



# **DRAFT MINUTES**



## ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

October 12, 2022

6:00 PM

Lobo A&B, Student Union Building

### 1) Opening

- a. Call to Order
  - i. The chair calls this meeting to order at 6:03PM
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Roll Call
  - i. 16 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
  - i. Amanda: Hello, I am the basic needs advocate for the Lobo Respect center, I started in February, this is a new position. We work in a food pantry. When I started, we were getting sorted with the move to the SUB which has been extremely beneficial. We are partners with Roadrunner Food Bank, who began experiencing a food shortage, so I have been reaching out to other potential donors and we have received a lot. However, now that more students are visiting the pantry, we need more inventory. So, we need to keep fundraising and collaborating for donations that are of good quality.
  - ii. Lisa: We are planning to start targeting foods students want to see in the pantry and acquiring it, such as hardboiled rice for our international community. What will we be emphasizing in the future with our produce? We are also hoping to create partnerships with our local farmers and do food rescue with them, as well as our own farm.
  - iii. Amanda: This summer, we received a grant for a refrigerator and freezer and that has been a big drive for expanding our partnerships. We've also partnered with Einstein's on campus and other food sources on campus to prevent food waste. We are looking to expand that to the community as well. Are there any questions?
  - iv. Sen. Alarcon: Is there anything we can do as senators to help the Lobo food pantry?
  - v. Amanda: We were granted two work studies that started on Monday, which was great, but it is still very busy. Volunteers are essential, especially for events, but getting the word out is also fantastic. Students with meal plans that have extra goodies are also welcomed to donate those.
  - vi. Lisa: Word of mouth is important, especially destigmatizing the need for food pantry donations, it really helps when it's peer-to-peer. Using your connections and the pantry yourself if you need it is a great way to get involved.



- vii. Sen. Wyatt: Who are your main partners, and are you focusing more on food donations or cash donations in the future?
  - viii. Lisa: Our relationship with Roadrunner is still our main source, our problem is that we don't have as much variety as we once did. They are more established and equipped to rescue food from places like grocery stores.
  - ix. Amanda: Currently, food donations have been extremely helpful. We have some automatic monetary donations which are also extremely helpful. So, we have the money but lack the manpower and transportation. It is easier in general if people bring donations to us. If people prefer monetary donations, we will not say no to it. Our check-in system also provides an opportunity for students to ask for certain items to meet our student needs and give them opportunities for feedback.
  - x. Sen. Carrillo: Are you still interested in donations that aren't food, like toiletries?
  - xi. Amanda: Yes, toiletries are much harder to find, especially since most of the funding goes to food. We have received a lot of soap donations recently and almost every student takes one. They are just as important as the food items.
  - xii. Lisa: We also have an Amazon Wishlist if you need inspiration for donations regarding toiletries, and they get delivered straight to our office mailbox.
  - xiii. Sen. Peacock: What categories are you most in need of, generally?
  - xiv. Amanda: Peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, whatever students can make in their dorms or apartments, microwave friendly is great, things that are individually wrapped. Basic staples are the most popular. For toiletries, soap, lotion, and dental hygiene is what's best.
  - xv. Sen. Angel: With the increase in students coming, are they taking advantage of stamp benefits?
  - xvi. Lisa: We have a few folks using them, but they are difficult to use on a campus with all the restrictions. They can only apply to snacks and things like that, and wouldn't work at Dion's, for example. Amanda has done a wonderful job making sure our resource lists are up to date in the community if a student has needs we can't meet.
  - xvii. Sen. Angel: Is there a way we can destigmatize the pantry?
  - xviii. Amanda: Just going with them is great, bringing it up to go together, and making sure they know that they can make a private shopping appointment if they don't want to be seen. We've been looking into workshops and other ideas, but just take a friend in if you can.
  - xix. Lisa: We have also recently expanded our hours so students will have more access.
  - xx. Sen. Villegas: Do you have any ideas for outreach with our organizations partnering?
  - xxi. Lisa: We have a meeting soon, and I encourage you all to come and brainstorm. We are always willing to try new things.
  - xxii. Amanda: We're also not sure of what we can ask, and what is possible to receive from ASUNM. A lot of people also don't know that there is a pantry for students, spreading the word will be great in terms of making an impact.
  - xxiii. VP Pacheco: What is the process of volunteering?
  - xxiv. Amanda: You can email me or Lobo Respect, we filter through those emails, and we have an Excel spreadsheet link where you can put in where you are able to volunteer. It's very convenient.
- b. Public Comment





- ii. Sen. Carrillo: Can senators apply to all committees?
- iii. MacSteveny: All the ones included in the email you can apply for.
- g. ASUNM Senators
  - i. Sen. Wyatt: The GEO is hosting an international education week in November, please promote this.
  - ii. Sen. Moon: Hello, if you're going to Cruces on Saturday, women's rugby is playing state. AASS is also hosting a conference November 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, if you're interested in volunteering reach out to me or Brandy Stone.
  - iii. Sen. Villegas: There is a spooky bash on Halloween for SHAC and are also working on a mindfulness event that we need volunteers for. There is also a meeting tomorrow on Zoom regarding housing insecurity, email me for the link.
  - iv. Sen. Angel: The week of October 24th we have a Día de Muertos event.
  - v. Sen. Ramsell: API is hosting a Chinese American film festival this Saturday including breakfast.
- h. Attorney General Law Book Edits
  - i. General Zinsmeyer: Hello, I sent an opinion out today that I hope you all read. You can do whatever you want: just because something is legal does not mean you have to do it, my opinion is not above yours. There are no current lawbook edits. Remember, you can ask me questions during the meeting. Call to question should only be used when discussion is stale. Keep discussion fresh, do not say the same thing over and over. Try to discuss every piece of business that comes across our desks. If you want to leave a line item off the block vote, clarify which lines are being voted on when you motion to do it.

### 3) Business

- a. Finance Committee
  - i. Appropriation 3F (Revised): UNM E-Sports
    - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 3F
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    - 2. Sen. Chessman motions to block vote appropriation 3F to appropriation 20F
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    - 3. Sen. Carrillo: We missed a line item on E-Sports during voting, some tournament fees. I recommend passing this.
  - ii. Appropriation 16F: American Nuclear Society
    - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 16F
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    - 2. Sen. Wyatt: This appropriation was cut down significantly per standing rules. We left their travel and gas mileage and funded their conference fees and per diem at maximum per standing rules.
  - iii. Appropriation 17F: Bengal United Sports Club
    - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 17F
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    - 2. Sen. Pereria: In this appropriation, flyer materials were requested, as well as jerseys and equipment and food cost. We cut down some food costs per standing rules. I recommend passing it as it is.
    - 3. Sen. Carrillo: It also says we funded professional services in full, because their quote was higher than what they requested.
  - iv. Appropriation 18F: Catholic Apologetics, Fellowship, and Evangelization
    - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 18F
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.



2. Sen. Ramsell: This religious organization requested a very small amount of money for food at their meetings. It was very straightforward.
- v. Appropriation 19F: Deviate
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 19F
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Carrillo: They are looking to go to their annual retreat and requested travel and per diem as well as van rental. They are taking a large amount of people; they are a Christian organization looking to reconnect and learn from their national ministries. We kept the conference fees as is, and cut the rest to standing rules, but the cuts were minimal.
- vi. Appropriation 20F: Powerful Movement of Educated Sisters
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 20F
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Romero-Salas: PMES was cut only significantly in their t-shirt request because it would have been self-generated funding, which we cannot fund per standing rules.
  3. Sen. Carrillo: We do fund t-shirts, but in this instance, they were charging their members to receive t-shirts, which would count as self-generated funds.
  4. Sen. Moon: During the appropriation hearing, it has come to my attention that the presenter misspoke, the t-shirts will not be being sold to the members, the members would only be paying if they did not receive funding.
  5. Sen. Carrillo: If they are making any kind of profit from the t-shirts per SGAO rules we may not fund it.
  6. Sen. Chessman: I'm a little confused, should we reinstate the line item?
  7. Sen. Gurule motions to reinstate line item 8, reading 607 dollars
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
- vii. Appropriation 21F: Asian American Student Association
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 21F
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Alarcon: AASA is asking for decorations for their three events this semester that would be reusable, and we are also funding food for their meetings and banner. It was very straightforward.
  3. Block vote on appropriation 3F (revised) and appropriation 16F through 21F
    - a. appropriation 3F (revised) and appropriation 16F through 21F pass 14-2-0-2
- viii. Balance Forwards Bill
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open the Balance Forwards Bill.
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Carrillo: This bill has each agency's request on one bill. I do encourage you to read the statement AG Zinsmeyer sent out. Balance forwards can be confusing, and I am open to questions.
  3. Sen. Romero-Salas moves to cut line item 6 by 1000 dollars
    - a. Motion seconded
    - b. Sen. Villegas: Why are we doing this?
    - c. Sen. Romero-Salas: This is related to SFRB stipends, a volunteer position.

- d. Sen. Carrillo: This cut is being proposed because although we have the authority to fund SFRB, it sets a dangerous precedent for a volunteer position. 3 of the 4 members are already ASUNM members as well, and SFRB does not have an SGAO account, making allocation difficult. I encourage you to do what you believe is necessary.
- e. Sen. Pereira: SFRB determines how money is allocated to department orgs, including ASUNM, as president May said. We would be giving money back from the money they gave us from student fees. Members of SFRB do not get paid for their work. I don't see a problem with keeping this stipend for them.
- f. AG Zinsmeyer: SFRB does have an account with SGAO for small expenses, such as food at meetings and any other incidental expenses.
- g. Sen. Carrillo: Has ASUNM ever deposited money in that account?
- h. Ryan Linnquist: No.
- i. Sen. Romero-Salas: SFRB does not deal with ASUNM funds, we do not receive our funding from them. I am on SFRB, and I do not think ASUNM should be funded a stipend for me. I am perplexed about why we would give them money when they are not presenting. There are also only 4 stipends and 5 undergraduate members with no criteria for who gets that funding. There is no structure for the distribution of these funds. I am also under the assumption that president May is the only one who gets to distribute those stipends.
- j. Sen. Wyatt: I echo the sentiments of the speakers who are against funding these stipends, but I would also like to emphasize the conflict of interest and overlap of ASUNM and SFRB. Additionally, those in SFRB are aware when they apply that it is an unpaid position. Should they be compensated, I do not believe this should be funded by ASUNM.
- k. Sen. Chessman: I would like to return to the idea of conflict of interest, I want to not that those on SFRB and ASUNM are not advocating for the stipends. We need to be aware of how this looks to constituents, I do not think we should be funding this.
- l. Roll call vote on reducing line item 6 by 1000 dollars
  - i. Line item 6 reduced by 1000 dollars 14-2-0-0
  - ii.
  - iii. Sen. Wyatt motions to increase line item 4 by 50 dollars
    - 1. Motion seconded
  - iv. Sen. Chessman: Why is this?
  - v. Sen. Wyatt: This was a cut for food event, made by me, that I want to rescind.
  - vi. Sen. Pereira: I was under the impression that it was a cut for a meeting that has already happened.
  - vii. Sen. Carrillo: Although this is true, we also already funded the Red Rally, which already happened.
  - viii. Motion passes.



- m. Sen. Wyatt: Does anyone also feel strongly about cutting stipends for other agencies?
  - n. Sen. Chessman: I am not, these positions have existed, funded through balance forwards for a long time, we have been responsible for funding them.
  - o. Sen. Villegas: I know we funded SSC by 90k last semester, where did that money go?
  - p. Sen. Carrillo: That was for their budget, this is a separate entity, and their request has also been reduced significantly.
  - q. Roll call vote on Balance Forwards Bill
    - i. 16-0-3-0
  - ix. Fall 2022 Budget Bill
    - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    - 2. Sen. Carrillo: What this means is this is an amalgamation of all the budgets presented to the finance committee for this fiscal year. Most of these student orgs are new, so we capped them at standing rules, budgets cannot fund travel, and some of these student orgs are funded at 0 for those who were absent and made no effort to reach out or reschedule. I recommend it be funded as is.
    - 3. Sen. Villegas: I just wanted to commend finance. It is hard work, and we appreciate you.
    - 4. Roll call vote on Fall 2022 Budget Bill
      - a. Fall 2022 Budget Bill passes 16-0-3-0
  - b. Steering and Rules Committee
    - i. Sen. Chessman: We have no business tonight, we talked about legislation in the future, reach out for questions on how to write it and what is upcoming. Have a good night.
  - c. Outreach and Events Committee
    - i. Sen. Villegas: We also do not have much business, we have the mindfulness event on the 24<sup>th</sup>, they would appreciate it if senate showed up, as well as mindfulness Monday this next week. Bloom Into Yourself was also a success, please reach out for outreach ideas. Juniper is having a movie night.
    - ii. Sen. Chaparro: I wanted to thank everyone who went to ASUNM Inside Scoop, we ran out of ice cream, it was a great event. We are also having a tea-related event in November. On October 28<sup>th</sup> there is a Halloween event with SWFC.
- 4) Closing
- a. ASUNM Closing Comments
    - i. Sen. Sanchez: I wanted to emphasize the need for volunteers and donations for Lobo Food Pantry.
    - ii. Sen. A. Torres: You can also go into the pantry and just ask if you can help for a few minutes, and they always want and need the help/
    - iii. Sen. Villegas: If you're interested in the housing insecurity resolution or food pantry resolution, reach out to me for the zoom link. They need help.
  - b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
    - i. Sen. Romero-Salas: I hope everyone has a lovely fall break. I hope I have a good one, please make it out to the Cruces game this weekend.
  - c. ASUNM Vice President Closing





- i. VP Pacheco: Have a lot of fun this break, be rested, be safe. If you have any questions regarding outreach hours, please reach out. I think this is the shortest meeting we've had all year.
- d. Adjournment
  - i. The chair adjourns this meeting at 7:31 PM.