



# DRAFT MINUTES



## ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

September 14, 2022

6:00 PM

Lobo A&B, Student Union Building

- 1) Opening
  - a. Call to Order
    - i. Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:04PM
  - b. Land Acknowledgment
  - c. Roll Call
    - i. 18 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 last meeting's minutes
      1. Motion seconded and passed
- 2) Preliminary Business
  - a. Guest Speaker
  - b. Public Comment
    - i. Chalina: Hi, I am the Vice President of WAD. We have been growing and still are, our appropriation was 8k last year, within the last week we gained 5 members, we are the only ones that host conferences for high schoolers here at the SUB. The money we use supports everyone in the community and potential future students. The conferences we attend boost delegate skill, and we work to reduce costs. Our club has won awards at World MUN and has received a commendment letter from Bill Richardson, a former UN ambassador, for our participation in World MUN. Our delegates improve their speaking, reading and writing skills. We have a competitive spirit and this club
    - ii. Nia: I've been doing Model UN since high school, it helps me travel to places I've never been, saved my life, improved my public speaking skills. Travel is expensive and Model UN is a great opportunity to explore the world.
    - iii. Questions
    - iv. Sen. Romero-Salas: Who in this room would be impacted by the cuts?
    - v. Chalina: You, Christian, Erica, Ian, Jackie, all four of us.
    - vi. Sen. Romero-Salas: Thank you so much for the answer and for being here.
    - vii. Ryan Linqvist: Hello everyone, this is an opportunity for us to talk tonight about the bills that may impact people at this table. This is an opportunity to review bills in an equitable and objective way. There is not a personal attack going on for anyone in this room. You must work with each other; I have the utmost faith you will do excellently. I am hoping to see some of you stop by my office, is everyone going to Silent Lights tomorrow night? Yes? See you all there.
  - c. ASUNM President's Report
    - i. Thank you, VP Pacheco and Senators, for your time. I'm here in good spirits. I have some updates from agencies. Silent Lights is tomorrow night. We need volunteers



starting at 6PM for setup, running until midnight for cleanup. Please be there if you can. Governmental affairs have their first volunteer meeting at 6PM 9/16. Please show up if you're interested. Southwest Film Center's Reel Club is having a meeting Friday 9/16 at 6PM. There is also a movie showing this weekend. Lobo Spirit is hosting Aggie Building, in the Sigma Chi basement every day Monday through Thursday until the 6<sup>th</sup>. General reminders; our agencies submitted their first round of reports this month and they need more volunteers, more presence at meetings, and more advertising for their events. Student Regent is also open, we have a forum on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1. Student Regent sits on the Board of Regents making decisions for the student body. It is the most powerful student position there is. If you have any questions please come to me, Erica, or Krystah. I have now passed the student escort service to the chief of staff office. Krystah and I saw what they're doing at NMSU and what they have may not fit for us. I will now stand for questions.

- d. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
  - i. Hello everyone, it's a beautiful day. I have some updates. I know there were changes in legislative expectations. You have one office hour a week and whatever you sent me will be on the UNM website. You are expected to be in the ASUNM office in the Senate Lounge unless you tell me otherwise. You have one outreach hour a week. That's meeting with student orgs and research centers. You should be meeting with those you sponsor at least once a semester. Please be active at those meetings, it shows we care. ASUNM event hours are required eight times this semester. Biweekly emails are to be sent out by the Tuesday before the full senate. We're using Microsoft Teams for our group chat—download that and turn notification on by tonight. Upcoming events: Silent Lights in from 8-11 tomorrow, volunteering is needed and starts at 6. Sigma Chi basement has the Aggie Building --- October 4<sup>th</sup> 12:30 is the student luncheon. The deadline to RSVP is Friday. SW Film Center screening Friday. The Utech game is this Friday, kickoff is at 6. When things get tense with legislation, do not take it personally. Shoutout VP Regalado for coming to this meeting.
- e. Joint Council
  - i. Danielle Bell: Quick update for joint council: all emails were sent out today for senators and departments, please remind these of the deadline, September 28<sup>th</sup> 5PM. The goal is to have our first meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please reach out, stop by my office.
  - ii. Questions
  - iii. Senator Villegas: Can I get the date one more time?
  - iv. September 28<sup>th</sup> 5PM.
- f. Boards & Committees Report
  - i. Macsteveny: We have a lot of open positions, once we have that out, please reach out to non-ASUNM members and get them to apply. You can apply for the faculty senate appointments, information tech use, teaching enhancements, library committee. If you have any questions, please reach out.
- g. ASUNM Senators
  - i. Sen. Carrillo: Our budget hearings are happening September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and see how budgets work. We just closed the window to submit budgets. We'll send out the schedule soon.



- ii. Sen. Pereira: Southwest Film Center is not showing the movie this *whole* weekend, just Friday. Riley also asked us to spread the word about Reel Club because they're having their elections this Friday from 5-6.
  - iii. Sen. Romero-Salas: With office hours, please try to do those in the Senate Lounge, sign in and out, and do not send biweekly emails to my personal email. For resource centers and agencies, ask them what's going on, communicate with them. This section is to talk about the updates resource agencies and student orgs have. We no longer have an agenda that spells this out. If you have any reports or updates, this is the time to do so. I yield my time.
  - iv. Sen. Villegas: One of my student orgs is affordable student housing. This is an extremely important organization. 4 out of 10 UNM students are experiencing a housing crisis. If you're interested in writing a resolution to show our advocacy for this issue, please reach out. We want to show our support for these organizations. This is a real issue and needs to be addressed.
  - v. Sen. A. Torres: Updates from CE, biweekly meetings on Wednesdays, blood drive coming up next month, volunteer opportunities, there is a link in their bio.
  - vi. Sen. Chessman: SUB board updates: the committees are being assigned; I am the senate representative for the Board. If you have ideas, my office hours are Tuesdays from 2-3. I would be happy to hear you out and work with you.
  - vii. Sen. Martin: The Arts and Crafts agency has started their weekly option, Wednesday 1-3 is jewelry making, that's every week. They're very fun.
  - viii. Sen. Moon: AASS: they're packing out all their student meetings and are running out of room. If you have space allocation ideas, please reach out to me and I'll reach out to them. They ask that we reach out to them more.
  - ix. Sen. Villegas: This Monday at 5:30 and open meetings Wednesday 3-4 student housing. Club Thursday 3-4.
  - x. Sen. Sanchez: Thank you to everyone who came out to rotations with ELL. They're having agency rotations next week and need mentors.
- h. Attorney General Law Book Edits
- i. Zinsmeyer: Hello. I have been in the process of updating the law book. I've reworked how the sections are organized because it was very inconsistent. I have not sent it out yet. I'm still working on other aspects, if you see anything I can fix let me know. I'll get it sent out soon. You guys did a very good job last time. I was very pleasantly surprised. Continue to ask questions, you can always make a point of inquiry. You don't need to have the floor but don't be rude. You should abstain from voting for anything that can be viewed as a conflict of interest. Don't block vote, you only get one vote for all the pieces of business in that vote, so be wise. Good luck and I yield.

### 3) Business

#### a. Finance Committee

- i. Appropriation 2F: Radical Feminist Literary Society
  - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation 2F
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  - 2. Introduction speech: Sen. Alarcon: This student org is capped at 750 and has a place to store the two books they requested; it was very reasonable. That is all, I yield.
  - 3. Appropriation 2F passes 18-0-0-2
- ii. Appropriation 3F: UNM Esports



1. Chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation 3F
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2. Introduction speech: Sen. Wyatt: The UNM esports requested 10k for conference fees and recording equipment. We lowered the camera count to two, reducing a lot of cost and funded the conference fees in full. They have 150 members just in under
3. Sen. Villegas: How many people normally go to their conferences?
4. Sen. Wyatt: The conferences are virtual; they pay a flat participation fee for their club.
5. Sen. Carrillo: All their conferences are virtually run aside from their statewide competition that they host. What separates them is they have teams that must try out for events. The people participating must be the players on the team, but everyone is able to compete or attend.
6. Sen. Gurule: Is there an upper limit for conference fees?
7. Sen. Carrillo: When it comes to conference fees, we cap it at 50% but we funded them in full because it is impossible for them to compete without full funding. In this instance we were comfortable funding those fees because they were on the lower end and it's impossible for them to compete without them.
8. Sen. Reynoso: What is an Onyx sound mixer and what does it do?
9. Sen. Carrillo: It comes out in October, and it is a sound mixer. We budgeted for them to have 1, despite their request for 2. It is needed for their streaming services.
10. Sen. Reynoso: Is this a necessary part of eSports?
11. Sen. Carrillo: Having sound equipment is necessary for streaming at their capacity. They need audio and visual aspects to compete in their virtual conferences.
12. Sen. Sanchez: What is the purpose of the green screen?
13. Sen. Wyatt: It's for their streaming as well, they requested 3 and we funded 1.
14. Sen. Villegas: What makes this mixer different from other mixers?
15. Sen. Carrillo: From my understanding, they requested 2 different mixers but chose this because of their capabilities. I am not too tech informed. They received a quote from a company that SGAO uses. They would be spending a lot less money and I recommended they keep their appropriation to use for
16. Sen. Gurule: Have they done any fundraising before?
17. Sen. Chessman: The UNM eSports club is private, and they cannot receive sponsorships. They are working to overcome that. They are not allowed to receive corporate sponsorship but can fundraise.
18. Sen. Reynoso: Do they do fundraise?
19. Sen. Chessman: Yes, they are highly active in fundraising and to make the most of what they can.
20. Sen. Romero-Salas: Point of inquiry for the Attorney General, can members of the public answer questions about their co
21. Discussion



22. Sen. Chessman: They have been very involved with ASUNM and we are giving that same action. We should support an organization doing so much with so much student engagement. We should continue to support them to the best of our ability.
23. Sen. Reynoso: I am concerned that a lot of us do not understand what's going on.
24. Sen. Romero-Salas: What they talked about during the meeting was livestreaming to get another audience. With Twitch they can get money, and boosts community outreach. For the mixer, my assumption, it is for everyone to be wired to the same audio channel. As far as conference fees are concerned, they are needed, as far as DLC goes, that is needed to participate at the collegiate level. You must have the DLC to participate with other schools.
25. Sen. Gurule: My main concern is their conference fees because it violates standing rules and student orgs may seize that opportunity.
26. Sen. Carrillo: I understand why it's confusing, and it's because you don't receive the quotes and line items finance receives. What is listed is not everything they told us, and we are happy to get the original quotes from you. Equity is certainly a part of our discussion for standing rules. In this instance, they cannot compete without their entrance fee. It would be like the soccer club didn't have soccer balls. It's very unfortunate they're not recognized as an official sport. What they are requesting is completely reasonable.
27. Sen. Martin: This club is rapidly growing, and streaming capacity is required to participate in conferences and to run conferences themselves. They were requested to run NMAA and they need everything in the appropriate run that. The conference fees are for a very large club. They have at least 6 games with teams and each team has JV and varsity.
28. Sen. Pereira: The reason they requested these specific items is to keep their streaming capability strong. And for funding conference fees, the other option is they are not funded at that percentage and the members must pay out of pocket.
29. Sen. Villegas: I have seen the eSports team stream and the cameras and other appropriation items are reasonable.
30. Sen. Romero-Salas: The university does not want to recognize them as a varsity sport, which is a discredit to them. In the fall we will put in legislation to change that. As a varsity sport they would be able to request more money from the university. I wish the university would support eSports more, they have tons of members. This is a systemic issue, and we need to have a conversation with the university around it.
31. Sen. Sanchez: It falls on us as senators because of the fault of the university to support this large and established club. The mixer has 16 sources of audio, and their League of Legends team alone has fifteen minimum audio streams needed.
32. Sen. Chessman: I would like to emphasize that although we are funding conference fees in full, but they do not request travel fees. Please keep that in mind. We at ASUNM have a responsibility to continue supporting eSports until UNM makes eSports a varsity sport. If you'd like to look over our resolution

33. Sen. Reynoso: After this discussion I have realized that treating them equitably makes sense to give them this funding. This also seems like a startup cost, it doesn't seem like a future problem, this appropriation will have them set.
  34. Sen. Wyatt: The eSports community has already talked about approaching GPSA and fundraising and finding
  35. Sen. Lemme: It is very important to give this club the highest quality equipment needed for such an engaged and growing club. It is perfectly reasonable to set them up for future successes and give them the means to self-fundraising in the future.
  36. Appropriation 3F passes 18-0-0-2
- iii. Appropriation 4F: World Affairs Delegation
1. Chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation 4F
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  2. Sen. Carrillo: This is for the World Affairs Delegation. The most important part is their travel fees for these conferences, including plane tickets, food, and other travel needs. There has been a lot of discussion on raising and reducing this appropriation such as giving back metro ticket funds and reducing World MUN fees.
  3. Sen. Gurule: What are the dates of the conference, where is it, and how many students will be going?
  4. Sen. Carrillo: It depends, there are conferences in California, North Carolina, and Paris. It's about 15 for California, in Paris they may take 8-10 people. They are requesting funds for those they have already chosen to attend.
  5. Sen. Gurule: Is this one of two appropriations?
  6. Sen. Carrillo: As far as I'm aware these travel fees are for all their conferences throughout the year. This is not their total price; they are planning to use some self-generated cost.
  7. Sen. Gurule: How did they fill out the forms for the students already picked to attend?
  8. Sen. Carrillo: They did not provide us with a specific list of who is going to the conference yet. They have not picked them yet. If you wanted specific names you would have to go through the
  9. Sen. Gurule: So, for requesting travel funds you do not have to list the specific people?
  10. Sen. Carrillo: No.
  11. Sen. Reynoso: Is this what we see every year?
  12. Sen. Carrillo: In budgets you are not allowed to request travel funds because they are not allowed to request it in their budget. If you are interested in learning about their annual expenses, then I would recommend SGAO.
  13. Sen. Chessman: What do we know about who they are picking to send to conferences to ensure a fair trial for all their members?
  14. Sen. Carrillo: I know for the World MUN they have a selection committee.
  15. Discussion
  16. Sen. Carrillo: I do not have any grievances against WAD but as a finance chair I am not comfortable funding this appropriation in full in this current



state. It is difficult for us to act ethically as some members are a part of this organization when some may benefit from this appropriation. Our appropriation budget that we are sitting at is 65,000 dollars for the rest of the semester. For next week we have five appropriations requested and one is up to 15,000 dollars. Our reserves need to be saved for the fall budget process, we have about 26,000 dollars and about 30 student orgs who will be requesting funds. Smaller orgs may feel disenfranchised if we do not fund them. World MUN does not happen until March of 2023, and WAD has over 10,000 dollars in self-generated funds currently. Due to our funding resetting in the spring, and that is where our money goes, we would be in a better position. If we cut World MUN they could file a second appropriation. I think with that in mind and the fact that they can fund travel right now, I yield.

17. Sen. Martin: The conferences, trojan MUN is October 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 20 members, people are picked to go based on who is active and experience.
18. Sen. Romero-Salas: I am a member of the club and former fundraising chair and raised between 4,000-6,000 dollars this year. I want to address a couple of things. ASUNM has around 11,000 dollars for appropriations this semester, but we dip into our reserves. This plus our reserves is 65,000 dollars. This is not very much money. Our crisis gets worse because the reserves allow us to have more money in our fall budget process. There were over 100 people at the last budget workshop, and we need to be aware of how many budgets may be requested. In 2019, ASUNM ran out of money, President Stokes granted us money. Angela has advised us against going into debt. These larger organizations may believe it becomes precedent that they deserve that money, but we need to behave equitably. We risk disenfranchising smaller organizations. Our own accountant should be concerned with how much money we are spending on appropriations.
19. Sen. Chessman: As ASUNM senators we are responsible for ensuring equity for all student orgs. We need to remain equitable and ethical. As previous speakers mentioned, we are in a money crisis. I also met with Angela, our accountant, and she expressed immense concern about our spending. Under no circumstances should we go into debt. We do not have the caliber for fall funding we were anticipating. We were expecting 100,000 dollars from summer fees, but we have about 23,000. I would like to express my support for making cuts but also to continue funding their organization. Our students already see us as against them and favoring large organizations and we need to be equitable and consistent in our appropriations.
20. Sen. Gurule: My main issue with this appropriation is the vagueness in which the funds are spent and how students are selected. I think we should know where and how the money will be spent.
21. Sen. A. Torres: I am involved in this organization. While World MUN is in the spring, the conference fees are due in full.
22. Sen. Carillo moves to reduce line item 6 to read 0
  - a. Motion seconded
  - b. Discussion

- c. Sen. Romero-Salas: I want to talk about travel funds working for World MUN. The members are going to be paying for the ticket and the funding is for the members to be refunded. Regarding being able to request a second appropriation, that benefits everyone involved. There is a greater likelihood for them to be funded in full.
- d. Sen. Carrillo: I want to provide clarity on why I made this motion. The appropriation is set up for the conference fees to be separated. This line item is the World MUN ticket fees. Our funding available will increase significantly next semester once the student fee change goes into effect. These smaller student organizations may want to request a budget in the meantime, and we do not have the funds for them.
- e. Sen. Gurule: We should consider their self-generated funds and how they can be used to fund their conference. If they have 10,000, and we fund them in full they would only spend about 34% of their self-generated funds.
- f. AG Zinsmeyer: The second appropriation for the spring semester is only for slashed budget items.
- g. Sen. Reynoso: I support Senator Carrillo; they have about 40 members and it provides a unique opportunity for fundraising. And the things being cut can be requested later. I want to acknowledge that this is uncomfortable.
- h. Sen. Chessman: They can request funds next semester; this organization is unique in their amount of self-generated funds.
- i. Sen. Wyatt: I want to voice my support as well for making this line-item change, for fiscal reasons as well as their communicated sentiment that it is their lowest priority.
- j. Sen. Chaparro: I echo Senator Carrillo; I know their fees are due in the fall and the members pay them and get reimbursed so do not see the issue.
- k. Sen. Gurule, to Attorney General: If the appropriation does not get funded does that count as a use of their first appropriation?
- l. Sen. Gurule: I noticed also that their conference fees are also being funded in full.
- m. Sen. Martin: They gave us the total number of what everything would cost and lowered it.
- n. Sen. Carrillo: The way this is set up combines all the conference fees to save space on the sheet. This was requested within standing rules.
- o. Sen. Martin: Yes, this is what I was trying to say.
- p. Sen. Chessman: Are we still in the discussion for cutting the line item?
- q. VP Pacheco: Yes.
- r. Sen. Romero-Salas: I support cutting World MUN travel because the other two conferences are this semester.
- s. Sen. Reynoso: With the knowledge of our limited funds and their self-generated funds, I can see how we could cut more items.



- t. Sen. Romero-Salas calls to question
    - i. This passes 18-0-0-2
  - u. Motion to reduce line 16 to read 0 passes 18-0-0-2
  - v. Sen. Carrillo: Now that we have made this cut, there are opportunities to cut more but I want to open the floor to that.
  - w. Sen. Reynoso: it is important to keep considering where we could make potential cuts, like line 3.
  - x. Sen. Chessman: From my understanding, all additional funding is within standing rules. I would appreciate a member of the finance committee spelling out where we can make cuts, but I feel comfortable funding it now.
  - y. Sen. Sanchez: We could potentially cut conference fees.
  - z. Sen. Romero-Salas: I do not believe there should be any other cuts made. The reasons have already been articulated on why World MUN travel fees were cut. We have talked at length about this issue. I do not feel as if there should be other cuts made.
    - aa. Sen. Chessman calls to question
      - i. 13-3-1-2 motion passes
    - bb. Zinsmeyer: There is a moral obligation to abstain, but it is not enforced
    - cc. Appropriation 4F passes with a vote of 7-4-7-2
  - b. Steering and Rules Committee
    - i. Sen. Chessman: We talked about planning a legislative writing workshop, which will be very useful for all of you writing legislation correctly and effectively. It is an important skill for you all to have, more information to come, please approach me with questions.
  - c. Outreach and Events Committee
    - i. Sen. Villegas: The event we may be doing with SHEC is a mental health day and asked us if we would be interested in tabling there. If you are interested let me know, it is from 6-8. We would love your help.
    - ii. Sen. Chaparro: We are planning an event either September 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, an ice cream social in the senator lounge about what ASUNM is and what we do. This is an opportunity for people to learn about us and we are requesting volunteers. We will be handing out flyers with event information, so please pass that around.
- 4) Closing
- a. ASUNM Closing Comments
    - i. Sen. Carrillo: If there were some of you that were confused by the vernacular tonight, I get it, I want to encourage you to come to the budget hearings. I sent you all the blank budget packet, I encourage you to look over it and help your student organizations with their appropriations. Thank you all for an amazing meeting and I appreciate how people are so open to discussion.
    - ii. Sen. Chessman: I was really encouraged to see people using their voices to speak out for what they believe in and advocating.
    - iii. Sen. Chaparro: I wanted to add that the event O & E is planning is from 12-3 and let me know if you are available to help.
  - b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore



- i. Sen. Romero-Salas: I really liked the debate; I was very engaged and enjoyed seeing it. I yield.
- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
  - i. VP Pacheco: Great job everyone, I know discussion can get tense. I encourage this at every coming meeting. If you have any questions about hours reach out to me or Rafael. If you have not scheduled a one on one, I can send you the Calendly, thank you to all the senators who are able to meet.
- d. Adjournment
  - i. The Chair adjourns this meeting at 8:00PM.



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