



## ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

November 9, 2022

6:00 PM

SUB Lobo A&B, Main Campus

- 1) Opening
  - a. Call to Order
    - i. The Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:pm
  - b. Land Acknowledgment
  - c. Roll Call
    - i. 19 Senator's present, 1 absent
  - d. Approval of Agenda
    - i. Chair moves to approve this meeting's agenda
      1. Seconded and passed
  - e. Approval of Minutes
    - i. Chair moves to approve last meetings minutes
      1. Seconded and passed
- 2) Preliminary Business
  - a. Guest Speaker
    - i. UNM President Garnett Stokes and UNM Provost James Holloway
      1. UNM President Garnett Stokes: Hello everyone it's good to see you. I don't have long remarks tonight, mostly we are here to answer your questions. I was so excited at the beginning of the semester to be back in person and for it to feel more normal. There have been a lot of challenges, and this is such a tough time of semester within your classes and your lives. I have regular meetings with student leadership and when I hear about the work and projects due, I think about how it is more stressful than I remember it, it's on another level. I hope you all are doing well with your programs. We have been working on the availability of support for our students and are working to hire more people to meet their needs. We have been challenged across the country, it's difficult to hire, but recently I heard good news about us having more support coming up. We are also actively looking at the options of support we can offer to UNM students to augment the support we provide for students. That's an ongoing thing right now. It's been a great semester, growth in enrollment, and we hope to support students in all ways of academic life. We've been talking to students, and some have legislative priorities, and we are hearing what those priorities are. The combination of the lottery scholarship and opportunity scholarship helps students on the enrollment level too. A couple important projects for UNM were the arts and children's psychiatric facility. The student experience project has been funded by some federal funding and project funding. We have lots of staff trying to work and look at what makes students successful. We want to help our students navigate how to be successful. I am the chair for the leaders of the mountain west conference, and there are many great things coming in athletics too.
      2. UNM Provost: Thank you, I wanted to first say our first responsibility is to help students become engaged in the community around us such as voting. We hope to encourage participation in society, thank you all for voting. I



will not add a lot, but I wanted to mention we will bring in new leadership such as the dean of engineering, and we are sad and happy that the dean of Anderson school of management will be the provost at the university of Utah. So, we are excited for her new opportunity, but we will be bringing in a new dean and new deans in other academic leadership positions around campus. The deans shape the schools and colleges, so stay tuned for changes there. I assume Erick Scott has come to speak to all of you. He is really focused on changing the student experience at the University of New Mexico. We have the largest incoming first-year class since 2012 and with a larger class it creates more opportunities and room to grow student life. I really want to hear questions and ideas from all of you.

### 3. Questions

- a. Sen. Carrillo: Thank you vice President Pacheco and thank you President Stokes and Provost Holloway, it's an honor to have you all here. My question is about housing. Students have concerns about upkeep, have there been any updates with accessibility?
  - i. UNM President Stokes: Absolutely, we are in a major study about student housing needs. We have asked the legislator for funding for housing, and we have a lot we need to do for substantial funding. We hope they will come in at a quicker pace. The regents and leadership team have recognized how important this is to students. Fingers crossed on the additional funding that may come through, but we do think these issues will get support.
- b. Sen. Carrillo: If we receive funding do, we have set plans on what to cover first?
  - i. UNM President Stokes: There are priorities We haven't looked at every part of campus yet, but we have looked at physical buildings and classrooms. I can't remember specifics at this time, but I can look into it for you.
- c. Sen. Chessman: Thank you Madam Vice President and President Stokes and Provost Holloway, my question is about safety. Students have expressed concerns over the number of officers. What is the likelihood of increased funding for officers?
  - i. UNM President: There have been challenges to full staff, last report I had says police are fully staffed. We have fully examined the ways we are able to provide a safe environment for students, I'm assuming that you are aware we are working with GPSA and ASUNM on ways to provide more assistance. This is work that would be done with the police department. We are looking at ways to make time for the police officers to do what they do best to create a safer environment.
  - ii. UNM Provost Holloway: The police are really working to have better relationships with the student body. Do you see them reaching out to students?

1. Sen. Chessman: We collaborated with them to have an event so students were able to meet the UNM police department which was nice. We also were then able to speak about our concerns. It was a successful event, and they are interested in working with us on more events because they are struggling to maintain those relationships with students.
2. Sen. Alicia Torres: I wanted to express concerns Greek life has had and how they have reached out to UNM police about recent events and safety on Greek Row.
3. Sen. Villegas: I do see the police trying to reach out to students with events and they expressed they are fully staffed but they did say they were fully staffed for 2009 numbers, and they were interested in increasing the number of officers on campus for the present. Although they are fully staffed it does not feel that way.
4. Sen. Sanchez: Thank you for coming out today. UNMPD covers a lot and it's great they are trying to do outreach, but I will say when they need to be there it's extremely hard for them to be there. I had an experience where they didn't respond on time, and I felt unsafe in that situation.
5. Sen. Reynoso: That reminded me of when I used the escort service, and it took 35 minutes and that was awhile. But that was concerning because if I had been in a worse situation that time would have been concerning. I was safe but it's thought provoking to think about if I had been in a tough situation and the escort service took that long.
6. Sen. Martin: thank you for being here. In Greek life there is a common concern since we are in a separate part of campus with less police and its regularly, we must call police to remove individuals or promote safety. It would ease our minds to have patrol over there because when we call it it does take a long time and we are in an unsafe part of campus.
7. Sen. Chessman: What I have heard about the long response times is that they only had 4

- officers to cover campus. That's one of the big concerns here from students and asking if we can get more officers on patrol.
8. Sen. Moon: Unfortunately, I don't share the same sentiments as previous speakers. There is a disconnect between police and marginalized communities, we do appreciate the police reaching out, but we cannot expect marginalized groups going up to their table to meet with them because of societal issues today.
  9. Sen. Al Bayraqdar: At Casa de Rio, a former employee entered the building trying to go in. It scared students and shouldn't be happening. I feel like the police should be on higher alert and these issues should be addressed with an urgent plan.
- d. Sen. Wyatt: Thank you Madam Vice President and President Stokes and Provost Holloway, it's difficult to follow such a heavy topic. We live in a politically intense environment. There have been several controversial events on campus and people have looked to ASUNM to mediate and that's not our role. Does the administration have a plan for these events, and do you have recommendations of what we can do?
- i. UNM President Stokes: We are creating a task force for examining how we foster these environments and how we can deal with these political environments on campus. I think of all the ways we can respond to these things, and I think we should be looking at ways to learn how to navigate these political situations. The provost, student affairs, and I have put together a group.
    1. UNM Provost Holloway: we are putting together a task force focused on free speech and selecting members. We have not reached out to ASUNM President Ian May yet, but one member will be a representative from ASUNM. The question is how we make this discourse and ideas safe. There are ways to protest that are effective and safe and ways to manage these disagreements. There are a lot of existing resources, and the task force will focus on resources we already have and ones we can bring in on training people how to protest. So, in any event, the task force has not been

announced and we are finalizing and reaching out to members now.

- e. Sen. Villegas: Thank you Vice President Pacheco and thank you for coming here today. I appreciate all the work you have put in for mental health. I was able to get one that was free of cost, which is extremely important to those who cannot afford it. My question is more about housing and security. I have had talks with a lot of people about housing security. What are we doing to improve housing security and what has the university done so far?
  - i. UNM Provost Holloway: That is a great question. Student health is linked to student success and so we really do want to look at this systematically. We wanted to put all student services under one umbrella under student affairs to create a focus on student wellness. The Vice President of student affairs is adopting a structure to build a student wellness thread so they can all be worked on together. Resources both exist in the community and at UNM. Having the branches of student wellness is a great way to provide those resources. We do have a plan for a student resource pilot. It's not implemented yet, but we do hope to pilot that program soon.
  - ii. UNM President Stokes: I serve on the homeless coordinating household. It is a coordinating household that consists of various representatives and one of the subgroups focuses on youth housing insecurity. That's one of the reasons why I think we will have good cooperation and addressing these housing insecurities because of the statewide concern.
  - iii. UNM Provost Holloway: If you know students who have trouble with housing, have them reach out to the dean of students because that's their job to help.
- f. Sen. Villegas: I appreciate that this is important to you. How can ASUNM and other government bodies push this issue forward? How can we make this a higher priority issue?
  - i. UNM President Stokes: One is we should as leaders outline what we are doing so there is an awareness of what's going on the government level. What I would find most valuable is to highlight the challenges that are not being met to show where we can do more. I think the dean of the student's office has been trying to coordinate much of this for us. Making us aware of what's going on is the only way to fix what's going on.

We are looking to create a better place, but we don't always know. So, contacting us with ideas and possible solutions is a great way to address these problems.

- ii. UNM Provost: There are resources that students also may not be aware of, so educating students on them. Also, ASUNM has a large voice in Santa Fe and so use your voice and the recognition you have in the legislature to voice the basic needs for students. There are legislators there that will listen to you and that is another way you can help.
- g. Sen. Sanchez: Thank you Madam Vice President, I wanted to reiterate the concern for basic needs. Food insecurity gets its own things to address it, but I worry for housing insecurity since it doesn't have its own thing addressing it by itself. I find it very disheartening. It's great you have those plans in place, how often are you checking the progress towards these plans? Taking those positive steps?
  - i. UNM President Stokes: We are just getting started but we are putting the infrastructure in place, and we have made more progress than in others. But usually, things like this once you have measuring mechanisms, it would be a quarterly update on all the things we would be tracking.
  - ii. UNM Provost Holloway: To speak on basic needs and the challenges students face, a lot of the work for that is happening under student affairs and so we meet with them weekly to get updates. There is a good channel of communication for those that are doing that work and addressing those problems. They are well connected to leadership.
  - iii. UNM President Stokes: We are hearing a talking about these things all the time.
- h. Sen. Reynoso: Thank you, so as leaders and representatives of the university, we look to you guys for answers on a lot of things. As a student myself and part of ASUNM I wanted to know what your thoughts are on graduate assistance?
  - i. UNM Provost Holloway: We are negotiating an agreement with that union. They are presenting their perspectives on what their needs are. I think it is their right to do that and it relates to the earlier conversation on free speech. Negotiating will happen at the negotiating table. Their pickets are a way of showing their importance on this issue and the issue will be worked out on the negotiating table.

- ii. UNM President Stokes: This is a prominent issue to support our grad students.
- i. Sen. Angel: Thank you Madam Vice President. How have you navigated cultural differences?
  - i. UNM President Stokes: One of the reasons I came here is because it was a minority serving institution. I wanted to be a part of something that was so culturally rich, and I spent a lot of time learning and trying to get to know various communities. I'm trying to listen to various leaders that are supporting our students, staff, and faculty. I was asked to serve on the board of Hispanic colleges and universities, and you learn it's one thing to have a large population of Hispanic students and it's another to be serving them. We need to be supportive of all the communities we serve at UNM. We have so many different groups and their experiences are something I spend a lot of time talking about with individuals for whom this is an important issue to them. I decided to elevate our equity and inclusion when I came here. DEI leaders have tremendous expertise in equity and inclusion and what it really means. Coming here it was important to recognize and work on creating equity and inclusion at UNM and recognizing the truly multi-cultural aspects of our institution.
  - ii. Sen. Angel: How do you navigate not having Hispanic leaders in these positions?
  - iii. UNM President Stokes: We do have quite a lot of Hispanic leaders in positions here at UNM. We have lost some Hispanic leaders but the diversity of leaders at this institution is the best we have seen it. This is something I pay great attention to, and I am aware that leadership doesn't reflect the student body and recognize the importance that leaders and students share a common experience.
- j. Sen. Romero-Salas: Thank you Vice President Pacheco and thank you both for being here, I'm sure you both have robust schedules. What are some of your major accomplishments that you've had here at UNM?
  - i. UNM Provost Holloway: I appreciate the question, let me first start with the fact that we'd hear a lot of complaints for additional support. We focus on the things that are going wrong to provide support. To answer the question, I think of several things, the biggest, when I look at the higher education landscape

is I think UNM navigated COVID very well. A lot of places put faculty and staff on leave, and we purposefully did not do that. We managed our financials in a very smart way, and I think the whole community at UNM should be proud of that. We also tried to create a place for Africana studies, and I'm glad we were able to accomplish that and bring diversity to education. Bringing in more women and more people of color and that's extremely important to UNM.

- ii. UNM President Stokes: What someone in my position does sometimes is mostly invisible. What changes and what things do we need to fix? They don't often directly affect the students living in the resident halls or on campus, but I would say I'm proud of a lot of leadership transitions that have taken place that now focus on student and faculty success and raising their profile of the institution to promote scholarship and solve the problems of the state. I spend a lot of time thinking about the health care system and those are things I pay attention to. I would say we have a lot of projects that are focused on removing barriers for students and creating environments that are more productive so they can be successful. I would like to hear the complaints of students to hear how it is preventing us from solving those problems. I am interested in an environment that makes things seamless. I want to create an environment that makes things easier for students, and I think about how I would like to do that.
- k. Sen. Romero-Salas: I was a NSO leader, and I think having that introduction to new students of President Stokes during orientation would be a good way to connect with students.
  - i. UNM Provost Holloway: Being in higher education, I have had this experience with student groups like this before and one year they were commenting about how they would share these things with you, and nothing changed. And so, we very much must take these issues to heart and put the time into it. You will not always see the fruits of your labors voicing issues but that does not mean your labor does not bear fruit.
- l. Sen. Peacock: I wanted to talk about what could be done through employee services. I work as a lifeguard at the pool, and I know as a student employee we have experienced staffing issues. Student employment is not very appealing with not getting paid enough or not having enough time. We have had



staff members who still have not gotten hired or processed through staffing. Is the upper leadership aware of this problem?

- i. UNM President Stokes: That is a new problem I have heard of. I did not know that there were delays with start dates and hiring issues. We have staffing issues across the entire institution and some of those exist in HR. I will have to investigate that.
- ii. UNM Provost Holloway: Please tell us about these problems that you are having and keep making us aware. One of the things we are piloting this fall is to pilot student employment and increasing it. We have been talking to student employment about pay rates and if they are where they need to be, and we want to push that student employment can provide a better environment to students who want to work, and we want to encourage students to be in student employment.
- iii. Sen. Alicia Torres: I want to go off Sen. Peacock, I do work off campus and on campus and the issue I face is that off campus employment has more money, and I am able to sustain myself better. You have mentioned scholarships, will out of state scholarships increase?
  1. UNM Provost Holloway: It is easy to become a New Mexico resident and most of the scholarships for out of state students bring their rates down to the in-state rate. We really have adjusted those scholarships.
  2. UNM President Stokes: We have a foundation that focuses on raising support. A lot of the scholarships we have are open to out-of-state students. We want to provide Opportunity Scholarships and Lottery Scholarships to have available to support a broader group.
- m. Sen. Martin: Thank you, I am also a student employee, I see a lot of perspective students take tours. One question I get a lot is about gender neutral bathrooms. There are a few on campus, from what I have seen there are none in the sub and few in the residence halls. I have heard from perspective students that have brought these barriers up and I was wondering if there is any plan to add more gender-neutral bathrooms?
  - i. UNM Provost Holloway: The building standard we have requires gender neutral bathrooms. We are trying to see if we can add gender neutral bathrooms to new and old buildings and there is that new standard that says

we should be doing that. There is an issue with adding those bathrooms in older buildings. We do have in place the standards to implement renovations potentially, but they are slower.

- n. Sen. Gurule: Thank you, I am interested in the 2040 plan, especially sustainability. What plans are being made to align with our states and counties goals?
  - i. UNM President Stokes: We have a group that is working on various plans to improve sustainability related to our use of fossil fuels. Looking at issues of recycling and emitting less carbon. Lobo energy is working to reduce its use of energy and change to renewable energy. We are trying to get solar panels. I do not have the specifics, but I hope to answer once I get information.
- o. Sen. Reynoso: Thank you Madam Vice President, I personally am a Hispanic student, but I am also white. What does it mean to you to be the face of a university as white presenting?
  - i. UNM Provost Holloway: I think we represent the university past our physical appearances. I personally try to reflect when I communicate with others about the various communities that our university has. The communications that I make here talk about family a lot. I try to represent that in the ways that I communicate. New student convocation is a way for the families to see UNM and I think it's important to think about the things we do and the things we say.
  - ii. UNM President Stokes: I don't often think of myself as the face of the institution. When I think of your question I think about my role and my own history, I rarely think about just my whiteness. I think of my gender and responsibility to recognize that there are things I will never understand. I see a special responsibility to recognize what I don't know and what I don't understand. Part of that is making every effort to spend time with those who have had different experiences. The courses I taught as a professor focused on different experiences and so when I talk to people, I am often asking about life experiences, and I am fascinated by the ways we develop as individuals. What they look like within the lives that they lead. For me it's a complicated question to answer because so much of it is nuanced in my experience.



- p. Sen. Al Bayraqdar: Some concerns on campus aren't seen on campus by faculty and so maybe doing a poll on campus so faculty can see the issues students face.
  - i. UNM President Stokes: I think that is a wonderful idea and I think at the highest leadership level the issues don't get to us. And so, we want to work on hearing these issues.
  - ii. Sen. Pereira moves to recess for 5 minutes until 7:49pm
    - 1. Seconded and passed
  - iii. Chair calls meeting back to order at 7:51pm
- b. Public Comment
  - i. Andres the assistant director of Student Special Events: I'm here to talk about appropriation 34F, we started at \$112,000 we have had numerous activities and we are left at \$78,00 dollars. All invoices and records have been submitted and are accurate. This appropriation will fund music event festivals. This will have to provide for additional Spring programming as well. This can secure two national touring acts and improve the marketing of our events. Line two will ensure guest safety and security, along with medical and emergencies and crowd cover. Line 3 will allow us to provide additional Spring programming. We feel that we would feel confident putting on more events with the appropriation. It's important to create volunteer opportunities and get students involved.
  - ii. Devin: I appreciate you taking time to listen to our appropriation. In the past we have seen this event being an extremely expensive event. This used to be a major event for fun at this university and I think we need to bounce back from the major challenges we have faced. We want this appropriation to cover the major headliners and the artists throughout the day. Finally for fiesta expenses I see there being more security expenses for the event. We want to step it up in this regard. The attendance at our events has increased and we want to be able to manage the crowds. We want to be sure we can keep prohibited items out and so by bringing in higher security we feel as if that is necessary. Red parties are something that have been done in the past and were very popular and they brought in great acts, and I think that would be a great opportunity for UNM students to be a part of.
  - iii. President Ian May: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, I just wanted to speak on the student special events appropriation and Devin, and I have been talking about fiestas for a while now. With more funding they would have two stages and more funding for more events for students. Projections for next year show we will be able to fund more student organizations and events and we should really take opportunities like this to fund these events. We can put on a good fiesta and now is a great time to invest in students.
- c. ASUNM President's Report
  - i. President Ian May: Thank you so much again, please forgive me for being on zoom. The first update is on the student fee review board. They take applications from students, and we have deliberations and I have a few



highlights. We added \$250,000 to recreational services. Hopefully, this will free up funding for ASUNM. The student fee review board voted to pay off student publications. Student publications have been in a deficit and their debt kept growing. We really wanted to solve that issue. The student activities center requested a different charting program. If you are going off and applying to things that have proof of involvement in clubs, you can receive that. UNM foundation is asking for feedback on their investment policy and their environmental social justice investments and making sure those are equitable. The last thing is the ASUNM mock trial, MJ is really looking for people to be actors for that.

1. Sen. Villegas: what were some of the cuts you had to make?
  - a. President Ian May: I forgot to say something to, we didn't make any cuts. We voted to raise the student fees by 5.05% and the biggest reason we did this is because of inflation because next year everyone would experience a decrease. Hopefully, we don't have to increase it later but instead of making cuts they thought it was a good time to invest in UNM.
- d. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
  - i. Vice President Krysta Pacheco: I will try to keep this really brief; we have one cycle left for submitting legislation for student organizations. Last chance till next semester. Keep filling out outreach hour forms and senate stars. I will present those during the last meeting. Also please do not look at your phones and laptops during guest speakers. Also, if you need to take a point of personal privilege just wave your plaque from now on. Last thing to write down is the Lobo Food Pantry is trying to do a Friendsgiving outside of Lapo. If you are interested in helping, please just let me know and reach out.
- e. Joint Council
  - i. DEI Bell: yesterday we had 2<sup>nd</sup> joint council. It was a good turn out and we have good convo about all the bills. I would like to say that a lot of our conversations were centered around 33F and 34F and appropriations. Especially about increasing funding potentially. We would appreciate it if you could show up to the next joint council meeting. Show your support to them and listen to their conversations.
    1. Sen. Carrillo: Did the council have any specific recommendations?
      - a. DEI Bell: There was an issue with the appropriation, and they were wondering how many students would be able to go to the event.
- f. Boards & Committees Report
  - i. Deputy Chief of Staff Ortiz: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, this is going to be brief. From the SUB board they have more inclusive food options. There is a lot of stuff in the works right now, so I am not able to answer questions. SFRB there is a budget leadership meeting which is open for everyone to attend. It will be in this room Lobo A and B.
- g. ASUNM Senators



- i. Sen. Carrillo: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, I want to reemphasize that for the Friendsgiving event they have no one signed up yet, so we should really show our support since we have been advocating for them a lot. If you are available, it is on the 16th and please contact the food pantry with questions.
- ii. Sen. Alicia Torres: Board for be kind. If you have any ideas of what to bring to them to this initial meeting, tell me.
- iii. Sen. Villegas: I wanted to give a couple updates. AISS is having a tournament and it would be nice to have a team of ASUNM senators to represent and have a good time. Kiva club is having a bunch of events and a movie night. The glam group is having an organizational meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> on Monday, if you are interested reach out. We are doing an event with the Kiva club and juniper.
- iv. Sen. Martin: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, the arts and crafts studio has their big crafts fair coming up. They are looking for volunteers so as soon as I get the form, I will send it out.
- v. Sen. Gurule: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, lobo sports men's and women's basketball are coming up. Go and support, pack the pit, and support sports games.
- vi. Sen. Wyatt: I wanted to let everyone know the global education office is having global education week. If you are interested in studying abroad or learning more let people know.
- vii. Sen. Alicia Torres: For clarification, the board is planning for kindness carnival, and they want ideas for what to do at the carnival.
- h. Attorney General Law Book Edits
  - i. A.G. Zinsmeyer: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, we finally got our bills back from legal counsel. They all did pass. I am a little bit behind. Hopefully by Friday they will be in. There have been a few mentions of it, but a mock trial is coming up so please show up and support. If you have point of personal privilege, just make sure you let the Vice President know. Also points for hard of hearing or points of inquiry. Recognize the chair when you are called on. As always ask questions and have a good discussion.

### 3) Business

#### a. Finance Committee

- i. Sen. Carrillo: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, I have a couple of lengthy announcements. Appropriations are due this Friday, please send them to student organizations. I want to make a note that we are adding an extension to student organizations until Sunday and will be made available to everyone. I would highly recommend contacting your student organizations. Going into the general funds, we are still sitting at around \$180,000 in our reserves. This means that this number includes the appropriations tonight. This also includes the first 6 weeks of the spring. If we run out of funding in the first 6 weeks, we cannot fund student organizations. We must monitor these funds and think about Spring appropriations. I would highly encourage setting up meetings if you want to know more about general funds. Reach out to your resources. We have submitted four appropriations; 31 is not there because no one showed up. They are looking to resubmit during the next cycle. The other appropriations are straight forward.
- ii. Appropriation 30F: Women's Ultimate Frisbee
  - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open 30F
    - a. Seconded and failed
  - 2. Sen. Romero-Salas moves to block vote appropriations 30F to 33F



- a. Seconded and passed
3. Introduction speech:
  - a. Sen. Martin: Women's ultimate Frisby, they requested funding for jersey sets. They are required to have both. Per standing rules, we did cut some of that funding.
4. Questions
  - a. Sen. Villegas: These are required, and I get standing rules, but does this mean some players don't get to play?
    - i. Sen. Martin: No, they were requesting enough jerseys for 15 players even though 7 players play at one time. They will also have to get players to pay for some of the jerseys. They should still have all the jerseys needed.
- iii. Appropriation 32F: Chinese Language and Culture Club
  1. Introduction Speech:
    - a. Sen. Alarcon: Chinese language and culture club. This appropriation is for a buffet with different food from their culture. They gave a rough estimate of how much each person and food would cost.
- iv. Appropriation 33F: Muslim Student Association
  1. Introduction Speech:
  2. Sen. Wyatt: This required a few more cuts than others. Conference they are traveling to in Chicago, we cut some of airfare per standing rules. Conference fees were within standing rules and for refreshments and food, that is for meetings throughout semester and for precedent we have considered meetings to be single events.
  3. Appropriations 30F to 33F pass with a vote of 18-0-0-2
- v. Appropriation 34F: ASUNM Student Special Events
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 34F
    - a. Seconded and passed
  2. Introduction Speech:
  3. Sen. Carrillo: As we have seen in both public comment and President Ian May's remarks. Student events is requesting additional funding for headliners and Spring funding. The music festival headliners are important. Safety and equipment are very important for these larger events. A couple of things I want to clarify is that we cut line item 3 because we think they can be funded in the Spring semester. Interested to hear from the full senate.
  4. Discussion
    - a. Sen. Wyatt: I would like to echo the comments of public comment. We were in the position of having inaccurate numbers. I'm in favor of restoring appropriation to full request.
    - b. Sen. Chessman moves to increase line item three to \$20,000
      - i. Passed
    - c. Sen. Chessman moves to increase line item 1 to \$40,000
      - i. Questions

1. Sen. Villegas: We passed an appropriation last semester that didn't turn out to be as successful as everyone wanted it to be, how do we know this event will be valuable for the students?
  - a. Sen. Carrillo: I think it boils down to the level of planning that has gone into the event. Having the funding now would allow them to plan sooner.
2. Sen. Villegas: Say they do get this funding and don't use it to its full capability?
  - a. Sen. Carrillo: Any funding they don't use goes back to the general fund. They are doing a budget revision anyway. They could spend less but then allocate that towards another event.
3. Discussion
4. Sen. Wyatt: While I do understand the concern, I would say last year was not a good year to compare too. It is not a good idea to adopt an attitude of withholding money from organizations.
5. Sen. Chessman: I would like to point out the event that happened last year that did happen with the funding we allocated last year. While it wasn't the magnitude we wanted to see. I'm in favor of all my previous motions.
6. Sen. Martin: To further point out the marketing plan they have in place for this event. They are present in advertising events; all events have been incredibly successful. I'm in favor.
7. Sen. Carrillo: These original cuts were made from lack of information. We considered these for the motions we were making.
8. Sen. Angel: I think I am in favor of increasing the line items and we have the capacity and so we should expect a big turn out from this.
  - ii. Passes
- d. Sen. Villegas: I think we will make the right decision at the end of the day.
- e. Sen. Chaparro: Thank you, it is not fair to doubt our agencies and we should support them instead of doubting.
- f. Sen. Sanchez: motion to call to question
  - i. Fails
- g. Sen. Wyatt: I would like to apologize for previous comments





1. Sen. Romero-Salas: This bill changes the election of the President Pro-Tempore from the first meeting to the last meeting. Last full senate meeting, we had to have a summer meeting to elect and that will no longer be happening. It helps with logistical planning since meetings during summer and dead week were hard to coordinate. Also, it helps that during the summer period it is important for the executive branch since the President Pro-Tempore helps hire and elect presidential positions. Also bolsters the senate voice.
2. Questions
  - a. Sen. Carrillo: clarifying question, if the election is moved will newly elected senators be able to vote
  - b. Sen. Romero-Salas: Newly elected senators would not be able to vote. This is structured this way because the President Pro-Tempore has so much power, it is crucial that they are voted in by a sitting senate. Encouraged upon a meeting I had with the executive board and Ryan Lindquist and Vice President Pacheco.
  - c. Sen. Wyatt: Since we are coming up on last full meeting, will this take effect this semester?
    - i. Sen. Romero-Salas: After this bill is passed, President Pro-Tempore election will be last meeting.
  - d. Sen. Villegas: Will there be information about President Pro-Tempore, even if they can't vote on it?
    - i. Sen. Romero-Salas: That would be taking place in the form of letting them know this election is happening. They can submit attempt and its very unlikely that a newly elected senator becomes the President Pro-Tempore.
  - e. Sen. Martin: Attorney General considering this would take place before newly elected senators, would they be able to be President Pro-Tempore because they are not sworn in?
    - i. A.G. Zinsmeyer: It's like with the actual election so with sworn in, they would not assume duties until swearing in.
  - f. Sen. Carrillo: How would you address the concerns of new senators who may not understand, and they cannot vote?
    - i. Sen Romero-Salas: Good question, it would come to logical reasoning on why this bill is being proposed. They can submit intent and they can talk to sitting senators.
  - g. Sen. Carrillo: Since that President Pro-Tempore would be affecting their semester?
    - i. Sen. Romero-Salas: Newly elected, if they have that sentiment. I want to clarify if they can participate.
  - h. Sen. Villegas: Are there any precautions that the President Pro-Tempore decides to not be a senator anymore?
    - i. Sen. Romero-Salas: If there is no acting President Pro-Tempore then there is no President Pro-Tempore.

- ii. A.G Zinsmeyer: If a President Pro-Tempore were to resign the steering and rules chair would be the active President Pro-Tempore until another is elected.
          1. Sen. Romero-Salas: I'm still President Pro-Tempore until swearing in.
      - i. Sen. Martin: When you look at the senate right now, do you think it's fair for us as acting senate to choose the President Pro-Tempore for next semester even if it won't affect us?
        1. Sen. Romero-Salas: I do think it is appropriate to choose a President Pro-Tempore, same way seniors will be electing President and Vice President can choose for campus. The President Pro-Tempore has a lot of authority and going back to previous sentiments.
        - ii. Sen. Sanchez: Now that we have voted to block vote, we cannot get out of it?
          1. Vice President Pacheco: No, you cannot.
3. Discussion
  - a. Sen. Chessman: I would like to say I understand the sentiment of being upset or voicing concern. I want to tell a story of when I was appointed. Since the President Pro-Tempore has a heightened level of authority and there is potential that a new senator didn't understand the magnitude. The wrong person gets into that position due to lack of information.
  - b. Sen. Carrillo: I want to make a couple points that I am very strongly against the President Pro-Tempore being elected by the previous senate. I think the reason this method is put in place is because we have no alternative. While I am against it, for our processes to be ok I would like to see this potentially be amended.
  - c. Sen. Romero-Salas: I have three points to make. I do think it is perfectly ok for the previous senate to make that decision. When they get elected, it determines how quickly appointments can be run. Personal example, I persistently engaged with people in ASUNM, and I took that initiative and even though I did have information I still didn't get it.
  - d. Sen. Sanchez: I have long held a belief that democracy before bureaucracy, so if there are newly elected senators that voice new ideas and people the voters chose them, and we owe it to the voters to let the next senate vote on the President Pro-Tempore.
  - e. Sen. Chessman: I would like to bring up the point that your voice is still elected by the students and their voices. We need to improve the education of incoming senators. We must treat



this position very differently than we had in the past. We need to elevate how we elect this person. Know qualifications of fellow a senator.

- f. Sen. Romero-Salas: When I decided to write this bill and present it there were extensive conversations about this. What was the best decision, and they were in conjunction with President Ian May. I would also like to say the knowledge of the President Pro-Tempore you will not be aware of the personality of who will be sitting in this position. There are important social components.

4. Bills 7F to Bill 12F pass with a vote of 14-2-2

c. Outreach and Events Committee

- i. Sen. Villegas: Reminder we have student success week coming up. We want the whole senate to help with that week. We want to see engagement with the senate, and we want to show every branch of ASUNM working there. We will be making goodie bags and tabling and we will have social media campaigns and pizza. We will potentially have lo-fi music and some therapy dogs. There will also be painting in the art studio. Two weeks from now we will have trans empowerment day, if you can offer any materials or board games that would be a big help. That will be from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. LGBTQ is having Friendsgiving that weekend as well.

4) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

- i. Sen. Wyatt: Thank you Vice President Pacheco, I don't want to extend the meeting. I would like to voice my concern with the ramifications of block voting. It should not be used every time to save time in the meeting.
- ii. Sen. Chaparro: I also wanted to keep in mind that these questions can be prevented if you go before the meeting to ask questions.
- iii. Sen. Chessman: Block voting for discussion; you can say you should not block vote or not include this bill in the block vote.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. Sen. Romero – Salas: Thank you Vice President, regarding appropriations I would say that during the discussion part bring up why you are going to vote no. Empowering by voicing why. Something that has been brought up to me and transparency with legislation, if you have concerns or questions, please bring them up prior. I would like to say if you have a problem have discussions with authors and sponsors. I would also like to say with the appointments bills fingers-crossed we won't have to make the changes that were suggested.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

- i. Vice President Pacheco: I know it is late, but I want to take time to address this. Big with transparency and accountability. Those of you may be aware of the Vice President Kamala Harris talk. I just want to provide context that while ASUNM was invited, we were given a limited number of seats. Regarding the event we had 10 initial seats, and we had a phone call Monday to take 25 additional senators. We were not able to talk about this event, if you want to know more about the event reach out to me. It was not a way to exclude members of the senate. I publicly apologize about the invitation and for the ways you may have found out. Thank you for sticking through this meeting and please get home safe.



- d. Adjournment
  - i. Chair adjourns meeting at 9:35pm