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ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA
November 30, 2022
6:00 PM
Lobo A&B, Student Union Building

- 1) Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - i. Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:00PM
 - b. Land Acknowledgment
 - c. Roll Call
 - i. 20 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: Dr. Eric Scott – V.P. for Student Affairs
 - i. Dr. Scott: Thank you Madam Vice President, it's an honor to be here. Tomorrow I will celebrate my four-month anniversary here at UNM. It is a short tenure, however I thought I would share a bit about my background for those who weren't at the retreat and some brief reflections. I am from Baltimore, my dad was a plumber, and my mother was a teaching assistant, I am a first-generation college student. The R1 environment can be very intimidating and can lead to a variety of insecurities. It inspired me to enter a career to help other students like me and those with other historically oppressed identities. The student experience should mitigate the broader society of our world. Post-secondary education is the single most important intervention in life to determine long-term outcomes, obviously and especially with employment, but also socially, politically, and is even correlated with length of life. Those extra years are invaluable opportunities. This job is a form of public service, a pursuit of a more equitable world. I graduated from South Carolina, spent time working in post-secondary education in North Carolina, Alaska, and I earned my PhD in Oregon. My thesis was centered around Alaskan native students. Alaska and New Mexico have more in common than most assume. From there I worked at Boise State University, where my wife and I welcomed our son, and that led me here. The UNM 2040 strategic plan and student body and experience in this campus were big draws. I felt during the interview process I could truly make a difference but also benefit from being here. In my brief time, I've learned a lot. The events, student leadership, campus crises and conflicts, controversies, have all been interesting. It's an interesting time in general to be in post-secondary education. I'll wrap it up by saying that I've been to many places,



done many things, met many people, and I am proud to be alongside outstanding student leaders. I will yield for questions.

- ii. Sen. Lemme: Thank you so much for speaking to us a second time, we really appreciate your dedication for the events we put on. From a born and raised New Mexican, red or green?
- iii. Dr. Scott: I've been calibrating my answer. It depends on the dish and how it is cooked. Red for breakfast burritos and green for enchiladas.
- iv. Sen. Villegas: Thank you so much for being here, I've noticed how open and engaged you are on campus. What have you learned from the students here on campus?
- v. Dr. Scott: Students here have deep conviction, are very value-driven, and have an extraordinarily strong work ethic, which I deeply respect. I'm not content to sequester myself in my office when the way I was raised, and the quality of the hardworking students is outside. There is a deep sense of purpose, identity, and planning for the future that is unique to UNM students in terms of self-understanding and development. Folks here and constantly interacting with a diverse crowd, both intentional and unintentional. I've been so pleased with the way our students did that.
- vi. Sen. Pereira: Thank you, given what you've learned, how will you take these lessons and experiences and apply them to your future here?
- vii. Dr. Scott: 4 months is certainly a short amount of time, but I have seen that there are a lot of passionate people who work hard, and we have some systems that can be strengthened. We have opportunities to calibrate more research-centered practices, so next semester I will be putting a lot of energy into building up those systems to sustain the work I have already done. Next week, we will be having candidate forms for an assistant to me, like a chief of staff role. This way, I can continue to learn and plan for what we can do to enhance the student experience while we build systems to collect feedback and implement change.
- viii. Sen. Carrillo: My question relates to new students; how do you recommend we take our experiences and use it to nurture new leaders?
- ix. Dr. Scott: I have to say, ELL is so passionately led, and the members are so inspired, it's an outstanding program. This is an outstandingly strong student government and I think ELL is a resource that should be more utilized. I see you're an RA; I was as well. When we think about things like the residential experience, orientation, these are opportunities to get people involved and consistent in their governments. Involvement and engagement look very different to each person, however. Those who are quieter and seem disengaged can be the most involved, the most immersed in their work, even if it is not a student organization or government. Sometimes we need to expand our mindset on what engagement means.
- x. Sen. Wyatt: Each college has unique challenges and we as students have a bit of a closed mindset, what are some specific challenges you see here?
- xi. Dr. Scott: That's an outstanding question. One challenge is our built environment doesn't lend itself to the number of resources we have on this campus. The campus is pleasant, walkable, and beautiful, but a lot of our student support and service areas are hidden, our programming spaces are hidden, so it's quite easy to walk around and perceive that there's not much going on, even if that's not the case. Here, you may not think there's a lot going on. You may not realize, as a visitor to this campus, the robustness of available resources here. These service centers are



extremely difficult to find by accident. There is a masterplan going on right now, but it's so long-term people don't want to engage in it. But it's up to use to create a better built environment for future students. I also know that campus safety is an issue, so I spoke with one of our senators and directors. We also need to think about the built environment and how it relates to campus safety. It's about lighting, vacant buildings around campus, and other things like that.

- xii. Sen. Chessman: Do you have any advice for us in trying to bridge the gap between student government and the rest of the student body?
- xiii. Dr. Scott: This is a challenge that student governments always face, which can sometimes erode the sense of legitimacy in student governments. I advise you to be engaged in student organizations that you know to be underrepresented and throw yourself into those events. For students not engaged in student organizations, tabling is a fantastic opportunity, identifying yourself as a senator and seeking feedback and responses, and initiating a survey for the body for what students want to see from their representatives and advertising it widely and consistently. Truly seek qualitative peer feedback. It would take a coordinated effort. Beyond that, talk to faculty. Faculty see every kind of student. They have an acute understanding of the student body, so if you identify or engage with a particular member, identify yourself and seek their input and insight.
- xiv. Sen. Sanchez: In your four months here, has there been an experience that makes you feel like you belong in this community?
- xv. Dr. Scott: I would have to say the welcome back barbecues put on by the various ethnic centers have put on gave me a deep sense of belonging here. It gave me hope for me but also my biracial son, and there are so many biracial and/or bilingual students here. I ride my bike to this campus, and I pass the duck pond every day, and I feel a profound sense of calm and rightness because of the people here.
- xvi. VP Pacheco: Thank you so much for your time, Dr. Scott, we are very grateful for you and appreciate all your engagement.

b. Public Comment

- i. Ryan Linqvist: Hello, I will have to leave soon; it has been a pleasure working with you this semester. You've been engaged and responsive. I hope to see those moving on stay engaged. If you need ideas, come, and see me. Also, keep in touch with me, if you need letters of recommendation, please feel free to reach out. If you would like an ASUNM sash for graduation, you are now qualified to receive one. Once again, I am sorry to miss superlatives, keep in touch. Have a wonderful break, hit the books hard.
- ii. X: Thank you all for being here, my name is Andrew, I served as a legislative intern in DC this past semester, and upon returning I realized College Dems here at UNM had gone under and we are in the process of rebuilding it, and I am now president
- iii. Wyatt: Hello, I was recently elected secretary, we submitted a small appropriation for a banner and some office supplies. Our last thing was just some money for food at events.
- iv. Andrew: Thank you all, I appreciate the opportunity to speak.
- v. Nakia: Hello, I am the president of BSU, I wanted to speak on our appropriation which is up today. I wanted to thank the finance committee for all their help. We are requesting money for t-shirts, food, and a DJ for our annual Black History block party and some other fees. We have grown to almost four times our



previous size within the past four years, and this is due to these new, driven, and hardworking members. We want to give back to them for all they've done. That's all I have, thank you so much for having me, and I hope you take my words into consideration tonight.

- vi. Daniela: I don't really get a spot for superlatives. I've been working on this all semester. Krystah is a Yorkie. Please don't be offended, I love all of you. Emma is a Boston Terrier, she was so hardworking, I had a class with her. Bree is a vizsla, she had to put up with me at the law fair. Rafael is a Spanish water dog, he's the embodiment of it. Sophie is a bull terrier, Lizzie is a Bedlington terrier, they're so elegant and loyal. Peep her Instagram, she's so nice. Destiny is a mini pinscher. These dogs are small but mighty. Destiny is tiny but she goes to the gym every night. Jackie is a chow chow, they're so cool, it's so Jackie. Christian is a bulldog, they're so friendly and chill, when I think of bull dogs I think of skateboarding. Kareem is an akita, bold and goofy, Kareem is my mentee. Silas is a blue heeler, smart and hardworking with a dash of chaotic energy. Paige is an Australian Shepherd, so chill, elegant, and kind. Antonio is a Xoloitzcuintli. Julian is a Pomeranian, smart and friendly, a fancy purse dog, he's so nice. People that I didn't get to, look at it after senate.

c. ASUNM President's Report

- i. President May: Hello, Kris called me a mortician today. I'll be brief. The committees have all been amazing. There is more agency stuff this year. I wanted to acknowledge all the hard work, being a student leader the extra responsibility sucks sometimes, it takes a lot to be here. Thank you all so much for that. There have been more appropriations this semester than I've ever seen, the legislation has been making ASUNM more transparent and outreach has been great. The Senate is so much more engaged this semester. Many of you are staying in ASUNM, but many are also moving on, and I can't wait to see what you all do. That's all I have.

d. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks

- i. VP Pacheco: Hi everyone, I'll leave my sappy comments for the end. We have a busy night, hang in there, grab food. Next week is student success week, I want to emphasize the importance of presence, volunteering, and support. For those returning, chair applications are open, please submit them by Friday. Tonight, we are electing our president pro-tempore as well, and outstanding senators.

e. Joint Council

- i. Director Bell: I don't have a lot to report. Our last meeting was yesterday, I have just one announcement. The introduction to Asian American studies will be starting for the first time next semester. Please fill these seats. This will count as a diversity credit, it's a great way to show support, and other minority groups on campus usually have a class but this will be the first one for AAPI. I have flyers, feel free to stop by my office for one, and I also have digital flyers.
- ii. Sen. Martin: What's the course number?
- iii. Director Bell: The CRN is 51819. I can also email the digital flyer.

f. Boards & Committees Report

- i. Chief of Staff Macstevney: I don't have too much, the KIND committee met today, keep an eye out for details for their week next semester.

g. ASUNM Senators

h. Attorney General Law Book Edits



- i. AG Zinsmeyer: Hello, I have updated the law book, every bill that has passed is in there. One through six and twelve are all in there. Twelve updates the pro-tempore election. I have no worries that the other bills will fail legal counsel. I have some parli pro notes, make sure you respect the speaker, give respect to the chair when you're called upon, and you always have your points of personal privilege. Only speak to the matter of a motion, stay on topic this week, but you do very well. With all the business, using block vote could help with efficiency. If you call to question to end debate, you need a 2/3 vote to end that debate. Congratulations on making it through a long semester. As a senator, I was like 'damn, I don't know what I'm going to do next semester.' Stay involved. I know you don't want me to be preachy. Do something you couldn't because of senate and make someone's life better. Do something cool, wherever you are.

3) Business

a. Finance Committee

1. Sen. Carrillo: We have a lot of business on this docket, including one revision. We worked diligently to keep things within standing rules and precedent. I look forward to our business tonight.
- ii. Appropriation 31F: Lobo Horn Club
 1. Sen. Carrillo motions to block vote appropriations 31F to 47F
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
 2. Sen. Pereira: This is for Lobo Horn Club, requesting travel fees for a conference in Montreal. We cut things down according to standing rules and didn't do much else.
- iii. Appropriation 35F: Pre-Medical Society
 1. Sen. Alarcon: All they were asking for was money for their meetings and to ensure they had food. We left it as is.
- iv. Appropriation 36F: Student Veterans of American at UNM
 1. Sen. Ramsell: This was straightforward; as a new student organization, we cut 750 for travel fees.
- v. Appropriation 37F: Tabletop Tavern
 1. Sen. Martin: They just asked for money for a tablecloth and tablecloth clamps. The only cut we made was to professional services per standing rules.
- vi. Appropriation 38F: Nutrition Club
 1. Sen. Carrillo: This club does cooking demonstrations and requested aprons and an iron on for the aprons, and food items for the demonstrations. The aprons themselves are not custom made, so that's why they're not filed under professional services.
- vii. Appropriation 39F: UNM MEChA
 1. Sen. Pereira: They were seeking funding for spring events and supplies for those events. We made cuts according to standing rules.
- viii. Appropriation 40F: Chinese Language and Culture Club
 1. Sen. Pereira: They were requesting a second appropriation to make up for budget cuts, and we decided to not give them money they lost during the budget process, and the rest of the cuts were per standing rules.
- ix. Appropriation 41F: Tau Beta Pi
 1. Sen. Carrillo: They are an engineering honors society looking for funding for their induction ceremony for food and utensils.
- x. Appropriation 42F: Black Student Union



1. Sen. Alarcon: This is what Nakia was talking about, we didn't cut anything, for professional services we did increase it, to match it to the quote they provided.
- x. Appropriation 43F: UNM College Dems
 1. Sen. Wyatt: This was very straightforward, as they requested in public comment, it is only for a
 2. Sen. Al Beyraqdar: During the last meeting I did not fully support the appropriation, but upon further deliberation I fully support this appropriation.
- xii. Appropriation 44F: American String Teachers Association
 1. Sen. Wyatt: This is also straightforward. As a new student organization, we had to abide by standing rules and we devoted all the money they are allotted to their airfare.
- xiii. Appropriation 45F: Nepali Student Association
 1. Sen. Martin: This is another new student organization, they requested food and guest speaker money for their events. The only thing we cut were some professional service fees for the guest speakers.
- xiv. Appropriation 46F: UNM Table Tennis Club
 1. Sen. Ramsell: This is straightforward, they are also new, they requested below their limit, and we funded them in full.
- xv. Appropriation 47F: Something Major Acapella
 1. Sen. Alarcon: They prioritized the first two line items which we funded in full and cut the rest per standing rules and because they didn't need them as much.
- xvi. Roll call vote for appropriations 35F to 47F
 1. Appropriations 35F to 47F pass 17-0-3-0
- b. Steering and Rules Committee
 - i. Sen. Chessman: I'll keep it brief; we have five bills that all kind of address the same hiring process topic in case you want to block vote those. The resolution and commendation are also ready.
 - ii. Sen. Romero-Salas motions to block vote bills 13F to 17F
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Sen. Sanchez: I know there was controversy surrounding one, I advise against block vote.
 3. Sen. Chessman: If you do not pass all of them, they must be block voted because they rely on one another.
 4. Motion passed.
 - iii. Bill 13F: Addition of Hiring Code to ASUNM Law Book
 1. Sen. Romero-Salas: This establishes the new hiring code. I have been working on this in conjunction with various senators. A lot of this came from conversations between the president, vice president, chief of staff, directors, and Senator Chessman. I put full faith in this and all the work and stand for any questions.
 2. Sen. Martin: If they all must be block voted, why are they separate?
 3. Sen. Chessman: They're for different sections of the lawbook and would be clearer and more proper this way.
 - iv. Bill 14F: Changes in hiring procedures in Executive Code
 1. Sen. Romero-Salas: This strikes the appointment language in the executive code. The process is outlined all over the place to decrease redundancy.



- v. Bill 15F: Student Service Agencies' positions to be approved by President Pro Tempore & Director of D.E.I.
 - 1. Sen. Romero-Salas: This defines who appoints and approves a position throughout all the agencies. This language is more consistent. This is as perfect as I would like it.
- vi. Bill 16F: President Pro Tempore to approve all Presidential appointments
 - 1. Sen. Romero-Salas: I removed all the language related to the appointment process and put in that the president has the authority to approve positions.
- vii. Bill 17F: Defines 'Appointee,' 'Interim Hire,' and 'Hire'
 - 1. Sen. Romero-Salas: This adds three definitions, we came up with these after dialogues on how to define people.
- viii. Roll call vote for bills 13F to 17F
 - 1. Bills 13F to 17F pass 17-0-2-1
- ix. Resolution 1F: Advocates for increased funding for UNMPD
 - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open resolution 1F
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
 - 2. Sen. Chessman: This is the culmination of many peoples' work, the overarching goal is to show that ASUNM cares about student safety on campus. This was born from the student body and their concerns surrounding UNMPD. Dr. Scott did say there are many ways to improve student safety and I thought this was a good place to start. With that, I stand for questions.
 - 3. Roll call vote on resolution 1F
 - a. Resolution 1F passes 19-0-1-0
- x. Commendation 2F: African American Student Services' work with 2022 Association for Black Culture Centers Conference
 - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open commendation 2F
 - a. Motion seconded and passed.
 - 2. Sen. Moon: Hello, I hope you all are having a good night. This is for AASS and the conference they held. They have done a remarkable job uplifting the African American students on campus. There is a national conference every year and it was held here this year. It was the 33rd annual conference and we had 33 organizations attend. There were keynote speakers, workshops, and other resources AASS was able to provide. They are persistent and attentive in all their work for UNM. They deserve recognition and thanks for their bandwidth and ability to hold conferences and the work they have done for UNM and its students.
 - 3. Roll call vote for commendation 2F
 - a. Commendation 2F passes 20-0-0-0
- c. Outreach and Events Committee
 - i. Sen. P. Torres: Student Success week starts next Monday. On Monday we will be tabling and having giveaways. On Tuesday we will be distributing pizza at Zimmerman, Wednesday we have coffee and donuts, Thursday we will have painting in the SUB, and Friday we have something, but the therapy dogs are having a couple booking issues. We also have signups for volunteers.
- d. Spring 2023 President Pro Tempore Election
 - i. Chair entertains a motion to open the spring 2023 president pro tempore election
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.



- ii. VP Pacheco: Are there any nominations?
- iii. Sen. Carrillo: I nominate Senator Chessman
- iv. Sen. Chessman: I accept
- v. Sen. Carrillo: Seeing as there is one candidate it's kind of awkward. I chose to nominate her because the president pro tempore is especially important when it comes to accountability, and I believe that she is one of the most organized and capable individuals I've ever met. I think she will be fair and equitable, especially during the hiring process.
- vi. Sen. Chessman is elected as president pro tempore unanimously
- e. Fall 2022 Outstanding Senator Election
 - i. Chair entertains a motion to open the fall 2022 outstanding senator elections
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.
 - ii. VP Pacheco: We will not know until the spring because the votes go to Ryan Linquist.
 - iii. Sen. Sanchez: I nominate Senator Villegas
 - iv. Sen. Villegas: I accept
 - v. Sen. Wyatt: I nominate Senator Carrillo
 - vi. Sen. Pereira: I nominate Senator Martin
 - vii. Sen. Martin: I accept
 - viii. Sen. Angel: I nominate Senator Moon
 - ix. Sen. Moon: I do not accept
 - x. Sen. Gurule: I nominate Senator Sanchez
 - xi. Sen. Sanchez: I accept
 - xii. Sen. Wyatt: I think Senator Carrillo's dedication this semester speaks to how capable and outstanding she is. She guided us through a tough semester, she taught me pretty much everything I know, we were all new, she prepared twice as hard as any of us.
 - xiii. Sen. Pereira: I nominated Senator Martin for her passion and hard work, she filled an entire legal pad with finance notes. She is dedicated, active, and keeps track of what is going on. She was never afraid to speak her mind, and for those reasons I nominated her.
 - xiv. Sen. Gurule: I nominated Senator Sanchez for his work in critical issues such as the food pantry and housing issues. His work benefits a lot of students across campus.
 - xv. Sen. Moon: I nominated Senator Chaparro's consistency and passion for O&E, she worked very hard, I saw her go to many different meetings and her engagement in those, she touched many groups and discussions.
 - xvi. Sen. A. Torres: As someone who is close to Senator Martin, I've seen her put in many hours of work and how she works closely with student organizations to help them through the appropriation process.
 - xvii. Sen. Villegas: I think Senator Carrillo is one of the most passionate people I've ever met, and I think she really deserves this award, and we should affirm her for all her hard work as a senator.
 - xviii. Sen. Angel: I am in favor of Senator Chaparro, she is always speaking and dedicated, she doesn't complain, is always on time, and cares deeply about the student body.
 - xix. Sen. Chessman: Senator Carrillo is the most dedicated person to ASUNM that I've ever met. I knew when we were first-year students in ELL that she was going to make changes on campus, and she has. She is one of my closest friends and she deeply cares about all she does. She is the first to help student organizations and



new senators, and without her I would never have been a senator. She has my full support.

- xx. Sen. Romero-Salas: Senator Carrillo and I have a complicated relationship, but she is the most passionate person about ASUNM I have ever met. We had 47 appropriations this semester, and she led the committee through that expertly. She has been here for many semesters and has extensive knowledge that she applies day in and day out. We met on zoom as first-year students as well, and I could not imagine any other person who deserves this award more than she does.

4) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

- i. Sen. Pereira: I wanted to say it's been a great semester, some ups and downs, fun and stressful meetings, but we've pulled through and made good friendships. Good luck to everyone and their future endeavors.
- ii. Sen. Villegas: This is my last full senate meeting, ASUNM is deeply appreciated by me, and it's done so much for me. I wanted to say it can sometimes feel very lonely and cold, and we need to recognize that. It goes a long way to give small kindnesses while we work for this organization. As much as we sometimes want ASUNM to burn to the ground, we need to ensure we're not just individuals but a community, a family, and headed somewhere good. I know it's not easy, but we did it. I love all y'all even when I hate you. Sometimes the system is cold, making it warm.
- iii. Sen. A. Torres: This is also my last meeting, thank you so much for having me and teaching me how to reach out to students.
- iv. Sen. Lemme: This is also my last meeting, it has been lovely getting to know all of you, I enjoyed my first year involved here quite a bit. Love you all.
- v. Sen. Al Beyraqdar: This is not my last meeting, but I wanted to thank everyone for giving me the chance to get to know everyone during my brief time here, I have enjoyed it and am looking forward to the upcoming semester. You guys are exciting. Thank you.
- vi. Chair entertains a motion to exit parliamentary procedure
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.
- vii. Chair entertains a motion to reenter parliamentary procedure
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. Sen. Romero-Salas: Thank you very much, I don't have a resounding speech or funny superlatives, my duties end this evening. This is very unusual; I appointed many people this summer. I don't think I learned anything. I enjoyed this semester a lot. It was brutal at times. I was told often 'you talk too much.' I think that might be true. I love talking. I used to be a first-year student. I kind of ramble and go on and on. I feel like it adds some spice to the meeting. I really enjoyed being pro-temp. At the end of the day, I'm very happy. Shoutout Senator Carrillo, we were friends but then I became pro-temp and she got mad at me. She's leaving, I'll miss your voice. My duties are done at the end of this meeting. With that I yield.
- ii. Chair entertains a motion to exit parliamentary procedure
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.
- iii. Chair entertains a motion to reenter parliamentary procedure
 - 1. Motion seconded and passed.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing



- i. VP Pacheco: Thank you to each and every one of you. I have never been a senator, and this is very new to me, I spent all summer and this semester learning things from you all. I never could have done this myself and I relied on all of you. I want to recognize all of you. Speaking with former vice presidents and other alumni, they have not seen the amount of outreach you guys have done, ever. You all work so hard and it does not go unnoticed. For those not returning, I can't wait to see what great things you will do. I know you'll be girl bosses, inventing time travel and flying cars. To those returning, it's been so great, but I can't wait to see how we improve, so we need to keep our 'why' and focus, and I wanted to encourage you all. I will plug student success week. I expect to see you all there. Keep in touch, have a great winter break.
- d. Adjournment
 - i. Chair adjourns this meeting at 8:45PM