: Changing 'Duties of a Senator'
 - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open Bill 2F.
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
 - 2. Sen. Romero-Salas: With this bill, we ensure that each senator will be completing 14 outreach hours a semester, so one per week, and hosting office hours once a week as well.
 - 3. Sen. Villegas: What does this line mean, that hours can be completed together or separately?
 - 4. Sen. Pereira: Does it mean that the 14 required outreach hours can be completed all at once?
 - 5. Sen. Wyatt: I was under the impression that the 'together or separately' line referred to being able to complete your outreach hours with the company of another senator.
 - 6. Sen. Carrillo: Would it be detrimental to strike this line from the bill before we pass it?
 - 7. Sen. Romero-Salas: It would not be detrimental, but in my opinion, we should just pass it and change it afterward to avoid any confusion. I think it means that the hours can be completed together, for example, going to Friday Night Lights with another senator could count as an outreach hour. However, this language was in the bill before we made edits to it, so I can't definitely say what it means.
 - 8. Sen. Chessman: I move to strike 'completed either together or separately'.
 - a. Motion seconded.
 - b. Sen. Villegas: Would you accept a friendly amendment to make this a sweeping motion?
 - c. Sen. Chessman: I accept.
 - d. Motion passed. 19-1-0-0.
 - 9. Roll call vote to approve Bill 2F.



- a. Bill 2F approved 20-0-0-0
- iii. Bill 3F: Changes Appointments process with President Pro Tempore to align with newly adopted Constitution
 - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open Bill 3F
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
 - 2. Sen. Romero-Salas: Basically, this would just change the process of making appointments a little bit, details to follow in the email that will be sent later this week.
 - 3. Roll call vote for the approval of Bill 3F.
 - a. Bill passed 20-0-0-0
- d. Outreach and Events Committee
 - i. Appointment of Vice Chair, Sen. Villegas and some event planning was done, but details must be sorted out within the committee before those events are brough to the senate.

4) Closing

- a. ASUNM Closing Comments
 - i. Sen. Carrillo: Thanks so much for a great meeting, everyone, as a reminder our first budget meeting is tomorrow at 2 in the SUB. If you guys are interested in learning how budgeting for student organizations work or you want to support finance, the best committee, please show up and get educated about how student money is allocated and how to use that to your advantage.
- b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
 - i. It was so great to hear all your guys' questions, I feel like the senate has never been this engaged so all the discussion was great. People don't generally read over the bills this closely, so this bodes well for the future. This was a great senate meeting, I'm happy to be back and to be working with all of you.
- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
 - i. VP Pacheco: Thank you all so much for a great senate meeting, I am so proud of all of you and the engagement, and the questions were so encouraging to see. Thank you all for being here and I look forward to seeing you two weeks from now. Be on the lookout for upcoming emails from Senator Romero-Salas and I, and other upcoming ASUNM events that are posted on the calendar Daniela has already sent out. Thank you all so much again.
- d. Adjournment
 - i. Chair adjourns this meeting at 7:47PM.