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Finance Committee

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Meeting Minutes
November 18th, 2020
Link: https://unm.zoom.us/s/96495035814

1. Opening
   1. Call to Order
      1. Chairwoman Polsin officially calls the November 18th, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting at 5:34 pm.
      2. MOTION to move out of parliamentary procedure
         1. MOTION is seconded and approved
      3. MOTION to move back into Parliamentary Procedure
         1. MOTION is seconded and approved
   4. MOTION to recess until 6:00 pm.
      1. MOTION is seconded and approved
   5. The meeting is called back to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Roll Call
   1. 5 Senators are present

3. Approval of Agenda
   1. MOTION to approve the agenda
      1. MOTION is seconded and passed

4. Approval of Minutes
1. MOTION to approve the minutes
   1. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Preliminary Business
   1. Finance Chair
      1. We have one appropriation and one budget revision. Thank you for coming Senators and I thank the rest of you for coming to watch. A reminder that ELL will have 5 minutes to speak, then we’ll ask questions about your proposal.

2. Members of the Committee
   1. None

3. Public Comment
   1. None

3. New Business
   1. Appropriations
      1. Appropriation 6F - ELL
         1. MOTION to open Appropriation 6F
            a. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Presentation
   a. Due to COVID, many of our students who stayed home this semester will not be able to receive the end of the semester package we give out. Due to new government orders, we want to ship as many of these packages as possible while being COVID safe. We did a survey and currently, 10 people are unable to pick up their package. I think this amount of money would be good to send these packages as far as needed. The budget revision is $400 because I have no reason to spend that line item, so it could be moved over to where it’s needed. But it’s up to you all.

3. Questions
   a. Sen. Olaguir: You’re saying that the budget revision will suffice without the appropriation?
      i. It will suffice, and next semester we could move money around a little more.
   b. Sen. Molinar: If we fail this appropriation and pass the budget revision, could you submit that same appropriation next semester if needed?
      i. If we need it next semester we will ask for that or we would just move money around.
   c. Sen. Molinar: How is ELL functioning right now?
i. It’s been a successful semester. We’ve had some dropouts, which is normal but maybe more than usual due to COVID.

d. Chairwoman Polsin: Have they taken their exam yet?
i. No, they haven’t, but they are doing a couple of assessments.

4. Discussion
   a. Sen. Olaguir: I’m comfortable with failing this appropriation and passing the budget revision further down in the agenda.

5. Vote
   a. Appropriation 6F fails with 5 votes

2. Budget Revisions
   1. MOTION to open revisions
      1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   2. ELL
      1. Discussion
         a. SEN. Molinar: I think we’ve come to a consensus so I’m down to pass this revision.
      2. Vote
         a. ELL Budget Revision passes with 6 votes

4. Closing
   1. Members of the Committee
      1. Sen. Molinar: This was a nice last meeting, I’ll miss you all.
      2. Sen. Olaguir: It was a pleasure working with y’all.
      3. Sen. Flores: I’m gonna miss y’all, I hope you do great in all your future endeavors.
      4. Vice President Milan: Thank you for serving the student body, I know this semester was slow but I appreciate your work. Thanks to Joanna, she’s not coming back next semester. Thanks to Sarah, because the Chair position is a lot of hard work. Finally, thanks to Cj for taking minutes which is hard.
      5. Sen. Sandoval: I liked working with y’all, see you next semester Sarah.
   2. SGAO
      1. I will be leaving UNM next semester. I’ve had a wonderful time working with y’all, you adapted well to this COVID situation. Thanks, Chair Polsin, you were wonderful and easy to work with and I’ll miss you and Senator Hill. Great job Cj, you take great minutes. Ana, I’ll miss you as well. Good luck in S&R tonight, I know it could get contentious so good luck to all of you. It’s been a pleasure!
3. Vice-Chair
   1. It was an honor to serve with y’all, best of luck next semester.
4. Finance Chair
   1. I wanna thank you for your hard work and all you’ve done this semester. Thanks, Joanna, I enjoyed our meetings and talks. To my Vice Chair, thanks for your hard work and being a great Senator and leader, you are a great person to work with. To my Committee, thanks for your hard work. Thanks for letting me lead you all.
   2. Adjournment
      1. Chairwoman Polsin officially adjourns the November 18th, 2020 Finance Committee meeting at 6:22 pm.
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 18th, 2020
5:30 P.M. on Zoom
https://unm.zoom.us/j/99889459123

I. Opening
A. Call to Order
1. Chair Regalado: I call this meeting to order at 5:31 PM
2. MOTION to move out of Parliamentary Procedure
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed
3. Senators talk about business for the evening
   a) Bill #18F
      (1) Bill #18F is a Constitutional Amendment that moves allocation for the Student Publications Board from 8.5% to 4%.
      (2) Discussed that there doesn’t look to be any grammatical errors.
   b) Bill #19F
      (1) This bill fixes the titles for student agencies within the Lawbook so it can be linked properly.
      (2) Changed Article 1 to include the agency’s name and the purpose as well as a title at the top of the section.
   c) Bill #20F
The purpose of this bill is to change some of the responsibilities within Joint Council. Some of the changes include that members of Senate shouldn’t serve on Joint Council, the Attorney General should serve as an ex-officio non-voting member, as well as the President and Vice-President. Additional parts include allowing the Speaker of Joint Council serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of ASUNM Senate. This would give them the ability to give comments and feedback from Joint Council into our meetings. Discussed making a sweeping motion to include periods in bolded sections. Discussed changing “members of Full Senate” to “Senators”. Discussed on Section 1 Subsection G changing it to “should be elected by the Joint Council” instead of “at by”. Talked about the possibility of making a motion to strike “at”. Clarified who the Executive Office covers. On Section 1F 2, discussed taking the semicolon out and possibly adding a comma after “members”.  

d) Bill #21F

(1) This bill somewhat bounces off of Bill #20F and adds the same idea that Speaker of Joint Council can serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Senate in a different part of the Lawbook. (2) Discussed condensing the two sentences to something like, “The Attorney General and Speaker of Joint Council serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Senate”.  

e) Bill #22F

(1) This bill is the Emergency Scholarship Bill that is being submitted for the third time due to a change needing to be made under “Requirements”. (2) Believes that everything looks good and that there doesn’t need to be any further changes on this bill.  

f) Commendation #2F

(1) Commendation #2F is for NMPIRG for reaching out to students helping.
Believes that everything looks good and that there doesn't need to be any grammatical changes.

Commendation #3F
(1) Commendation #3F is for Agora Crisis Center's fiftieth anniversary.
(2) Believes that everything looks good and that there doesn't need to be any grammatical changes.
(3) Discussed the possibility of looking at the recipient list and taking out and including additional names.

Condolence #1F
(1) Condolence #1F is for the passing of Hannah Colton. This is the first condolence of the semester.
(2) Believes that everything looks good and that there doesn’t need to be any grammatical changes.

Resolution #9F
(1) Resolution #9F covers food insecurities on campus.
(2) Discussed Senator Hotz giving the authorship speech for this resolution.
(3) Believes that everything looks good and that there doesn’t need to be any grammatical changes.

4. Recess called at 5:54 PM until 6:00 PM
5. MOTION to move into Parliamentary Procedure
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed
6. Chair Regalado: I call this meeting to order at 6:00 PM

B. Roll Call
1. All six Senators are present

C. Approval of Minutes
1. MOTION to approve the minutes
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed

D. Approval of Agenda
1. MOTION to approve the agenda
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed

II. Preliminary Business
A. Chair
1. Chair Regalado: Thank you everyone for coming tonight. This is by far the most attended S&R meeting I’ve been a part of. Senators please, we have a lot of business to go over, there is definitely some important pieces of legislation to go over so be sure to be attentive, listen to the conversation, and try to be efficient. Please listen to public comment. We are definitely going to value all of the input from the public, especially on contentious
pieces of legislation. I definitely do appreciate you all for coming, thank you so much!

B. Members of the Committee
1. No opening comments from members of the committee.
2. Chair Regalado: So how this is going to work is firstly I am going to read, I have some public comments submitted to me. If there is anybody, if you sent me an e-mail with public comment and you would like to speak on it instead of me reading it, if you would send me a private message in the chat. If you could just hold up, I am going to have you type in the chat if you have a public comment just to speak in person, let me read the ones I’ve been submitted first, just so I can get everybody’s name down and don’t miss anybody’s. That would be helpful for me. So if you could go ahead and not send me a chat with you going in yet, I am going to go ahead and read the public comments first and then we will go ahead and move into in-person public comment. So with that, let me go ahead and open up the public comment.

C. Public Comment – The public may submit public comment to be read aloud to asunmsandr@unm.edu
1. Written by Courtney Baca, read by Chair Regalado: “As a citizen, one who holds our rights dear, I support our journalists and their work, now more than ever, to hear about matters local, regional, national, and international, from a free press. Our young journalists are the future of a foundational and fundamental part of our rights. Cutting their already low operation in half devalues their integral role in our community now and our society as they join the ranks of our hard-working journalists after graduation. Send a message that they are as important as they really truly are, and fund them full! Seek further funding in the future so INCREASES can be made, not decreases. Our freedoms depend on them, and they depend on you to do the right thing.”
2. Written by Brett Phelps, read by Chair Regalado: “My name is Brett Phelps and I am a proud alumnus of the UNM School of Law class of 2017. I’m commenting today to oppose Bill #18F, a proposed constitutional amendment to cut funding to the Daily Lobo. The Daily Lobo provides a vital public service not only for UNM students, but for all New Mexicans. Along with holding the university administration to account and providing some of the best data analysis of the COVID pandemic statewide, Daily Lobo journalists are risking their own well-being to report on matters of great importance. They’re literally holding a fundraiser right now to buy protective equipment for reporters on the front lines covering local protests. Reading the Daily Lobo, and seeing their courage
and commitment to reporting in the face of great adversity, makes me proud to call myself a UNM graduate. These student journalists deserve more support from the University, not less. Committee Members, I urge you to do the right thing and vote against Bill #18F. Thank you.”

3. Written by Megan Kamerick, read by Chair Regalado: “I understand there is a proposal to halve the fees going to student publications such as the Daily Lobo. I find this incomprehensible at a time when students need trusted news sources more than ever to navigate this pandemic and the resulting shifts in education and life on campus. This is the biggest news year any of us are ever likely to see in a long time. It’s vital that students get the information they need that may not be available in other news outlets where they are not the primary audience. As a colleague of Hannah Colton, I am also more than a little dismayed to see that you are considering this on the same agenda where you are honoring her memory. If Hannah were here she would be the first one decrying plans to cut funding for student publications.”

4. Written by Lee Ann Ratzlaff, read by Chair Regalado: “I am a UNM alumni and a current UNM staff, and am writing to express great objection to Bill 18F, which would drastically cut the funding for the Daily Lobo. This paper provides an important and valuable perspective for students and Albuquerque community members, and they will not be able to continue their work with such a significant funding reduction. Please continue to invest in local student journalism. Our democracy and institutions of higher learning depend on it.”

5. Written by Brendon Gray, read by Chair Regalado: “My name is Brendan Gray. I’m a concerned UNM alum sending my comment to the committee regarding Bill 18F. The bill needs to be failed. Here’s why from my perspective as a former Daily Lobo reporter and ASUNM Director of Communications. The Daily Lobo is a critical resource for the UNM community. No publication is so well-positioned to cover UNM administration, UNM athletics, and the board of regents, all of which have proven in dire need of oversight. Daily Lobo reporters have provided that oversight on more occasions than can be summarized here. To boot, Lobo reporters almost entirely operate with story commissions lower than the salary received by ASUNM employees. To any rational observer, ASUNM should consider itself lucky to sponsor a publication like the Daily Lobo. UNM is a land grant university with an express mission to operate in the interest of New Mexicans. You carry a portion of that mission. I am not exaggerating when I
say the Daily Lobo is one of the few independent publications able to hold UNM accountable. You have a duty to support that publication, not cut its funding. Please understand the importance of your decision. The committee has the ability to fail this bill now. Arguments to pass the bill based on its ‘grammatical’ suitability are an affront to logic. Yet, you’re likely to hear arguments like this tonight such arguments call to question your role as a senator, the role of this committee, even the role of a student government. Ignore those arguments. Fail bill 18F tonight because it should not be considered by the full senate.”

6. Written by Chelsea Van Deventer, read by Chair Regalado: “My name is Chelsea Van Deventer. I’m an attorney in Albuquerque and an alumni of UNM. I received both my bachelor’s degree and my law degree from the University of New Mexico. I write to submit public comment on Item III. A Bill 18F, Decrease Student Publications Allocation – and to ask this body to vote ‘no” on this frankly embarrassing bill. University papers are historical aspects of college institutions and journalism is fundamental to having an informed and educated student body. Moreover, the Daily Lobo is read more broadly than just by students and faculty, meaning that this bill proposes to reduce the reach and repute of UNM itself without sufficient justification. One with any degree of education would think it obvious just how crucial journalism always – and especially right now, for example – is. Any legislation pertaining to the already underfunded Daily Lobo should seek only to increase its allocation, not slash it by more than half. MORE THAN HALF. Shameful. This proposal is stunning in its overreach, cruelty, and stupidity. It is an insult to the entire University and all of its alumni, and it smacks of anti-intellectualism and censorship, directly contradictory to the message this body should send and the work it should be pursuing in the name of UNM and higher education. Gilding the lily of this incredulous proposal is it’s introduction on the same day this body wishes to recognize the tragic death of Hannah Colton – a beloved community member, journalist, and fierce advocate for the Daily Lobo and it’s staff. This is downright offensive and you should be ashamed at your own insensitivity. Please vote no.”

7. Written by Jen Panhorst, read by Chair Regalado: “As a UNM staff member and a concerned citizen of Albuquerque, I urge the Finance Committee not to cut the budget of the Daily Lobo. Not only are they an excellent publication from UNM, but I also believe they are made up of some of the finest journalists in the state, putting out some of the most important content that we do
not get in other publications. Examples include the fine work Joe Rull has done providing up-to-date data visualization on COVID-19, which I have seen used in meetings at HSC, as well as the constant coverage of protests by Bella Davis, even when other media outlets did not see fit to send a reporter. The dramatic budget cut proposed would clearly make the same level of work impossible. The Finance Committee should find other ways to rectify their budget issues.”

8. Chair Regalado: So that was all the submitted public comment I had except for one that will be read in person. So now, I understand that a lot of you have sent me a private message. I didn’t get to see them because I was reading those. Even if I’ve already responded to you can you please just resend your name in the chat and I will write them down in the order that I receive them. We can start going that way. I will wait for everyone to send theirs and I’ll just work down that list. We will go ahead and get started because we do have quite a bit. So how this goes, you do have five minutes to make a public comment. I am going to go ahead and read the names as we go along. Our advisor will unmute you and your video and you will have five minutes to speak after we turn them on.

a) Ryan Lindquist: Just so people know I am not going to unmute the, I am not going to activate video. I will just unmute them so it will just be an audio. First one was who? I’m sorry.
b) Chair Regalado: Shawn Grizwald.
9. Shawn Grizwald: Hello, thanks for having me. Am I ready to go?

a) Chair Regalado: Yeah, go ahead and start you have five minutes.
b) Shawn Grizwald: Alright, my name is Shawn Grizwald. I am a Daily Lobo alumni at UNM, alumni as well. Without the Daily Lobo there is no professional career in news for me. I have about a decade of experience working with newspapers as well as tv stations in Albuquerque and Denver as well as working with affiliates in LA and New York, the BBC, NPR. I basically have been everywhere with news and I wouldn’t have been there without the Daily Lobo. So, I’m here to discuss that your panel and that your committee will reject 18F. I think that is the disturbance not only to the Albuquerque UNM community but to journalism as a whole. The Daily Lobo is instrumental for a significant amount of people and as you
will hear from a number of people who will speak after me, is a valuable source and a valuable resource in the community and in the nation that needs news. I am also going to read a letter from another alumni who wasn’t able to get his set up. This is from Andrew Bill. He is also another Daily Lobo alumni. Andrew Bill, Daily Lobo Alumni, he currently works for a Japanese tv station based out of LA. He is actually the guy that got me hired at the Daily Lobo. Without Andrew, I don’t get to the Daily Lobo, without the Daily Lobo, I don’t have a career in news. So this is Andrew’s statement. “It is absolutely shameful that ASUNM is attempting to defund the Daily Lobo. The lobo is a critical source for independent reporting in the Albuquerque area. It’s voice needs to be heard now more than ever. It is painfully transparent that ASUNM is lashing out at the lobo because it is mad about a Twitter beef. It is despicable for you to do this on the same day that you are passing a resolution to honor Hannah Colton who worked closely with the lobo staff and strongly supported their mission. This in real life Twitter drama is embarrassing for you and it is embarrassing for everyone who has attended this institution. Stop the Trump-onion attack on the free press now.”. Again, that is the comment from Andrew Bill who is a Daily Lobo Alumni, current television producer for a Japanese media company based out of LA. He is just one of many people who work in the international journalist community who has ties to the Daily Lob, and I am sure you will be hearing from many more after this. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Sean, I appreciate the public comment. Ryan next is Sophie L. Sorry if I mispronounced that. You’re free to go whenever.

10. Sophie L.: Can you hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Ryan Lindquist: Just a reminder for all speakers real quick, you won’t have video but you will have audio. You are welcome to test your audio and make sure that they can hear you.
   c) Sophie L.: Okay. Thank you for letting me speak today. I wrote a little something down for you guys. The Daily Lobo is an institution that has benefited students of UNM and the larger community for 125 years. I am an alumni of UNM and I can’t tell you how disappointing it is that this year in particular it seems Student Government is
bent on defunding and silencing the paper. The staff of the Daily Lobo does absolutely incredible work from covering protests, to delivering breaking news, and graphing COVID numbers like no other news source in the state is doing right now. It’s not just a student club that you are looking at defunding right now, it’s a service, a service to UNM students and a service to the community as a whole. That’s all I had. Thank you.

d) Chair Regalado: Thank you Sophie, I definitely appreciate you coming out to speak to us. Ryan the next person is Austin Fisher.

11. Austin Fisher: Hi, can you guys hear me okay? Okay. First, I want to thank the chair and members of the committee and the public for giving me some time to speak tonight. I have asked for a letter to be entered into the committee record which was written by myself and a dear friend of mine, and which appeared in the Daily Lobo this past Monday about the tragic death of KUNM News Director Hannah Colton. I hope, you know if you haven’t read that yet, I hope you really take the time to read it regardless of how you might be thinking about this resolution right now, or excuse me, regardless of how you are thinking about this bill. So, I am standing before you today in opposition to Bill #18F. I am asking each of you on this committee to not allow this bill to pass out of committee and even if it does, I’m asking you to ultimately vote against it. This bill is a dangerous measure to cut funding to Student Publications at the university. It’s represents another example in a long history of efforts to undermine journalism here in New Mexico and around the country. I know that if Hannah could be here with us today, she would oppose it. Hannah was one of the people I would always go to for advice and support in the process of reporting, writing, and editing. She was a movement journalist, someone who took the time and great personal expense to study, report on, and explain the oppressive systems under which we all live. She worked in a chronically understaffed and resource deprived newsroom. Wherever you may have worked, you’ve probably had a job where there was always more than enough work to do, and there was never enough people or time to do it. Hannah did the kind of work that was accountable to the communities that she covered, both on campus and throughout New Mexico. This committee and this Student Government serves the same communities that Hannah did throughout her journalism and I am appalled that this body would consider it appropriate to offer it’s condolences, no matter
how sincere for Hannah’s death immediately after considering a measure that would further harm those communities. It is a disgrace to the University of New Mexico, to KUNM, to the Daily Lobo, and to the Student Government. It is offensive to Hannah’s legacy and to her family, friends, co-workers, and colleagues. I am asking each member of this committee and the entire Student Government. I am telling each and every single one of you, if you really want to offer your condolences to Hannah Colton, you will oppose this bill. Thank you.

12. Joe Rull: Am I unmuted now? Can ya’ll hear me? Alright cool. I’m Joe Rull, I’m the data guy at the Daily Lobo. A couple of you guys did name drop me a few time. I just wanted to say I have been working here for about a year now and this is probably the fourth time, maybe the third time ya’ll have tried to defund us in some substantial way since I started working here. My first night on the job was actually when you guys tried to defund us last year in like October or whatever. Yeah, I just want to say this shit is whack, fuck this.

13. Geneva Cropper: Hey everyone, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak. Can you hear me?

b) Geneva Cropper: Awesome. So, I was the Digital Director for Lujan’s senate campaign based here in Albuquerque, and I just want to express how indispensable the coverage of the Daily Lobo was to my understanding of events going on in Albuquerque and across New Mexico, especially the historic Black Lives Matter movement and social justice protests throughout the year. Journalists including Andrew Gunn, Bella Davis, and Terrance S. were must see, must see reporters for New Mexico news. Not just for me on the campaign as the main judicial person, but for everyone across the communication spectrum. I think their work is really not only a credit to UNM. but it made our whole campaign more likely to hire UNM students, even those still in school as a body because of
the strength of the communication that was put forward by the Daily Lobo reporters. Their voice is not just for student education, but for the whole lives of students at UNM. I think this year more than ever, we have seen how student’s lives have really affected the things going on outside of the classroom and the Daily Lobo reporters did a tremendous job conveying that. I really urge all of ya'll to supply their funding. The Daily Lobo needs to continue their excellent work and I want to thank everyone that’s here tonight speaking up in favor of them.

c) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much for coming out to speak with us. Ryan, next is Noah Dowling Lujan.

14. Noah Dowling Lujan: Hi. Can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Noah Dowling Lujan: Alright. I’m here on behalf, two reasons. The first part is on behalf of UNM college Democrats. I am currently the acting President and I am here on behalf of everyone there who unequivocally and unanimously supports the Daily Lobo, and thinks this is an awful, awful decision, being made with absolutely no logic. I want to say, I think Andrew in an early letter mentioned this. That, we all know why this is happening. You are upset at Daily Lobo journalists. You don’t think they have the ability to speak themselves and report on things independently, because they are not (unable to understand what was being said). You know it’s frustrating to deal with this year after year after year, because it never changes, you know. It’s just pathetic and its cowardly. They do this at the end of the year, trying to push it through, and people try to play tradition, but they are obviously. People are here, and whenever something important comes up you always say, “well we are trying to listen to the community”, well the community showed up. Are you still going to vote for it? Are you really going to do that? Like how god-, how stupid is that? It doesn’t make any sense. Okay. And then in personal capacity as a UNM student, I think this is just absolutely pathetic. I think that, well first of all we have a right to be seen. We don’t go and speak in ASUNM when there is not COVID with like a bag on our head. I don’t know why our cameras are off, it doesn’t make any sense. Beyond that I think it’s just because you guys don’t want to be seeing who is telling you these things, who is really
holding you accountable. I think it's just disgusting. It happens every single year. The same students doing the same thing and every other student at UNM opposes it, just like always. It's fucking pathetic and you should be ashamed. I never met Hannah Colton, but just the fact that this is happening immediately after that, is, you can't even comprehend why. You know what I mean? It's just absolutely pathetic and I think it's going to reflect badly on you for the rest of your careers just because you clearly have no interest what people want, you have no interest in the future of the school and free press. I mean we don't always agree with what Daily Lobo says, but guess what, we support it. That's part of freedom of the press, you know. They have a diverse staff with diverse views who don't always say the same thing, and I'm sure you are going to bring up later mismanagement of funds. What a load of bullshit! We all know that's false, we all know that's not a real reason, that's not happening. In fact they are underfunded. So, if you try to come here with that argument, there is no evidence to back it up, absolutely none. You should just be ashamed. I don't really know what else to say besides that and I wanted to quickly mention that this is on behalf of myself, Mia Paul, Gabby O., Eric, Ricardo B., James Martin, Robert D., Carlos Martinez. It's just absolutely awful, absolutely despicable. So, I hope you feel ashamed, I hope you know, you realize this is their wages, not only Student Publications, but they get paid for that. So, you're taking away their job as well, so I just, how do you justify that? You can't, you cannot justify that in any way. That's all I have to say. Fuck you. Thank you.

c)   AG Lutz: You're muted Ryan.

d)   Chair Regalado: Cool thanks. Thank you Noah for coming to speak with us. People who have their hands raised, if you haven't sent like me your name in the chat, I will definitely get to you. There is just a pretty long list so if you can do that, but I'm not going to go off of raised hands, I'm just going to go off of that list in the chat. So, if you can, if you haven't sent your name already, if you can put that in the chat.

e)   Ryan Lindquist: Please double check also that you send it to Senator Ryan Regalado and not Ryan Lindquist please.
Chair Regalado: But with that, Ryan the next person is Michael Warren.

15. Michael Warren: Hey, can ya'll hear me?

   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

   b) Michael Warren: Okay. My name is Michael Warren. I am a UNM alumni, class of 2015, also a Daily Lobo alumni. I coming to you from New Jersey, where I am currently the Environmental Reporter for nj.com and the Star-Ledger, better known as the paper that Tony Soprano reads, if you guys have been doing that. I just want to say that this is embarrassing. It’s embarrassing for a number of reasons. On USANM, on ASUNM’s behalf, but one thing that really strikes me is that you know student Senators come and go and this happens every single year. I mean maybe not literally every year but like frequently. There is a new batch of Senators that tries to do this with no understanding of the history of what the Daily Lobo brings to this campus, right. You know before COVID happened we were getting ready to, a number of lobo alumni were getting ready to come back to Albuquerque in June to celebrate the paper’s 125th anniversary. I mean I think that says a lot on its own, right. One hundred and twenty-five years of tradition at the university of serving the students, and the faculty and the staff, the university. Of serving the surrounding community in Albuquerque and the greater state of New Mexico when need be. So, to cut away at that, right I just want you guys to grasp what this entails okay. I also want to say that it’s been touched on already. Shawn did a good job of pointing us out but know take a look at the current under-resourced state of the C&J Department, particularly the journalism half of that department, and understand that the true training, the true real-world laboratory that student journalists have at UNM is with the Daily Lobo. It is not in academics because it’s resources are just not there, okay, let’s be straight up with it. Anybody who is serious about becoming a reporter as a UNM student, there only avenue to do that is to work for the Daily Lobo. What you guys are doing, is depriving people of that opportunity okay, of that professional development. This has a real-world impact. Take a look at literally any paper, small or large in the state of New Mexico and I guarantee you will either see a current employee, current reporter who is a lobo alumni, or a very
recent past one who maybe went and moved on to another paper. I mean they are everywhere. They are serving every town in New Mexico and we are serving communities across the country, and across the world. Andrew Bill was brought up, he is serving the Japanese audience, I have a personal friend Ardina P. who you know was the same class of lobo alumni as me, know they work in Paris. I mean we are everywhere. Our common root is we wouldn’t have gotten anywhere without this paper okay. I just really need you guys to grasp how important that is, alright. One thing I am curious about and maybe one of you can explain it later, but the language in this resolution says, “Student Publications”, so are you also cutting funding for Conception Southwest? I mean just think about that, right like if this is really a beef between a few Senators that are unhappy about coverage of the Daily Lobo, are you really going to use Conception Southwest and the art students as collateral in this? Consider that, okay. The last thing I want to leave you with, and people have brought it up before, but rest in peace Hannah Colton. I didn’t have the privilege of getting to know her personally, but I read her work, I listened to her work, and I am aware of her true impact that she had through her mentorship to UNM students, okay. It is fine and dandy that you guys want to have this condolence resolution, right, that’s cool, but if you like, like to do that and then to undercut and damage the people that she cared so deeply about, come on, it’s disgusting. So you know, do the right thing, don’t let this get out of committee, alright. There is no obligation for you to pass this out of committee, and if it does for whatever reason get out of committee, you know vote no when it gets to the full body. Do the right thing, this is a disgusting resolution.

c) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you Michael for coming to speak with us tonight. I definitely appreciate it. Next is Rose C.

16. Rose C.: Okay. Hi, can you guys hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Rose C.: Okay sounds good. So my name is Rose C. and I am a UNM alumni and a former Steering and Rules ASUNM Senator. I served my term from January 2018 to December 2018. While I loved what I did as a Senator I will be the first to admit that there were times
when the newspaper was not the best look for me or my fellow Senators. Whether we liked it or not, nothing that was ever published about us in the Daily Lobo was any kind of misrepresentation of the truth. It was all true and it was all credible and it held us all accountable for the things that we did, said, and supported or opposed during our senate meetings. Despite what the vanity of the authors, editors, and sponsors of Bill #18F has led them to believe, the Daily Lobo is not out to get ASUNM in any way, shape, or form. The Daily Lobo provides credible and reliable coverage of so much more than ASUNM, including sports, student organizations, student housing, COVID-19 updates, opinion pieces, student agency events, and much much more. As Senators, if you don’t like the way that you look in Student Publications the solution should not be to silence it. Your solution should be to re-evaluate the things that you have done in your powerful position that have made you look like you’re doing anything other than representing the people who have elected you. It is with nothing but sincere respect and admiration for every single person that has ever made the Daily Lobo possible, that I ask all of you to fail Bill #18F during this committee meeting. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much for coming to speak with us Rose. Ryan, next is Hevyn Heckes.
d) Ryan Lindquist: Could you repeat that again for me please?
e) Chair Regalado: Hevyn Heckes. Sorry if I mispronounced your last name.
f) Ryan Lindquist: What was that, Hevyn?
g) Chair Regalado: Yeah, she had her hand raised so she should be at the top of the list.
h) Senator Hotz: H-e-v…
i) Ryan Lindquist: Got it. I see it.

17. Hevyn Heckes: Hello, can everyone hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Hevyn Heckes: Okay, hi I’m Heaven, I am a freelance reporter for the Daily Lobo. I wanted to come here and for the second time in a single semester, voice my opposition to defunding or cutting the funding of the Daily Lobo and Student Publications. I just think that it seems petty, it is coming across as petty and in politics,
optics are important, so I think...sorry about that am I still unmuted?
c) Chair Regalado: Yes.
d) Hevyn Heckes: Okay I apologize a call came through. Just the optics of it, it seems petty and you know unfair and it’s kind of a covert form of censorship. Might not even be a covert it might be an overt. I just want to thank everybody who came here today to come in support of Student Publications and the Daily Lobo. My heart is touched. I have committed for the entirety of my ten years at UNM to report on the ASUNM meetings. I will be at all of them personally, whether Daily Lobo funding is cut or not. I am a person who has economic circumstances to report for free if that’s what it comes to and not everybody does. I just want you to remember, I beg you all, all the committee members, and everybody on Senate to remember that your responsibility is to the student body and the student body is overwhelmingly in support of Student Publications and the Daily Lobo. So, just keep that in mind when you go to vote on this bill that we are a resource for the students, and you are as well. Thank you.
e) Chair Regalado: Thank you Hevyn for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan, next is Ethan C.

18. Ethan C.: Hi! Can everyone hear me?
a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Ethan C.: Alright I am going to make this quick. I think Senators, it is your duty to represent the undergraduate students that voted you into office. It is obvious tonight that undergraduate students, nearly unanimously oppose this legislation, so even if you are a Senator that individually supports this legislation, you are acting on your own beliefs and not those of the students you represent. I think it’s important that even if you do support the legislation as an individual, you should realize that all these people that have voted you in, oppose the legislation, so you should vote on the voice of the people that voted you in, the people that you represent, rather than your own beliefs. Thank you for your time.
c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Ethan for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan, next is Makayla G.
d) Ryan Lindquist: Okay you said Makayla G.?
e) Chair Regalado: Yes. I am going to lower everyone’s hands just to make it easier. If you want to
speak, if you could just make sure you have already put your name in the chat. If you already did, you are good to go.

19. Makayla G.: Hello, can everyone hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Makayla G.: I wasn’t planning on speaking tonight, but the outpouring of support for student publications inspired me, so I will try to keep this short and sweet. Speaking as both a Daily Lobo former Managing Editor, alumni, and also a former Publications Board member, I’m extremely dismayed to hear that Bill #18F is proposing to cut the funding for Student Publications. The 2020-2021 Daily Lobo team is possibly some of the strongest group of reporters I’ve seen, and the strongest that the Daily Lobo has had in years. The 15 or so dollars they get paid for each article is not nearly enough. Also, I would like to remind everybody that Student Publications expands past the Daily Lobo, to include both Limina, formerly Best Student Essays, and also Conception Southwest, three very crucial institutions that UNM students use to get published and to build their resumes prior to graduation. Also without the Daily Lobo, I wouldn’t be in journalism and I wouldn’t have the reporting job I have now in Silver City. Thank you.
   c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Makayla for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan, next is Marissa Demarco.

20. Marissa Demarco: Hello, can you hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Marissa Demarco: Good evening Senators. Normally I would just speak to you and not read from something I wrote, but I am pretty tired this evening and kind of keeping it together. One of my best friends in this life, Hannah Colton, died a little over a week ago and since then I have not stopped working around the clock. Hannah and I have been friends for years outside of work, and field partners in our work as journalists. We had one another’s back in every way and I am devastated. The KUNM and Daily Lobo news teams have become in this time little families of people overcoming crisis and trauma and all barriers to deal with what this profession asks of us. Find the truth, tell the truth, and face the truth. Even when it’s not what anyone wants to hear and even if it feels impossible. I am here to break down for you the problem
with defunding Student Publications during a pandemic. At any time really it would be a problem, but now it is beyond irresponsible. Hannah and I worked closely with the lobo crew. There have been frightening nights where I was out in the field and it was just me and someone from the lobo because the other news outlets later admitted they thought it was too dangerous out there. We keep going because we are trying to see and tell the whole story. Hannah was a mentor, a teacher, and friend to the Daily Lobo students, and I know that she would be here today to speak to you about fully funding and supporting student journalists. You get me tonight instead, I am here in her name, though I am actually pretty sure she would’ve better composed feistier words for you than I’m managing here. I got my start at the lobo. I’ve been a reporter full time for nineteen years now and I’ve never had a worse week than this one. When it comes on top of one of the hardest months of journalism I’ve ever done. I broke the news of Hannah Colton’s death to the news team staff members one by one, and then I broke the news to the public, and then I edited memorials all week. Out of everything we go through, the most draining is negotiating with administrations and bureaucracy. I fought bravely for heartbroken crew and for mental health supports this week. I have energy all day to work and help people but fighting for things that should not even be a question really takes it out of a person. I’m certain that this strain is a lot for the Daily Lobo staff, who are students like yourselves living through this incredibly challenging time, and who are also bravely facing the very same dangers that Hannah and I have faced in the filed together. I am certain also that this was a hardship for Hannah and her job as the station’s News Director. Nothing feels worse than navigating these hard situations in the field at great personal risk and then returning to find not support, but denigration and dismissal from an administrations, governments, and bureaucracies. The students at the Daily Lobo are crowd funding for bullet proof vests and other protective gear that they might need out there. They do not make pay that can be livable income on its own. There pay is the same as it was when I was there twenty years ago. There is a conversation for another day about how this is also incredibly limiting and inequitable, and who can be a student member of the
press and navigate these financial hardships. This particular team of student journalists has done such admirable job in their work and there are being championed and admired by many more experienced journalists for their astonishingly good reporting, that they are doing in horrible circumstances. I am convinced that anyone who is getting their first years as a journalist in this time will come out the other side made of iron. I take a lot of heart and solace from watching the next generation of journalists shine so brightly. They deserve accolades and accommodations for their bravery, they deserve support and they deserve at the least not to have their funding also cut. In this time of isolation, media and Student Publications are serving as a connective force as well. So, as we think of mental wellness, which is a real challenge for everyone, journalists and hosts, and people who work in media are doing a lot to show up and connect fractured communities and helping people feel a little less alone. My goal, the reason I have kept working, is that these events can also set off a chain reaction, and I don’t want that to happen to anyone, and so with that in mind I always also offer these resources. The state’s Crisis and Access Line is 24-hours a day and UNM’s own Agora is available to you at 277-3013. I am glad you want to offer condolences on the passing of Hannah Colton. She deserves all the recognition that there can be, but I have received hundreds of lovely condolences from people around the world and I need something different from you. I need action because you are in a position to do something good today. Lastly, I will say this. You are the future leaders of this world and in the past the way we understand democracy, a free press was crucial. When we ask questions of government and criticize government, people don’t understand that as a patriotic act, but it is. We are the fourth of state, we are the people who ask questions of those in power and it is supposed to work like this, and that is true in your collegiate microcosm too. I urge you to be brave enough to fully fund these reporters who are doing their job and asking hard questions and offering tough critique of what you’re doing on behalf of students. So much vitriol has been yielded as a weapon against journalists when politicians do not like what they report. It is hard on all of our wellness to be not believed when we are reporting hard
truths, like on Corona Virus and racial injustice, and not supported or commended for doing dangerous work on the public’s behalf.

c) Chair Regalado: Marissa sorry I have to cut you off, but that is five minutes. I really don’t want to, but I can only allow five minutes per person. I really do apologize, I wish I could let you go on as much as we can, but that is five minutes. Thank you for coming to speak with us, I definitely appreciate it. So, yeah thank you for coming Marissa, I do have to go to the next person. So next is Ian May. I’ll put a timer on my phone so ya’ll can see it. Ian May is next Ryan.

21. Ian May: Hello, can you hear me? Sounds great, alright. Thank you all for making the time to hear student’s perspectives tonight. I would like to come to you on behalf of myself, Jack, Jade, and Charles. Three Senator-elects who are deeply concerned about resolution #18F. I think I can also speak for any students in saying that we do not feel entirely heard by the UNM Administration this year. Relations between students and admin have always been complicated, however student perspectives like the Daily Lobo among others are even more integral at this time considering the tenuous circumstances. I mean we can’t help but believe that considering political events that have transpired earlier in this semester in the Student Fee Review Board and beyond, that this bill is politically motivated more than in the best interest of students. We know that we do not get a vote in this committee today, but if we did our vote would be three hands against this bill as it is a disgrace to what this body should stand for. This Student Government actively trying to suppress the press mirrors some political strife and anxiety that we feel in our country as a whole. It is not our job to de-platform student voices, in fact it is our job to amplify them. I have not yet heard a single voice in support of this resolution, and I think that says enough. Today this body has the ability to stop this shameful, resolution bill tonight, now. Thank you.

   a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Ian. I am going to look up a timer online real quick. I’ll do that really fast, I don’t want to surprise ya’ll again. The next one is Matthew Zank Ryan.

22. Matthew Zank: Can you all hear me? Cool. So I have a lot of things I would like to say, but what I’m going to say tonight is just to look at the numbers and to look at the actual backs. Look at the amount of sponsors on this bill. This bill deserves to go to Full
Senate, it does not deserve to die here in committee. I commend the hard work of Senator Sandoval and Senator Hill, they worked very hard on this legislation and it does show. This deserves to be argued among all Senators and deserves to be decided by the students in the Spring. If we can all agree on one thing, it’s probably that the voice the vote of student body is what’s important here. I urge you all to let this bill go to Full Senate and not take away the voices of other Senators who have worked and sponsored on this legislation here tonight. If there is one thing that we can probably also all agree on is that we shouldn’t even be dealing with this issue. The university has a duty to uphold and support Student Publications, but they have left it to the students to beef it out here on Twitter. That’s just so wrong. If the university is listening, I would tell them that leaving this issue up to the students is wrong. Our Student Government shouldn’t be funding the Daily Lobo, the university should. They have completely failed all students by prioritizing other areas of funding. When I worked at the Daily Lobo briefly in Fall 2018, I saw all the issues that members of the staff have mentioned here tonight. It is an underfunded newsroom. My personal opinions on the Daily Lobo aside, they deserve to be funded and better funded than they are right now, just not by ASUNM. I think freedom of press is important, I think that they have done, or they do provide an important service to students at this university. My hesitation is that I don’t believe our Student Government should be funding them, and I think that Student Government should have role in the future in advocating that they do receive funding from the proper channels through the university. It shouldn’t even be a question for the university to fund the Daily Lobo, but they can’t seem to do it. It’s probably more convenient for them to be focused so much on each other and all of the creative beef between ASUNM and the Daily Lobo rather than focusing on where they’ve been failing us. That aside, I believe this bill deserves to be heard by Full Senate and I urge all Senators in Steering in Rules to do their jobs, make sure that this bill is sound grammatically. As a former Senator I remember what we were there to do and I would send this bill to Full Senate for further discussion. I think that there is a lot of Senators on this bill who sponsored, more sponsors than I ever saw on a piece of legislation during my year in Senate. If anything, understand that you have a responsibility to let this be discussed by the entire Senate who were elected by all students and hopefully I would urge that you pass it next week too. Thank you, I yield.
a) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you. I know there was someone who asked, I think it was Margarete I believe, if she can just type her comment. I can read that out loud for you if you want to put that in the chat. I will get to that next, but the next person is Alex M. Anyone who has sent me a chat you are definitely in line, there is just a lot of people waiting to speak so just if ya'll could hang in there. The next person is Alex M.

23. Alex M.: Can you hear me? Sorry. Can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Alex M.: I think it’s pretty funny that Matt would talk about pushing this through and having it voted on by Full Senate when the same thing I’m going to talk about now with Romie is the same thing that happened to him when he tried to completely remove 8.5% from the constitution. I am not going to argue why we deserve the money, I think it’s obvious. I don’t think we have to argue it at all. I’m really only here to just state that the bill is unconstitutional, and it doesn’t matter if it goes to Full Senate, it’s not going to go through. I have a tweet here, I wish I could show you, but I don’t have my video on. Romie Sandoval tweeted on July 4th, “The Daily Lobo is a garbage news source. All of their news is clearly one sided and they even have an article about Avatar being on Netflix. Your tuition and student fees at work. Is this really where we want our university resources to be spent?”. In terms of the Constitution, that falls under content-based censorship. I’m already talking to a lawyer at SPLC. You have an opportunity to pull the bill right now. It really shouldn’t go to a vote because you are going to be voting on an unconstitutional bill anyways. Just save yourselves the time. I don’t want to talk to a lawyer right now and if you don’t believe me you can talk to one too and they will tell you the same thing. That’s it.

c) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you Alex. Next is Catherine Gutierrez, it should be Catherine’s iPhone too.

24. Catherine Gutierrez: Hi everyone. I am going to be assuming that you can hear me otherwise you would stop me. So, I am here tonight to submit public comment to urge to committee to reject resolution #18F. I am a UNM 2016 alumni for my BA, a 2018 alumni for my MA, and I am a current PhD candidate for the Department of Economics. My parents also attended UNM and I actually remember when I started my Freshman year, my dad, he
was like, “At first you will never read a school paper so you kind of just ignore the Daily Lobo, but a few months in you’ll be picking one up on your way to lay in the grass at the Duck Pond”. He was right, I have now been reading the Daily Lobo for over six years. I am also part of the movement to unionize graduate workers. I don’t speak on behalf of the union, just on my own behalf, but the Daily Lobo staff did a phenomenal job covering our public town hall in an announcement. Much more so than even the Albuquerque Journal. I want to stress that the Daily Lobo did a better job covering that than the Albuquerque Journal did. The paper is an invaluable resource to not only UNM students but also to the Albuquerque and the greater New Mexico community. Like a community member before me said, relations between those who make decisions at UNM and the students, the people they are supposed to serve are often strained. As a community member I see, and as an economist I understand that there are limited resources and there are trade-offs to be made, and I understand that it is your responsibility to do this. I urge the Senators here today to recognize that the cost of passing resolution #18F is much higher than the cost of funding the Daily Lobo. You do not have the responsibility to send this to Full Senate, that is not your job, or we wouldn’t be having this hearing where you could vote. I also want to note that it’s unconscionable to consider cutting the Daily Lobo’s funding after the death just last week of loved local reporter Hannah Colton. Her death brought local understaffing and underfunding issues in journalism to the forefront. I also am quite frankly embarrassed that you would have the audacity to do so in a session where you also express condolences for her death. Journalists are truth-seekers and they experience great personal and bodily risks to shine light on what we would not otherwise see. Understaffing and underfunding puts strain on our reporters as we have seen with Hannah. The Daily Lobo doesn’t service ASUNM’s interest as the (unable to understand what was being said) …Greek life, you all represent UNM undergraduates. Please hear our comments and do your duty as representatives and respect the beliefs of the undergraduate students who you have pledged to serve. Don’t let this bill get past committee. The best condolences for Hannah’s loved ones is to hardly reject the idea of defunding local journalism. Your decision hasn’t been made yet and I urge you to please make the right one. Thank you.

a) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you Catherine for coming to speak with us. The next person Ryan is Faith Montano.
Faith Montano: Hi, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Faith Montano: Awesome, so my name is Faith Montano, I am a UNM alumni and I am also a former staff member and editor for one of our campus publications, not the Daily Lobo, a different one. I am consistently just appalled at ASUNM’s insistence on defunding campus publications. It’s been happening for years now and one publication has even been entirely defunded and has to rely on outside fundraising on the basis that that award-winning publication did not add value to UNM. These publications provide priceless opportunities to countless students every year, to be a part of the staff, to be published, to learn how to run a small business, and yet ASUNM is inexplicably hell bent on defunding the Daily Lobo, a paper that has provided incredible data and reporting and especially so this year. The reasoning that writers and staff are over payed and there is no room in the budget is ridiculous. Especially considering that ASUNM’s staff are paid even more, and I really want ASUNM to consider the message that they are sending by pushing bills like this over and over and over again. What’s the message you are sending to UNM students pursuing degrees in Journalism? What’s the message you are sending the community at large about the value of a free press? What’s the message you’re sending to all the students who work for and are published by campus publications other than just a general message of fuck those students? What’s the message you are sending to everyone in this meeting and those who weren’t able to make it, who were telling you this bill was ridiculous and embarrassing? What’s the message you’re sending to Hannah Colton’s friends and family and colleagues in your incredibly tone-deaf agenda that pairs defunding the Daily Lobo with honoring her memory? ASUNM needs to take a hard look at itself and re-evaluate it’s priorities. It clearly does not represent or serve the majority of the student body and it continues to be a good old boys club for Greek and Greek adjacent students and their insular interests. You say that you represent our campus community, then you need to listen to the crowd of people who showed up and are telling you to quit being so selfish and embarrassing. Stop smiling and giggling every time
someone expresses their concerns and justified anger, I see it. Stop trying to push this bill every five months and start doing your actual fucking jobs and make an attempt to actually being useful for the UNM student body. Thank you.

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Chair Regalado: Thank you Faith for coming to speak with us. Definitely appreciate the public comment thus far. If anyone joined that wants to speak you can definitely put your name in the chat. If you already sent it to me, I have it, we just have a long list so don’t send it again. If you are new and want to speak you can go ahead and send a private message to Senator Ryan Regalado and I will call on you next. Cathy Cook is the next one Ryan.

26. Cathy Cook: Hi can you hear me?

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   Chair Regalado: Yes.

   b)
   Cathy Cook: Okay. Thank you for letting me speak. I am a UNM and Daily Lobo alumni, class of 2017. I currently work as a Journalist in southern Mississippi. Without the Daily Lobo I would not be a Journalist. Please, please, please, do not consider cutting its funding. Daily Lobo journalists are underpaid. I know I am repeating a lot of the things other people have said but it’s because they are true. Yeah, please don’t cut funding for the Daily Lobo. I also, Conception Southwest is a really valuable part of the English and literature and arts community on the campus. So again, please don’t cut funding for Student Publications. Thank you.

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   Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you Cathy. Next is Xavier Torrez.

27. Xavier Torrez: Hello everyone, my name is Xavier and I am a previous Senator. I think it was two years ago now, but I am kind of going to go against like what most people have been saying so far. I agree with this bill and I agree that it should be passed tonight, like in full, just because the amount of supporting Senators you do have on this bill, I think there is like 13 or so, I think it should definitely pass this committee tonight in full, like all yes in my opinion just because it should go to the Full Senate. I think they should decide if it goes to the full student body or not. Overall, the Daily Lobo does a lot of great work and they do like a lot of great stuff within the community, but I feel like it’s pretty detrimental whenever they come into a Senate meeting and they are being very disrespectful and very immature. Cursing directly at Senators, I feel like that is very childish and kind of speaks to their
committee as a whole, just because every year we had, it’s almost like you can’t have a discussion with them because they start attacking the Senators. I feel like that’s very detrimental as for the Daily Lobo. Overall, I think it should pass tonight in full and honestly it should go to zero and they shouldn’t even get funded by the Government, by the ASUNM Student Government. Like Matthew Zank was saying, they should be funded from the university if it matters so much, just because it shouldn’t be this like fist fight every single semester of trying to get defunded or not. Just because it should be, the university should fund it and they should be presenting themselves in front of the university’s Finance Committee. That’s how they should be getting their funding, not from student Senators who have had this discussion every single semester. That’s all, I yield.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Xavier. Next Ryan is Nash Jones.

28. Nash Jones: Hey there, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Nash Jones: Thank you Chair Regalado and committee members. My name is Nash Jones, I’m a reporter with KUNM radio, the local NPR affiliate, and so I’m a UNM employee and I’m currently an inactive grad student with the C&J Department as well. I’m here to provide comment in opposition to Bill #18F, the constitutional amendment to decrease the Student Publications’ allocation, particularly as it impacts the Daily Lobo student newspaper, although I recognize that other student publications are involved in that funding. Those of you Senators who introduced this amendment, you just must not know what we have, like what we all have in the Daily Lobo. I believe it is one of the most thoughtful, relevant, and accurate news source in the state of New Mexico and that’s not a hyperbole. Daily Lobo reporters have covered this years’ racial justice uprising and the ensuing protests and militia group activities with dedication and bravery and moral assuredness. They got out there in the streets even when many professional outlets, professional news outlets in town did not. Even when it was dangerous and despite the really small stipend the receive for their stories because that’s what responsible journalism looks like. Their steadfastness in this era of increased misinformation is disservice not only to the UNM community, but the state as a whole. You can scan Twitter
for comments from community members and elected officials alike who consider the Daily Lobo essential reading, part of how they absorb the news. Like one user who tweeted today, “I’m not even a UNM student, but I read the Daily Lobo because it is the paper that the Albuquerque Journal is supposed to be”. You can also find many professional journalists as you’ve heard tonight speak up who have respect and pride for their reporting coming out of the UNM student newsroom. One reporter as you have heard tonight was my dear friend and colleague Hannah Colton, who we lost this last week. Hannah was a champion for the Daily Lobo. She saw them as both her allies in the field and as her mentees. Something you specifically note in the condolence for her death that you plan to discuss later this evening. To me, the most sincere way that ASUNM can honor Hannah, is by maintaining the funding of the Daily Lobo. I am speaking tonight not only because I am personally very passionate about this, which I am, but I’m also speaking for Hannah who I know would be here tonight giving you an eloquent earful if she was still with us. Thank you for your time and also, I would like to read the last little bit of Marissa Demarco’s statement, who got cut off, so here’s that. “I’m asking you not to cut the already meager budget for Student Publications that forces students to crowd fund for things like bullet proof vests. I am asking you to embrace a vibrant and rowdy press and to expect hard questions and criticisms from student journalists as part of what comes with your position of authority. I’m asking you to offer more funding to Student Publications beyond what you already do with an understanding that it’s a resource and connective force within your student community and beyond, and I guess I am asking you all to give me a little hope in this dark week”. That was from Marissa Demarco. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much Nash. Next is Makayla A.

29. Makayla A.: Hi, can you hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Makayla A.: Okay, sorry I have been having some microphone issues. My name is Makayla A., I am a graduate student at UNM in Creative Writing and I teach Creative Writing and Composition to undergraduates. I just
want to note that pursuing the arts professionally is often impenetrable and inaccessible, especially for students with marginalized identities. Magazines like Conception Southwest provide crucial insights to the way that that industry works and vital opportunities for publications for our student artists to build their resumes. Additionally, I consider the Daily Lobo indispensable to our student body and our community and it is frankly embarrassing that ASUNM would even consider such a blatant attack on the free press. I urge all of you to vote against the funding cut for the Student Publications. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much for coming to speak with us today Makayla. Next is, Margarete if you would like to speak, you’re actually next. Ryan it’s under d-e-s-i-e-r-t-o-m-a-r.

d) Ryan Lindquist: Can you repeat that for me again Ryan?

e) Chair Regalado: Yeah, it’s like Desierto Mar I think, d-e…

f) Ryan Lindquist: Okay I have him, I think.

30. Margarete Wright: Hey there, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Margarete Wright: Cool thanks, so since the version of this statement I e-mailed to you earlier was rushed, I appreciate reading an improved version now. Someone else mentioned 125 years of tradition at the Daily Lobo and I am a fourth generation UNM alumni who went from studies there, into seven years of full-time journalism with New Mexico as my focus. I’m asking you tonight to oppose the Daily Lobo fee cut, Bill #18F. This is confusing legislation and I ask you to instead commit to funding that feeds the Daily Lobo. This governing body included in tonight’s agenda, an item to commemorate my tragically deceased friend and colleague, KUNM 89.9 FM News Director Hannah Colton. I encourage you to honor her in action by rejecting this bill and committing instead to the need for funding for the resource deprived student newsroom that Hannah collaborated with, supported, and cultivated in close ties to. The UNM community like all communities requires a healthy, thriving media system and the Daily Lobo helps uphold that. As public, state, institutional leaders I expect you to care about public transparency and be open to work the lobo does. It’s an
essential public service and these student workers are essential workers who deserve fair compensation and support as they provide insights and documentation on contemporary events that today include mass uprisings, a pandemic, local governance, living history, art, culture. They deserved to be cared for and I ask with all due respect that you join me in fully supporting and sustaining the Daily Lobo and its people. Thank you sincerely, Margarete Wright.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much Margarete for coming to speak with us today. Ryan next is, it's c-k-a-b-a-n at unm.edu. Whoever that is if you can state your name for the minutes please. Also if you are barely coming in and want to comment, just please leave your name in the chat. If you already have done that don't worry about it, you're in line, there is just a few people ahead of you waiting still.

d) Ryan Lindquist: I have sent the invitation to, I believe that's Chelsea Kaban, that's my guess. Chelsea if you can accept that invitation to unmute yourself...We may have to come back to the ckaban@unm.edu.

e) Chair Regalado: Okay cool.

31. Chelsea Kaban: I'm here, sorry I don't think my mic was working. Sorry.

a) Chair Regalado: No problem, okay yeah.

b) Chelsea Kaban: So, I wanted to say that my message is for ASUNM Senators, Daily Lobo staff, and all supporters who are here. I wanted to say that I am really embarrassed of the behavior of all parties here tonight, but I want you to please try to find some solution and listen to what I am about to say without taking the parts of it that you don't like and throwing them out. Okay, sorry. So, a short background so that you may understand my qualifications to speak on these issues as well as my biases regarding them. I have always been a supporter of the Daily Lobo. In fact when I personally witnessed unfair treatment of Daily Lobo Reporter Andrew Gunn by the Albuquerque Police Department during protest coverage this summer, I personally attended the City Hall to address his mistreatment and the disrespect for media and student journalism. I have worked with ASUNM and I've personally been involved with resolutions that have been reported from a bias in a one-sided point of view by the Daily Lobo.
There, I’m sorry I am trying to read a statement, it’s quite frankly too long, so I guess I am going to wing it. Whenever issues like this arise between the Daily Lobo and ASUNM there is never objective journalism happening. I do not have a position tonight as to whether or not this should move on to Full Senate, because I haven’t seen any examples of objective journalism explaining to me why this decision is even on the table or why this is something that is even happening. As a journalistic community, it is your job to inform people like me in the community as to what is happening and why it’s actually happening instead of calling people pathetic, Trump-y, dishonorable. Saying that they don’t want to be held accountable. That these are the same students every year, when they are obviously not. That they should be ashamed, that they are pathetic, that you can’t understand what they are doing, that they don’t have the interest of the people, that they don’t care about free press, that they should feel ashamed, cursing at them, saying that they are disgusting, and calling them vein. Saying that if you don’t like the way you look the solution is not to silence the media. None of the things they are doing are to hurt the Daily Lobo community. This is a group of students who are the same age as us. I am actually an alumni, so younger than me, that are being called dictators, and like compared to act like Hitler. As a person who was raised by a Holocaust survivor, I want to remind you all that these are not career long politicians that you are talking to, they are trying to manage a budget that is larger than any of them have ever seen and they are working in the lowest level of Student Government. I would like to see some objective journalism talking about what the actual bills and resolutions that are being proposed and giving actual pros and cons as to why they are being proposed, and whether or not they should be passed. There are things that have been tweeted by the Daily Lobo staffers and supporters that legally constitute liable, and I have proof of them. I am not threatening a lawsuit, but like you can’t just spread lies and hatred, and vitrail online whenever you’re upset about something. There are ASUNM Senators that say stupid ass shit like I don’t know who the hell that person is, I’m sorry. I don’t know who that person is that was saying stuff on Twitter about the Daily Lobo and Avatar or whatever, but like threatening lawsuits
because a group of people might make an objective decision about whether or not funding should continue in a specific way, is not the way that you do things for this diplomacy. It’s not how you have an integritous publication, okay. I know that there are a lot of bad decisions that could be made because the people in this room aren’t as informed on the Daily Lobo as you are, but for the most part they enter the office without any animosity towards the Daily Lobo. They don’t have an agenda, they’re not fascists with hatred for the Daily Lobo, although they may develop some bias against the Daily Lobo because of the actions of people like you in this room calling them names. ASUNM members undergo character assassination via biased telling of perspectives and one-sided reporting. The fact that I can’t make a statement on to whether or not I support this bill passing, because no one has made a valid argument as to why it’s being proposed at all, is an issue. That’s your job. Regardless of what’s happening today, I would like to call on ASUNM Senators that are here in this room as well as the Daily Lobo staff and supporters that are here to please work together and unentangle the financial relationship between the Daily Lobo and ASUNM so that you can both do your jobs of serving the community and you can have a publication that has some integrity, and is capable of reporting on issues without bias. I do have examples of bias, I will publish an open letter on it, and I am running out of time, but don’t just say there is not bias. You can’t just say it doesn’t exist.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much. I think it’s Chelsea. Right?
e) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much, next one is Selena Montoya.

32. Selena Montoya: Hello, I will keep this short. A previous speaker commended the authors on the research they did and weren’t aware that there is a 25-page document being passed around to other Senators by the authors. Even with all that research there is one crucial thing that is being left out of this and that is having a conversation with the student journalists. As Senators, you are responsible for speaking to your constituents about bills that affect them. That is the foundation of being a public servant. Every year a bill like this gets proposed and there is absolutely no action plan, no discussion to anything, gives the
Daily Lobo any understanding of how they are able to make up this money. Even though there might be recommendations of how they do that, right now the way that this bill stands, just says that we are cutting you and you can figure the rest out because you guys haven’t spoken to student journalism to my knowledge. I just think that that is the reason that this shouldn’t even make it past committee. Every Senator who put their name on this, who sponsored this, who authored this, should not only be ashamed to the message that this sends to the Daily Lobo, and student journalists, and Student Publications as a whole, but you should be ashamed for the lack of outreach that has been done for this bill. Fully advocated bills like this makes me ashamed to say that I was ever a part of ASUNM. Thank you.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Selena. Ryan next is Lisa Knutsen. I think that’s how you say your last name, sorry if I mispronounced that.

33. Lisa Knutsen: Yes, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Lisa Knutsen: Okay great. So, my name is Lisa Knutsen, I actually am the former Graduate Professional Student Association President and I am the current Daily Lobo News Editor. I think that this message that I want to give to you is both to you as Senators, but it’s also to Ryan Lindquist and the administrative advisors that you have that are guiding you. I feel like your staff administrator has consistently let you down and is providing you with bad advice. In much the same way that Nasha Torres issued a no contact directive unless infringed upon the First Amendment of the Constitution, you are getting advice from the people at UNM that is guiding you to make huge mistakes that is going to affect your future careers and your lives. I just strongly encourage you to question who is advising you, what advice they are giving you, and why they are giving you this advice. I believe that Ryan is likely the one responsible for not allowing speakers to have their videos on today, which is an infringement on our ability to speak right. You are no longer allowing us to communicate with our faces. You are making us dehumanized which is in some ways, it’s like not fulfilling the rights of your constituents to be able to be heard. I also want to speak to Ryan directly and ask him to share with President Stokes my resume. I don’t typically talk about it, but I think it’s important that he remembers, and he shares with her so
that she’s in a position to make good decisions about the university. Please explain to her that I have drafted and shepherded numerous pieces of legislation that have been signed into law. As someone from out of state please explain to her that I have served as a Commission Assistant for Governor Lujan Grisham when she was the County Commissioner. Explain to her that I have served as a Senate Attendant to now Mayor Tim Keller. In 2009 I graduated from Emerge New Mexico, so all of the women that just got elected in this state are part of the list serve that I still remain on and I communicate with. Please explain to her that when I was GPSA President, that was the only time in the last 25 years that the Higher Education Bond failed because of the effective way that I was able to work with the media in order to achieve political objectives. Please fact check these things so that you all understand that I am at the Daily Lobo now and I understand just like Matt said, if you guys don’t want to fund us, we will have to go to the Legislator. So, prior to this meeting I made a few calls, because for example, House Tax and Revenue Co-Chair Javier Martinez was my Lobby Chair when I was GPSA President. We discussed building funding into the LFC budget in order to get the Daily Lobo not only solvent again, but so that we cannot have to spend our time fighting for this money and dealing with these sort of squabbles instead of doing the reporting that we are respected for, and that is serving the community. I texted with Representative Moe Maestas who said he would be willing to co-sponsor a bill to amend House Bill 2 which is the budget. I messaged with State Auditor Brian Colón who also communicated to me that he is very supportive, both of you know what we are doing, but also that he has many connections right, Javi Morales, as well as Hector Balderas, all people I have met before who know me well, right; who I can talk to and ask for their support for this effort because this is bigger than just UNM right. When you start suppressing local news, you are participating in the erosion of democracy and that is exactly what’s happening. People are only able to trust now local news, even more so than say the Albuquerque Journal, or the CNN, or the larger national news outlets. The Daily Lobo is serving an incredibly integral and important function in society and specifically in New Mexico. I have a close friend of mine
that is reaching out to Appropriations Chair Patty Lundstrom and we are going to talk after this meeting tonight so we can also work to have multiple co-sponsors on this request to get funding through the Legislator, which is not the way it should be. President Stokes should be running the university in a way that she manages this stuff and she makes sure that we fund the student paper. That shouldn’t be something where Athletics has to go around her to ask for money directly from the Legislator. The Daily Lobo shouldn’t have to go around her to ask for money directly from the Legislator. Please listen to me, on the Senate side of the House of course I have you know many connections with Senator Ivey-Soto, Senator Bill O’Neill. I have only been here in the state for fifteen years, but I was the Executive Director of the Democratic party, right. Those are the people I hang out with, those are my colleagues and my friends. Please listen to me when I say I really would like you to handle this internally, keep us funded from students. We want to be a student paper, we want to show that students support us, but if you don’t this mess becomes the President’s mess. This is now something she has to put fires out on, and she can’t spend that money getting you know COVID supplies, she can’t spend that money or that time working on making sure that our faculty are properly funded. Now she’s got to deal with this. You have created this. Thank you very much for my time.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Lisa, sorry for mispronouncing your last name. Let’s see who’s next. Next one Ryan is Danelle P.

34. Danelle P.: Hi, I hope you can all hear my now. Thank you so much for taking the time to let me speak. I’m an alumni from the class of 2019. I am coming to you live from Scottsbluff, Nebraska where I am pulling a night job right now. I appreciate you taking the time to hear from alumni and other people who are affected by this. I just want to say that it’s especially vital to fund the Daily Lobo and I can only speak to my personal experience within it, but I can say that it is incredibly valuable. Having not only worked at the Daily Lobo but also at the Santa Fe New Mexican, I can say that it is of upmost importance that the Daily Lobo continue to do its mission to provide information for Albuquerque and especially the students of UNM and holding the University of New Mexico, one of the largest employers in the state, to account. I think that it
is especially vital to point out that the Santa Fe New Mexican did not send reporters despite reporters like myself requesting going to the protests earlier this summer, because our editors were afraid of sending people into that and also covering a racial injustice in New Mexico. I think that it’s incredible to note that the Daily Lobo has a lot of bravery in their coverage and that being a student and a student journalist means so much extra work, extra stress, and extra vulnerability when it comes to either the paycheck or mental load. So, I appreciate all of your time on this and thank you so much for letting me speak.

Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much Danelle. Ryan next is Ashley V.

Ashley V.: Hello everyone, I hope you can hear me. I will speaking to you all today to the Senators...Sorry, okay, so as a previous Senator that has been in the same position as the Senators here tonight, I think it is a shame that defunding the university’s 125-year-old paper is on the agenda once again. Not only because it is a waste of time and energy, but because of the lack of awareness of the systemic issue at play. These budget cuts that you are all purposing are a result of poor training, knowledge, and appropriate managing of student fees. It is imperative that you all as elected officials consider the First Amendment of the United States. I am referring to the freedom of the press. Trying to defund the Daily Lobo so that you can comfortably fund ASUNM Agencies for t-shirts, bracelets, and who knows what during COVID-19 reeks of elitism, privilege, and governmental affair illiteracy. Voting in favor of Bill #18F means voting against the students you all campaign unity and transparency to. Additionally, I think it is shameful that ASUNM cannot agree to say defund the police in a bill but are quick to say defund Daily Lobo. I think you all need to get educated.

Chair Regalado: Alright, thank you Ashely. Ryan next is Andrew Gunn.

Andrew Gunn: Hi, can everybody hear me okay?

Chair Regalado: Yes.

Andrew Gunn: Alright, perfect. So, I had initially planned on preparing a statement, but I think I need to go off the cuff because I think every single salient point has been made in regard to funding of the Daily Lobo as one of the oldest, you know not only one of the oldest institutions at the University of New Mexico, far older than our football team, but as an institution that provides a public service. I would like to make two points tonight. The first one is in
regards to the funding of public service and the blatant
disregard and disrespect, and honestly insult that we have
seen from ASUNM towards our departed friend Hannah
Colton who we all loved and represented the best in all of
us. You know she never went to UNM, but you know she
worked at the university and PR sanctioned, or whatever, I
don’t even know what it’s called. The NPR affiliate in other
words for the University of New Mexico and as such she
represented all of us and to…Okay I’ll speak to this point
first. To have on the agenda a bill that would slash the
student fee funding by more than half you know for a
student publication when in the same week, in the same
seven days in which Hannah Colton dies. Hannah Colton
took her own life okay, and you know a contributor to that
was the lack of funding for the news, and it’s
reprehensible. You should be ashamed of yourselves, you
should all…all 13 Senators of the 20 or whatever it is in
ASUNM that co-sponsored this bill should absolutely be
ashamed of yourselves. You should question what your
motives are when there is a tremendous loss in the
community and less than a week later you have the gull,
the absolute fucking gull to try and defund the news. This
is morally reprehensible and it’s also, this is a stain on the
organization that is the Associated Students of the
University of New Mexico. You should be ashamed of
yourselves. Every, you know I have this list of Senators, I
am not going to read them off, but off the top of my head I
know the names. Ricardo Hill and Romie Sandoval you
should absolutely be ashamed of yourselves. This is
disgusting conduct, and this is not you know, for whatever
public career you hope to have you better hope this
doesn’t follow you because this is not a good look in the
eyes of the voting populous. So, there’s that and I hope the
memorial for Hannah Colton goes well and she deserves it.
Every single one of you should consider tonight what
Hannah meant to hold power to account, to you know write
and fight against, you know white supremacist
organizations. You should all take a moment tonight, and I
know I have a minute left so I will try to wrap it up. Take a
moment tonight when this Zoom call ends to think about,
you know this is directly addressed to the 13 Senators that
cosponsored this bill. Think about why you did that, what
purpose did it serve? And how does it serve the memory of
someone who is just trying to make our civilization better? I'm just I'm ashamed. I'm ashamed that this is my student representation and I know that the Daily Lobo has allies within ASUNM that are sympathetic to our causes of social and restorative justice, but yeah objective journalism. So, I got 10 seconds, so yeah objective journalism pros and cons, there was not liable committed by the Daily Lobo and you should respect the memory of Hanna Colton by voting no on this bill.

c) Chair Regalado: Alright thank you Andrew for coming to speak with us today. Next one is Will Mehle, m-e-h-l-e. The name is gray now so they might not be here anymore.

d) Ryan Lindquist: I am not seeing a Will Mehle.

e) Chair Regalado: Okay, next is David Carl.

37. David Carl: Hello, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) David Carl: Thank you. Like you said my name is David Carl. I have never worked for the Daily Lobo, I am not an alumnus of UNM, but I have had the pleasure of working with Daily Lobo reporters in my role as the Director of Communications for both New Mexico United and the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General Hector Balderas. I am also a proud former Journalist. I reported covering news in politics in four states, including New Mexico. I went to a really good journalism school, one of the top in the country, but the courses that I took there weren’t what prepared me to be a journalist, instead it was the student journalists organizations, kind of the Daily Lobo equivalent that gave me the experience I needed to become a successful journalist. We are at a time right now in our world when strong journalists are needed more than ever. A time when truth matters more than any of us have ever seen. Our state last on a lot of the good lists and first on a lot of the bad ones, needs journalists to uncover corruption and to tell the stories of people whose voices aren’t typically otherwise heard. The Daily Lobo is something that New Mexico does well. It’s one of the top publications in the entire state of New Mexico and one of the top student newspapers in the entire country. The coverage from the Daily Lobo is something that makes our state and our world better, something invaluable, and something that we shall be proud of. A previous speaker
seemed to indicate that Senators are justified in potentially cutting funding because Daily Lobo employees have critiqued them and called them names on social media. That line of thinking is frankly inappropriate and dangerous. As Senators you have a responsibility to serve your community regardless of any personal attack on you and any personal feelings you might have about Daily Lobo journalists. Journalists don’t stop being people or having opinions when they take on these vital roles or when they get on social media. They have every right, in fact a duty to call an injustice when they see it and doing so on social media is not appropriate or deserving of defunding. I haven’t always agreed with everything the Daily Lobo has written about, the things that I care about, or the organizations I have represented, but they have always been accurate, and they have always fought for the truth. If there is a concern over coverage of ASUNM from the Daily Lobo, I urge you to re-evaluate your efforts instead of tearing down the student leaders and leaders of tomorrow. They are what our state and our world needs now more than ever. Without a free press our society crumbles. Journalism matters, truth matters. Please be brave enough to face critique and be brave enough to do what’s right. Don’t cut funding to Student Publications, increase it. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you David for coming to speak with us today. Ryan next is Karl U. That name is also grayed out, but they could’ve just changed their name or something. It’s Karl with a K.

38. Karl U.: Hello. Sorry about that I was trying to find the unmute button. I am a life-long New Mexican and a Daily Lobo reader, I am not a UNM alumni. I have been reading the Daily Lobo since I was in high school, I am now 33 -years-old. The Daily Lobo is incredibly important to this state. To even consider cutting funding, especially in the middle of the pandemic, is irresponsible and frankly disgusting. I know, you know most of the voices here are saying the same thing to you and you guys really, you don’t want to hear it, you know. You don’t want to be bitched at for lack of a better word, especially for this long. Please can I, just reconsider this, think about what you’re doing to the people in New Mexico, to the people at Daily Lobo, especially with what’s going on in the world right now. Find it in your hearts to increase the funding, not decrease it. Thank you.
a) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much Karl. Next Ryan is Joshua LaFayette.

39. Joshua LaFayette: Can you hear me now?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Joshua LaFayette: Sounds good?
   c) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   d) Joshua LaFayette: Thank you. Good evening everybody here. I would just like to say to all the Senators, I know how hard you guys work. You guys definitely do not deserve this but remember why you’re doing what you’re doing. Don’t allow anyone to ever bully you or threaten you into feeling something you do not believe in. I don’t support anything that’s, I mean I don’t support one way or another or anything that’s going on, I would just like to remind all of you, you represent undergrads, every single undergraduate at this university for every facet, not just journalism majors, not just people that work for a specific paper. Everybody is hurting in this time, every club, every single entity we fund. Everyone that is on Finance, you know that, I mean we all know that. From the heart, do what you know is right. I would just like to apologize for how you guys have been treated tonight. I think it’s despicable with what was said to you guys and how you guys have been treated. I just want to say a big shoutout to Senator Sandoval and Senator Hill. I know I’ve had brats with you guys before with you guys over some things, but I just want to speak on your guys’ character, and I don’t like that when people attack you guys. You two are some of the hardest working people I think I’ve ever had the pleasure of meeting and I just want to say it’s going to be a long night. I’ll stick it out with you guys, listen in, and we…coming from a student we all appreciate the hard work you are doing and the leadership that is being shown by our Senate, and we support you whatever your decision is. Thank you very much.
   e) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much Josh. Ryan next is William B.

40. William B.: Hi. Can you hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Hey, how’s it going? I am a reporter with the Daily Lobo, so I’m here to speak against Bill #18F. I think the merits of the Daily Lobo are pretty self-evident. I mean we’ve had a lot of people in here speaking today about
how much value it brings to their lives. It’s an institution that is over 100 years old. It’s one of the best publications in New Mexico. The talent we have on our rosters is astounding. I mean I could go on and on. Not only is it one of the best papers in all of New Mexico though, it’s also a spring board to careers in journalism. As you’ve seen in many of the alumni who have spoken here tonight.

Friendly, I would also want to say that I am a Senior honor student in Political Science, which I know is a major that I share with many of you. So for that reason, I’m frankly kind of astonished that the number of ASUNM Senators who don’t seem to understand the foundational role that the press plays in democracy itself. If any of you are angling for a career in politics after this, I think that cutting funding to Student Publications is an absolutely terrible way to start. Listen to your constituents here, that’s your job. Finally, I just want to add that the number of sponsors argument as the basis for passing this bill out of committee, is not only asinine but is also a fundamental misunderstanding of what the role of a committee is. The number of sponsors a bill has is independent of its demerits, of which there are none in this case. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much William for coming to speak with us tonight. Next one is Hannah John. It should be Hannah J on the Zoom.

41. Hannah John: Hi, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Hannah John: Okay, so my name is Hannah John and I am currently a freelance reporter with the Daily Lobo, and I don’t support cutting our funding because as it’s already been said, it’s super underfunded and there are so many other students who work super hard on this paper. Like, I really don’t think anyone but anyone who has worked on a paper, understands what work goes into an article. Just writing a single one takes like at least a week or two to get done. All my co-workers, they work super hard every single week and as a Native student they listen to me, they work with me, they do anything to help me when it comes to writing stories that concern the Native population at UNM. This is rare because I don’t speak for all Native students, but I have noticed that a lot of the time we aren’t given a platform at UNM. Since getting a job as a freelance reporter at the Daily Lobo it’s been my goal to
write about the Native students and everything that goes on at UNM. The Daily Lobo is like super important and putting this up for vote in the first place is really stupid. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much Hannah. Let's see...sorry there are some doubles. It will be John Cook next.

42. John Cook: Hello...am I, yeah you guys can hear me. Well first off, I just want to say thank you to all of the Senators and Ryan Lindquist and everybody who is here. All of you have been attacked and slandered tonight by a ridiculous amount of people for being an undergrad and doing your job. You barely get paid, if at all to do this and a lot of these alumni do not know, but this is a very busy week for school and you guys are being forced to stay on here for extra-long. So, I'm going to try to make this as quick as possible. My name is John Cook, I am actually a student currently here at the University of New Mexico, apparently unlike most of the people on this call. I would like to speak as an undergrad and a lot of people who feel very similar, where I tend to just do my busines. I think a lot of students are very okay with this. The Daily Lobo gets more money than just about everything else on this campus. To all the undergrads here, I have a request, would you all like to pay for all of the money that goes from our, the undergraduate student's pockets into the Daily Lobos that is not being sent to any of our student organizations on campus. In this last go around I was part of a budgeting process for IFC, I just want to put that out there, yes, I am in Greek life. This has nothing to do with the Daily Lobo or anybody there. I actually do read the Daily Lobo and I think it does great things. Nobody here wants to cut what they do, I just think it's irresponsible that the Daily Lobo gets a blank check year after year. When was the last time they actually did not run over budget? It's been four or five years, how have they not been forced to change what they are doing? There are so many places on campus where you see the Daily Lobo and nobody takes them, why have you not gone online? I got a little bit off track let me...give me one second I have to take a sip of water. Which everybody should do and just simmer down tonight. That being said, to continue on as well, so many student orgs got such a massive cut from this past go around. For my organization, IFC, we were cut by 63% even though all of my bills went up. Agora, which has a near and dear place to my heart, because I have had friends who have worked there, and as somebody who has struggled with mental health issues, got cut drastically.
Lobo gets no cuts and they get to continue to run over budget consistently year after year without forcing to change? It's ridiculous. This is the undergraduate’s money. This should be left up to the undergraduates. This should be left up to us who are on this campus, at least when we can be, who are here every single day, unlike a lot of these people who are speaking that are alumni. I understand that you have a very close connection to the Daily Lobo and I think I do as well because I have been featured in the Daily Lobo a couple of times and I have, every single time when I’ve been asked for comment I’ve given it, because they do a great job on campus doing their best to represent, or at least report the news. When everyone else on campus is getting cuts left and right across the board, it is irresponsible to not only, to leave people out and let them keep taking money from the undergrads. I encourage every single Senator to not only move this out of committee, but to as well move it to the student vote in the Spring. Allow the students to speak on this. This is not the money of our alumni and our PhD students who are telling us what we should and should not do with our money that we give them. It’s our money, it should be left up to the students to choose. I encourage every single Senator to vote yes on Bill #18 and allow the students to decide in the Spring. Thank you very much and I hope everyone has a great rest of your night, and everybody take a deep breath it’s all going to be okay. The Daily Lobo will always remain on this campus no matter what happens here, if it’s cut by 8% by the way.

a) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you John for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan next is Isaac Avilucea, a-v-i-l-u-c-e-a. I’m sorry I don’t want to mispronounce that.

43. Isaac Avilucea: Hi, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Isaac Avilucea: Hi, good evening Senators. I am a Daily Lobo alumni and current reporter at the Trentonian newspaper. I am here tonight by way of Bensalem, Pennsylvania. News of this defunding initiative has traveled outside the tight knit community of Albuquerque, New Mexico. We’ve heard a lot of opposition tonight about this defunding initiative. I just want to share with you a very deeply personal antidote that I think symbolizes my affection, appreciation, and love for the Daily Lobo. In 2016 I was diagnosed with testicular cancer for the second time. This time it was stage 3c, metastatic. It was in virtually every organ in my body, including my brain. I have many
friends, many of them Daily Lobo colleagues who travel from far foreign places across the country to come visit me in the weeks that followed by devastating diagnosis. To me, surviving cancer was as much about chemotherapy as it was about the kinship that I developed with colleagues at the Daily Lobo. I say this without exaggeration, working at the Daily Lobo literally saved my life. In closing I just want you to continue to consider, tonight’s Senators, that if you adopt this initiative you are not only defunding journalism, you’re not only defunding fact finding and truth seeking. You are defunding friendships, friendships that might one day impact someone as similarly situated as me from surviving something as heroing as cancer or something else in their personal or professional lives. Thank you for the time to address this body. Good night.

c) Chair Regaldo: Thank you Isaac for coming to speak with us tonight, we definitely appreciate it. Ryan next is Kyle Gonzales.

44. Kyle Gonzales: Alright hi everybody, yeah, I don’t really want to basically beat a dead horse too much, but I would just echo what a lot of the overwhelming support tonight has been and urge this committee not to support this piece of legislation and not to allow it to pass to the Full Senate. I think that, as we’ve seen tonight the Daily Lobo has an immense impact on the lived experiences of current students, former students, alumni, whether that’s…I don’t know there has been some vitriol towards alumni tonight, which I am proudly alumni of UNM I will say that I recently graduated in the Spring of 2020. As many people have noted, I think is the fifth time that ASUNM has tried to defund the Daily Lobo and so it really is kind of birth right for I think journalists and those of us who support journalists at this point that come through UNM. We keep having to fight for this over and over again and I think as an alumni it’s kind of offensive that this issue, which I had to fight for throughout my entire undergrad, and is still being debated after countless expressions of people’s lived experience of speaking of how journalism has changed their life, or the work that the Daily Lobo has done has shined a light on their lived experience in a way that there is not that level of journalism in New Mexico from any other outlet. The Daily Lobo is highlighting stories that otherwise would gountold and it’s just frustrating that we are having this argument still and that the people who are in favor of defunding it are still likely unaware of how it works. For example, I have not worked at the Daily Lobo for quite a long time,
but I know that the Daily Lobo has gone online and that’s why we are still called the Daily Lobo because we publish daily online content. We are constantly trying to put out great news to the people of New Mexico and I would just urge you please do not do this and think of the stories that will go untold if you cut the funding of the Daily Lobo. Please.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much Kyle. Sorry I forgot to set the timer for that one. So next Ryan is Andrew S.

45. Andrew S.: Thank you. Can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Andrew S.: Cool. So, I have two messages that I would like to report tonight, one for the Senators and one for everyone else on this call. For the Senators, I think that you should vote no on this bill. I see no reason why it should go to Full Senate, that would simply be prolonging an issues, which there seems to be a general public consensus on. But more importantly, even though I think you should vote no I am not going to call you disgusting or say that you should be embarrassed or ashamed, whether you are a stain on Student Government. That goes to my second message which is for everyone else on this call. I have been profoundly appalled at the level of vitriol imparted towards these Senators, towards these college students and Student Government. I think that, I would like you all to know at least from my perspective, whatever your personal antidotes or fiscal arguments, or legal posturing, all of that is largely overshadowed by sheer volume of vulgarity, profanity, and simply you know immature behavior exhibited by some of the early speakers. The fact that many of the folks on our side of the conflict refused to denunciate that behavior, I think that speaks to a willingness to come to a public hearing in which you can batter members of Student Government, but yet an unwillingness to actually speak truth to power. What I mean by that is you know you are perfectly willing to come here and spew profanities at members of Student Government, yet the larger problem is an administrative one. I would suggest that you go to the Administration, and what I mean by that is not to flaunt your resume and underhandedly ask for a job as one of our earlier speakers did, but to defiantly and assertively ask why it is that President Stokes is able to take home a 400,000 dollar
paycheck every year when student journalists are having to crowd fund for bullet proof vests. Perhaps your priorities should lie in questioning why the Administration has continued to allow this fist fight between Student Government and the Daily Lobo, rather than actually allocating resources towards student journalism, which they should. I really don’t think that this perpetual fist fight between Student Government and the Daily Lobo is productive in any manner. I think this public hearing is evidence of that, that it is an opportunity for alumni to come here and you know, many of you shared eloquent defenses of the Daily Lobo and that is admirable. Yet, as I said earlier, those defenses are largely overshadowed by the behavior of some other speakers. Your priorities should not lie in coming here to batter members of Student Government, who are simply doing their job and you should rather focus on questioning the Administration and why they have allowed this to continue. Thanks.

c) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much Andrew for coming to speak with us. Ryan next is Senator Hill.

46. Senator Hill: Good evening to everyone tonight. I truly appreciate everyone that is here tonight to express their concerns about a bill that I authored. I would just like to take the time quickly and briefly to address one thing. When I first got elected as a Senator, I was not hip or up to date with anything that was going on between ASUNM and Student Publications and the Daily Lobo. I sat there right next to my running mate and my roommate right after a travesty happened in our lives, and I watched the then editor hand around a stat line with the death of a UNM football player and touted how that was their best story to date and that we as Senators should feel ashamed to even question anything that they do. I sat there and I told him right then and there, that even though that was one of the most disrespectful things that I think I have ever seen, that I still believe that the Daily Lobo is needed here on campus. I sat there with my community and our resource center and watched over forty individuals cry their eyes out over his death. I did that, with not a reporter in sight. I have sat on the Finance Committee for all of my term. I have watched countless student organizations beg for money to survive and they have defunded by me and the only thing that I can offer them is that I will hand out their flyers for their fundraisers. I did that. I was the individual who let a Daily Lobo reporter come into my office hours
and gave every document that I had to her to report on. It was me, I did it, I reached out, because I believe in transparency. I have heard so many individuals tonight tell me I am a horrible person. I have had so many individuals tweet me over these last few days, and I have not responded. You want to know why? I do believe in the First Amendment, I do believe you have the right to slander my character, regardless you have no basis to do it on. I believe you should continue to have that right, but one thing I think is beyond me, is for individuals to make a case on the First Amendment, but in the same breath would say that this needs to fail tonight in this committee. If you understand that the students want something, if you understand that the undergraduate population wants this, then let them vote on it. Put it on the ballot, let the students speak. That’s transparency. Put it out there that you guys have a 330,000-dollar deficit. Put it out there and let the students decide. If we are all in agreeance of the First Amendment, let it go to the ballots. I just want to send a special shout out to the committee tonight that has to endure all of this and I want you to know that I am here with you. One again, I appreciate every single person that is here tonight, regardless of with I agree with it or disagree, I thank you for exercising your First Amendment right. With that I yield.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Senator Hill. Ryan next is Deon Watson, Director Watson.

47. Director Watson: Are we good? Can you guys hear me? To all the Senators I just want you guys to know you have the proclivity to follow your heart, you have the proclivity to sit back and look over the information and to vote on this matter. Don’t listen to the scare tactics, don’t listen to all the pandemonium, don’t listen to what everyone is saying because at hand this is your decision and you are supposed to vote on what you believe in. You are a student. Listen, you are a student. Right now I want you to take a deep breath in and out. As the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, I am telling you this right now, this is a safe voice. Take a deep breath in and out, take a sip of water, and vote. Your voice matter. Don’t listen to all the pandemonium. I’m not giving my decision, or I am not going to display my thoughts on this, but as a safe voice I will say this, follow your heart. It’s alright, everything is going to be okay. I hate that we have to sit here and be called you know the words, I’m not even going to express myself like that, because I am higher than that. I hate that we have to sit here and listen to people call us things that we are not. So, at this time I am going to yield my time back to Senator Regalado, and good luck to
all the Senators on this committee, and everybody who came here, who is a part of ASUNM Senate.

   a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Director Watson. Ryan next is Megan G.

48. Megan G.: Can you hear me?

   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

   b) Megan G: Okay, so my name is Megan G. and I the Culture Editor at the Daily Lobo. I think it is very easy to look at this issue as black and white, as another check mark on a piece of paper, but the tragic passing of Hannah Colton should prove just how personal this is. So no, I am not going to apologize for saying fuck this. Again that’s fuck this, not fuck you, because it’s absolutely appalling that this is even an issue, especially in the light of recent events. This is a personal issue and I am not going to apologize for showing that in my argument. If you didn’t read our mental health issue, I highly recommend you go read that and appreciate how hard all of us work. In addition to that, if you don’t regularly read our coverage, yet you are trying to sign on a bill to defund us, then you are doing something fundamentally wrong. I’d also like to bring up the point that a lot of people are making about ASUNM officials getting the brunt of public opinion, and I would like to remind everyone that this is exactly what the public comment section is for. I’m shocked that you’ve been directly recommended by an individual to ignore the public comments and our voices. I’m sure you guys are all tired, and we are too, and we just had a colleague pass away. Do not talk to me about tired and do not get mad at us for reporting the news. This defunding ASUNM issue is something we have to consistently fight about, but if you think we are going to tire on this or give up, you are absolutely wrong. Every time that you try to infringe on the freedom of the press, we will be here to call you out and fight it along with a long group of supporters that appreciate the importance of democracy. Finally, I want to bring up the huge issue that our already underfunded budget creates, this means that only financially stable people can join and report for the Daily Lobo and that is insanely immoral, excluding, and discriminatory. I know that this has been a long meeting, I know you’re all tired, but I am begging you, I am begging you to realize how important this issue is. The Daily Lobo is important, and I
shouldn’t have to beg you to realize that. Please, please, back up your words with action. Please vote no. Thank you for this time.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Megan for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan next is Anthony A.

49. Anthony A.: Hi! How’s it going? This is Anthony A. Can you guys hear me?

   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

   b) Anthony A.: Alright, my name is Anthony A., I was the editor of the Roundup, New Mexico State University’s Stork Student Newspaper during the 2014 and 2015 academic year. I’m here tonight to stand in solidarity with my compadres at the Daily Lobo. We all may not know one another, but we all share the life-long impacts of student media on our student communities and on our personal journeys in journalism and beyond. Do not defund the Daily Lobo. Young New Mexico journalists depend on these roles as do their student communities. Do not force more young people, more young journalists to flock elsewhere because of the lack of opportunity in New Mexico and do not force another media outlet into darkness. Thank you.

   c) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you for coming to speak with us Anthony. Ryan, Daniel Ward is next.

50. Daniel Ward: Hi, I’m Daniel Ward. I am the former Culture Editor of the Daily Lobo and I am now working as a Senior Reporter, and I just wanted to voice my opposition of 8F for the sole fact or...based off of my own experience I started UNM as a journalist student and I took my first few classes and I wanted to quit, until I started working at the Daily Lobo. I got to see the community that was bonded, the actual family of people working together that we you know, we love each other, and we are always there for each other. It saved my personal dreams to be a journalist and to follow out in that career path. I can attest that that has happened so many other times. You can see with everybody that’s come to this meeting and the people that have not been able to be here today but have spoken out on social media and everywhere else that the Daily Lobo has made an impact with the employees and with the topics that they cover on. We...we are doing our jobs just like you guys are doing yours. I...I just...I’m at a loss for words for, for this idea that’s come up, that feels like every year. I was there when it happened last year and I don’t understand why it needs to keep going on when you can see that there’s, like there’s so many people that are against this, and it
shouldn’t…I’m sorry. It shouldn’t, it shouldn’t be in the question anymore because…I’m sorry. It’s…it’s important for the UNM community and for the community of Albuquerque. No further, thank you.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Daniel for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan next is Sharron S.

51. Sharron S.: Hello, can you guys hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Sharron S.: Alright, perfect. Well I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. My name is Sharron S. and I am a Junior at the University of New Mexico. I am one of the photo journalists at the Daily Lobo. I started my professionalism at journalism career at the Daily Lobo in August in 2019. Since the pandemic started, my work has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Wallstreet Journal, you can name more. I wouldn’t be here without the Daily Lobo with everybody in it. By passing Bill #18F, you are not giving future reporters and photographers such as myself, a chance to succeed. The Daily Lobo is filled with talented and hard workers. Sorry give me a minute…to name a few you have Bella, Joe, you have Andrew. Not only do you have really good journalists, but you have really good photographers, such as Nick, Liam, Liberty, and more. They are dedicated journalists that have been tireously covering the pandemic, the protests, the rallies, and more. I think their determination is something to admire. With that being said, I think the Daily Lobo gave me experience and I think it is irresponsible to try and pass Bill #18F during a pandemic. A lot of students are already struggling financially wise and I am sorry for the Daily Lobo reporters for having to sit through this again when they could be reporting news. That’s all I have to say for now. I’ll simmer down now. Thank you for having me.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Sharron for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan next we have Kyle L.

52. Kyle L.: Can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Kyle L.: Excellent, so my name is Kyle L. I am a reporter with the Albuquerque Journal. This is my third time I think speaking in front of ASUNM Senators, trying to ask them not to defund the student newspaper so I will keep this kind of short. The Albuquerque Journal, I think we have nine Lobo alumni currently working for us, including
the Editor and Chief, Managing Editor, and City Editor among others. I think it’s very evident that the Lobo plays a key role in the ecosystem of journalism. I just want every Senator to consider sort of if you do vote in favor of this tonight, think about the lasting impact you’re having on New Mexico journalism when you actively try to weaken the Daily Lobo. Whether or not that’s your intention, that’s what is going to happen if this passes to Full Senate and is eventually approved by the student body. I just want to say that I would not be where I am, I wouldn’t be working for the Journal or any newspaper for example if I wasn’t a student journalist, if I didn’t work for the Daily Lobo. It provided more experience than the UNM school could’ve ever provided me, no question about it. It provided me community at UNM that didn’t exist otherwise, and I would just ask Senators to consider again, motivations aside, what do you want to be remembered for as a Senator because if this passes through and you sponsored it, it’s going to be there. If you are okay with that, that’s fine, but I just want to be, I just want people to know that before they make a vote tonight. So, thank you so much.

c) Chair Regaldo: Awesome Thank you Kyle for coming to speak with us. Next we have Leah V.

53. Leah V.: Hello my name is Leah V. I will keep this brief. I decided, I hadn’t planned on speaking tonight but a student before me had mentioned that, had recognized the support to kill this bill from alumni, and as an undergraduate student I wanted to express my support of my fees being utilized by the Daily Lobo. I think we can all agree that local news is vital in a pandemic and election year and these students work tireously late week nights, weekends, early mornings to provide exceptional news coverage. Lastly, I’ve heard students use other people’s use of profanity and harsh language as a reflection of this argument to not defund the Daily Lobo. I would like to point out that Senators are not entitled to the respect from the people they serve. I understand that the language tonight maybe harsh, but if you want us to consider the Senator’s feelings in this issue, please consider the feelings of the reports at the Daily Lobo that I said work tireously to serve their communities. Again, I express my support to increase funding for the Daily Lobo and to kill this bill. Thank you.

a) Chair Regaldo: Awesome. Thank you so much for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan next is Justin Garcia.
54. Justin Garcia: Hello my name is Justin Garcia. I am a reporter and I am a 2019-2020 Editor and Chief of Daily Lobo. I am responding directly to Senator Hill's comments. First, I just want to clear the record and say that I never, I never said that my story about Nahje Flowers’ suicide was my best story. I never insinuated that it was my best story. I am truly, I am truly sorry for the loss of your, for the loss that your community felt. In doing my own interviews for that story, I spoke with many members of that community in addition to many of the people that Nahje went to high school with. I would also, since we are talking about it, I will also share that my grandfather committed suicide in 2019, so I think it’s kind of an issue that I understand intimately. I am also disappointed that while Senator Hill you mentioned several of the conversations that one of my reporters had with you in researching for a story, you did not mention any of the conversations that you and I had regarding ASUNM’s funding of the Daily Lobo. I believe there were no less than a half dozen in 2019 and early 2020. This bill, this bill should be failed not just because of the opposition that’s been expressed against it tonight. This bill should be failed not just because it is coupled with journalism’s fiercest champion Hannah Colton. This bill should be failed because it is unconstitutional. It’s a content-based censorship. It won’t be approved by the Board of Regions, it won’t be approved the student body. I seriously doubt it will even hold up to your own Legal Counsel. Thank you and man, Chair Ryan this is definitely a highlight for most difficult S&R meeting in history of ASUNM, no doubt.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Justin Garcia, yeah! We are still in it though. Alright. Ryan next is Stan A. Thank you Justin for coming to speak.

55. Stan A.: Hi, thanks, yeah this is Stan A. I heard about this late, so I joined a little bit late and missed some of the discussion. I’m a reporter with Reveal National Public Radio Show. I am part of the New Mexico diaspora living, joining this from Oakland. I am not a UNM student, I am not going to pretend or understand all of the ins and outs of what’s going on with the budgetary issue and all the things that people have said. I just wanted to join and to say something because I care about New Mexico and I care about journalism. I want to say to all the staffers at the Daily Lobo that are here, and on this call and all of the alumni, the work you do is absolutely vital. Not only to your community there at UNM, but there are people around the country that are watching your coverage and now more than ever. I grew up in Albuquerque
subscribing to the Albuquerque Tribune, R.I.P. You know I would get news from the weekly Alibi which back then had a lot of more resources to do things like to cover the Albuquerque City Counsel. I’ve done a lot of work reporting on the history of New Mexico, doing archival research, coming to the newspapers. The point being just like that the cliches of how journalism, being the first draft of history and all the cliches are true and I’ve watched the decimation of local journalism and the effect that it has had on this country, in New Mexico, where I live now in California. It is never easy to try to figure out a way to keep publications going, but when you can, when you can defend journalism, you should do it. So, that’s really all I have to say. I just really want to make sure that people understand just how important this work is and that it’s being watched and read by people all across the country.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much Stan for coming to speak with us tonight. Senator Sandoval is next

Ryan.

56. Senator Sandoval: Thank you Chairman and thank you to everyone that came out tonight. I’m glad you all came out to voice your concerns and I hope you all come out to Full Senate next week if this bill passes to continue this discussion. Numerous times I’ve heard it mentioned that bills similar to this are not unique to ASUNM. This is not a coincidence nor is it an accident. There is a reason for this. To your surprise it’s not because ASUNM hates the Daily Lobo. I know I speak for the entire Senate when I say we recognize the work the Daily Lobo does. We are doing this because we took an oath to serve the undergraduate students of The University of New Mexico. In 2016 the Daily Lobo created a deficit of 121,000 dollars, in 2017 they found themselves in a deficit of 34,000 dollars, in 2018 a deficit of 65,000 dollars, in 2019 a deficit of 110,000 dollars. Before this year has even ended, their deficit is over 100,000 dollars. The Daily Lobo is not held responsible for fixing this deficit, but rather the student body is forced to pay this through their student fees. Every year Senators attempt to reduce the funding that ASUNM gives the Daily Lobo so that we can fund scholarships, jobs in student agencies, and events that the entire student body can enjoy. Students should benefit from the student fees that we are all tasked with paying. They do not deserve to have their money thrown into a never-ending deficit. When this bill comes to the Senate floor, it does not fail because of its merits, and this will this will be the case if it fails tonight… The bill fails because the Daily Lobo bullies students into getting their way. Tonight my fellow Senators have
been called bitches, have been sexually harassed, porn has appeared on our screens, and some of us have even received death threats. In the rare event that this bill does pass, I cannot believe a single person in this meeting would be surprised if this childish behavior continues. This bill has more sponsors than any piece of legislation that I have seen in my time at ASUNM. Myself and the other sponsors were prepared for the backlash that would come from the Daily Lobo and now these same Senators are afraid to pass this bill because they have to worry about anonymous profiles threatening them on Twitter. To Steering and Rules, I call all of you to do your job. Not a single time this semester have we failed a piece of legislation because of the content of the bill. You have strictly focused on amending the technicalities and grammar in a bill. If you fail this bill tonight, it’s due to the mere fact that you’re scared and you’re willing to put your own comfort of your oath. If these people here are really representative of the student body, then we should have no problem with allowing this amendment to go directly to the student body for a vote in the Spring. I want to give a huge shoutout to Senator Hill. You know we bust our assess off for this and regardless of what anyone says, we know where our hearts lie with this. To the other eleven Senators who sponsored this, I know what we all went through tonight, we all went through it together and I promise you guys this wasn’t for nothing, even if this bill fails, we exposed something wrong with this tonight. With that I yield.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Senator Sandoval. Ryan next is Bella Davis.
b) Ryan Lindquist: Bella should be unmuted.
c) Chair Regalado: Bella are you good? I can go to the next person if it’s like her mic or something.
d) Ryan Lindquist: She should have the invitation. She keeps dropping off of the, dropping off of the list. I don’t know if she is having a bad connection. I’ll try to keep an eye on it. If I see her pop up again, we will try her again.
e) Chair Regalado: Okay. That will work. With that, next is Kc Ortiz.

57. Kc Ortiz: Good evening. I am an alumni of UNM as well as my daughter currently attends UNM. I have been listening to the discussion this evening, and I apologize, off and on, I have not heard it from beginning to end. I have been hearing a lot of emotion and it is understandable, different perspectives. What I am hearing also is that this is not personal. Trying to reassess and adjust a budget of an entity within an institution, especially under
these circumstances being the pandemic. That’s been across this country, that’s been global, where people have to access funding, they have to access monies, duties, work forces, staff sizes. I haven’t heard anything about wanting to restrict or sensor the Daily Lobo. My mom was not only an alumni, she was also an employee at UNM for years. I know the Daily Lobo has been around for years. I applaud all of the work that they do and the time and energy that they put into it. I don’t think that’s been questioned or dismissed or devalued in any way. One person that spoke not too long ago said that her interpretation was that this was not a black and white issue, for me it is. It is a black, a white, and a red issue in terms of print, in terms of numbers. From what I just heard of someone speaking, talking about the debt essentially tripling, excuse me, the debt doubling over a series of three years is mind blowing. I thought I did hear somebody say something about working with a 330,000-dollar deficit, is mind blowing, and that his has been apparently happening over years is frustrating for me because I’m thinking, well why haven’t adjustments been made? Why haven’t changes been made to accommodate a budget much like we have to do in a household. It’s not to, at this point pass judgement on the current staff that may or may not have led into or contributed to that deficit. It is my opinion that my daughter, being a member of the UNM community, should have the right to vote. She among her peers and among her community at UNM, should have the opportunity to vote on this. Thank you so much for all the work that everybody puts into everything that they do within the UNM community. Thank you.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much Kc for coming to speak with us.
b) Ryan Lindquist: Ryan it looks like we have Bella Davis back.

58. Bella Davis: Is my audio okay now?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Bella Davis Okay, cool. Yeah, so I am a reporter at the Daily Lobo. I started at the Lobo when COVID first started and I covered this summer’s protests. Alumni have already spoken on how important the Lobo has been in their careers, so I won’t say too much about that. I’ll just say that I’m a Journalist major and I’ve been in C&J department for about three years. If I didn’t start working at the Lobo, I wouldn’t be doing journalism. Experience and support that I’ve gotten from the Lobo and other local reporters and from my wider community has truly been life
changing, and that’s not an exaggeration. I just, I can’t believe that we are here again. You know a speaker earlier said the Lobo runs over budget, it’s always been the same talking points year after year. Journalism is a public service, it’s not meant to be profitable. Anyone who doesn’t understand that doesn’t understand journalism and shouldn’t be writing legislation that will affect it. I am also frankly shocked at the callousness of you know just saying calm down everybody take a deep breath, the Lobo will always be around even if your funding gets reduced. As a reporter we make 16-20 dollars for each article. I don’t know if everyone understands how very low below minimum wage that is. We are spending hours and hours doing research, doing interviews, writing. That is shockingly below minimum wage, so to just kind of carelessly say you guys will be fine, just calm down, is just like so wildly offensive. I am graduating next month and I’m leaving the Lobo and it makes me sick that my colleagues are going to have to keep dealing with this, when really, they should just be allowed to simply focus on their jobs that are already hard enough. Some people have been talking about how they’re offended or disappointed that people are cursing during this meeting. Come the fuck on. Yeah, that’s all. Thank you for your time.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Bella for coming to speak with us tonight. Pablo L. is next Ryan.

59. Pablo L.: Hello, can you guys hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Pablo L.: Hi! So, I’m Pablo L. I want to speak in response to these fragile frat boys that have been defending everybody that’s came on here and expressed their concerns. Participation of concerned stakeholders that being community members, students, in this instance, that is a representation of democracy and it’s not attack and slander. The argument that the representation of the community is attacking or that it should be feared is anti-democratic. With that, I want to express my full support for my student fees to be used for the Daily Lobo and to increase the funding of the Daily Lobo. I think the Daily Lobo is the most valuable, intellectual asset that we have as students. Even more than like student special events and anything like that. It’s intellectual property that
we are able to express, a platform that is actually objective and is very valuable. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much for coming to speak with us tonight. That is the last public comment that I have submitted to me. If anyone else wants to speak you are welcome to send a chat my way. Also before that, Emily G. I know sent me a written public comment. If you are still here, I got a message from you earlier that you wanted to.

d) Ryan Lindquist: I do see Emily here. Let me unmute Emily real quick.

e) Chair Regalado: Yes, sorry. I just never got another message. You can definitely go.

60. Emily G.: Yeah, no worries at all. I guess it is good that I am going last, I have a little bit of a different thing to talk about. Mainly I will be commenting on bills #20F and #21F. My name is Emily G. and I am the Joint Council Representative of the School of Engineering. So, I think engineers tend to bring a bit of a different perspective because we operate on different time skills than politicians. The average public sector, the Civil Engineering Project for example, can take 5-10 years while a governor’s term limit is 4 years. I believe that this perspective is valuable in government and valuable today. Our last Joint Council meeting was nine days ago, on the ninth of November. At that time, neither Bill #20F or Bill #21F existed and at our meeting on the ninth the ideas for bills #20F of #21F were never mentioned or discussed. To me it is obvious that nine days is not enough time to properly ideate and compose an amendment to the Lawbook. To provide just one example of why this is, I don’t think Joint Council is ready to be granted these powers because we have not properly researched, discussed, and defined who should be members of the council. So, I represent approximately 12,000 undergraduate engineering students on the council. The school of engineering has a well-defined role in the Joint Council. To quote Article II Section 1 of the current Lawbook, “The membership of joint council shall consist of one representative from each college, resource center, or other student life sector.”. It is the ambiguity of the other student life sector that allowed one representative from the Navy, one representative from the Army, and one member for the Air Force ROTC members to be added to the Joint Council this semester, which doesn’t sit right with me. I don’t see why each of these ROTC groups is considered a separate student life sector. In the latest iteration of Bill #20F that was shared with me, it states
that the ASUNM President or it clarifies that the ASUNM President would be the one to choose to add other counselors from other, from their interpretation of other student life sectors. This seems like a bad idea too. What if the next president decided to add one representative from each sorority and fraternity to the Joint Council for example. So, this is just one example of what remains to be unresolved in these two pieces of legislation. I think it’s a great demonstration in the value of projects that take longer than nine days. It is my understanding that this committee has interpreted their role as to pass through any legislation that is grammatically correct. I think tonight there are three examples of bills that should not make it to senate on this arbitrary interpretation. For their lack of diverse and necessary input, bills #20F and #21F should be failed and bill #18F should be failed. To expand on my quick opinion of Bill #18F, thank you everyone for being here and for listening to my final comment. I was the President of the UNM Society of Women Engineers last semester, and we endorsed six of the thirteen Senators who sponsored or co-sponsored this bill…Romie, Daniella, Helen, Elena, BrookeLynne, and Sahana. To all of these Senators and especially to Daniella who sits on this committee, as someone who advocated for you to be in this position, I’m disappointed. I speak on myself, on behalf of myself and SWE. We value the Daily Lobo and especially in the current circumstances with COVID, with record low turn-out in ASUNM elections, even if this constitutional amendment were to be voted on by the student body, I think that you guys should fail Bill #18F in this meeting. Thank you.

a) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much Emily. I do have a few more comments, so we do have a few more. Ryan next will be Domonic B.

61. Domonic B.:Hi, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Domonic B.: Hi, my name is Domonic B., I’m an Electrical Engineer student here at UNM. This is actually my first semester, I am a freshman. I just wanted to comment on Bill #18F. First off, I just want to thank all of the ASUNM Senators for coming out, I want to thank all of the representatives and all of the people who are in support and against this bill. Personally, I am for reducing the funding of the Daily Lobo. I’ve only been here for one semester, but even I understand that an entity running such an extreme budget without oversight, is a problem. I
think that the words that have been used are very unprofessional. If you can’t have an argument without using expletives, you don’t have an argument. I think that along with all of this, if everyone is so for the First Amendment, which there has been no mention of any sort of gagging or any sort of censorship, that we should let this go to the Spring vote. If all of these alumni, not even undergraduate students who are not paying these fees, all of these alumni and all the reporters, and all of the editors think that the student body is with them, then why do they have an issue with letting the student body vote? I think that we should pass this bill in the committee, we should pass it in the Senate, and we should let the student body, whose money we are using, decide. Running a six-digit budget deficit is honestly embarrassing. How do you have a publication that runs such a large budget and then slanders our representatives for even thinking, hey maybe we shouldn’t give them this much money if they are just going to waste it all. In conclusion, we should let this bill pass the committee, we should let it pass the Senate, it should go to public vote, and I am certain that the public will vote with us and reduce the funding of the Daily Lobo. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Domonic for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan next is Gabriel B.

62. Gabriel B.: Can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Gabriel B.: Cool. Good evening everybody. Let me just say that I’m a reporter for the Daily Lobo so I’m incredibly biased when it comes to this argument. First, let me just say that even though the budget, yes are just numbers and a very black and white issue, the people the budget impacts are not. I can’t help but feel you are personally fixed in your distaste for the Daily Lobo as an institution, as this meeting and previous events prove testament to. If I can convince you of our inherent value as a student newspaper, I ask you please not to see us as a paper to defund or some obstacle to get through, or a checklist to check. See us as fellow working students, as your classmates, even some of you, some friends. We are people trying to get by right now and even if you can’t agree on the importance of our coverage or if we ourselves are unable to see the practicality of your decision when it
comes to Bill #18F, I think you all can truly imagine the stress, the tax, and the anxiety meetings like these put on our already tired hearts. You plan on offering condolences to our colleague Hannah Colton who passed last week. On the Daily Lobo I hope you read the letter to the editor which was insisting the dire need for structural changes to prevent tragic deaths like Hannah’s. As I’m sure you’ve all heard before, the Daily Lobo is underfunded, under-resourced, our reporters, underpaid and yet each of our borders, myself included, push ourselves because of and despite these challenges. Sometimes, to dangerous ends. Personally, I think we do a good job, of course we could always be better, but I do think we do a good job covering events, but at a cost... sleepless nights, late assignments, failing classes, empty stomachs, bad habits, fatigued and traumatized eyes. So, please I kindly and humbly ask for you not to strain us any further. Frankly, I think all of us are tired of having these back and forth like these and I am catering to your humanity. We are all collectively suffering right now and beyond our organizational animosity towards each other, we are still a pact, we are still a community, and I think communities should try and take care of each other. That is all. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you so much for coming to speak with us tonight. Ryan next is Gina Gutierrez.

63. Gina Gutierrez: Can everyone hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Gina Gutierrez: Awesome. Hi guys my name is Gina Gutierrez and I am the Managing Editor at the Daily Lobo. I just wanted to start off by mentioning that when I started my academic career at UNM, I came into the institution with one goal in mind. That goal was to become a journalist. What I found was a chronically underfunded communication and journalism department with emphasis on the communication part. Journalistic integrity and training is losing more and more every passing semester in the C&J Department, but thankfully my saving grace was the Daily Lobo. It was not only a proving ground for me to build my journalistic talents and for me to express my writing style, but it also provided me with a newsroom full of talented and amazing colleagues that I am also honored
to call my friends as well. We come here tonight looking for a resolution to what is quickly becoming an ongoing problem. I wanted to address some comments made earlier about alumni don’t have a say, or alumni aren’t current students. I think just the comments from alumni that this is a problem that they have had to endure, more than proves the point that they had more than a say in what is going on tonight. If this is an ongoing problem and it’s been going on with past alumni, both students and Daily Lobo alumni, then it is something that we should consider as well, and their voices are no less valuable in this argument. I also want to address comments made directly by other people earlier, starting with Senator Sandoval. I understand that you and your colleagues put a lot of hard work into this bill. You mentioned that you guys know what you all went through to draft this bill. I just want to educate you a little bit on what my reporters have gone through, what my photographers have gone through. I want to tell you about the protests that we covered. I want to tell you about our reporters running away from tear gas, rubber bullets. I want to tell you that my reporters were in the way of harm on a nightly basis to give you guys the information and the news you needed so you understand the issues that are happening. You have the gull to tell me that we don’t understand what it took for you to draft legislation when my reporters are out in the field, putting their lives on the line. It’s ridiculous to me. What also is ridiculous to me is my colleagues mentioning Hannah Colton, honoring her memory, telling you what she meant not only to the Lobo but also to the journalist community and the state, and the worlds. I look at my gallery, I see Senators laughing, I see Senators eating, I see Senators disrespecting her legacy and what she means to the journalistic community. You can shake your head and laugh and tell me that’s not what you were doing, but I gotta tell you, it looks like that’s what you’re doing from my point of view. Furthermore, this is not a black and white issue. When I look at my newsroom, and I look at my journalists, that’s not a black and white issue. These are real people who are working for less than minimum wage, for something that they love and you guys consistently, every single semester, challenge the integrity of what it
means to have student journalism on campus. That is something that cannot stand. You guys, you guys have the, you know the gull to come to us and talk to us about deficit. You know Domonic mentioned earlier that we are running a six-digit deficit. You know why don’t we talk about Athletics running a seven-digit deficit? Why don’t we talk about Athletics having a 3.5 million-dollar deficit this year? Why don’t we talk about the university and President Stokes having to push 10 million-dollars of that deficit off their table because they can’t afford to pay it? You know there is bigger issues this university is looking at, than just Student Publications and just students that are trying to get on the job training to do what they want to do. We’re no different than you guys, we want the experience to carry over into the next build. You guys, I got to admit from my point of view, are looking like you’re making it as difficult as possible for future journalists to have a place in this community, especially when we are dealing with an outgoing administration that waged a public war on the media and accused the media of being disinformation and of being unreliable. Maybe that’s something that you guys can consider when you are looking at this legislation and maybe stop trying to kill local journalism. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Gino. AG Lutz, I do have a question. I have two people who didn’t use all of their time and would like to re-speak again. Is that allowed?
d) AG Lutz: Yes. I think yeah that’s allowed because people can speak more than once during public comment.
e) Chair Regalado: I definitely don’t remember the time that they had at all.
f) AG Lutz: Let me check with Ryan, but I think it’s okay.
g) Chair Regalado: I don’t think either of them used more than half of their time, so I’ll just give them two minutes and a half?
h) AG Lutz: Yeah. Just use your judgement.
i) Chair Regalado: Awesome. So, Hevyn if you would like to go next. Hevyn Heckes right?

64. Hevyn Heckes: Thanks Ryan. Can everybody hear me okay?
a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Hevyn Heckes: Alright. If it’s alright, I’m just going to sort of paraphrase from what I sent Senator Regalado
privately in the chat. Basically, I am a student journalist, I am a freelance reporter for the Daily Lobo, so I do have sort of a personal stake in this and I understand that it’s gotten very personal, very passionate tonight. You know, some people are upset about some profanity that has been used, but you know we are all adults and Student Government representatives, ASUNM Senators you know they are trying to prepare for like a career in politics and getting cussed out is not the worst thing that has happened to a careered politician, but I digress from that. I don’t personally have any grudges or ill feelings toward anyone or any group of people at ASUNM, I am just speaking for myself here. I respect what ASUNM does and I do think that they are an important part of student empowerment at UNM. I would really like for the Daily Lobo and ASUNM to be able to work together to hold the Administration accountable to the best interest of the student body. I think that cutting our funding and what feels like repeated attacks on our funding, is just not engendering that spirit. We are not able to do that because it’s person to us. We get paid basically nothing. This is close to our hearts. Every single journalist on staff, every single freelance reporter, photographer, everyone, nobody is doing this for the money. We are doing this because we care about the service that we provide to the community. I do want to apologize to Senator Hill, just on my own behalf because I did do a story about the wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of Nahje Flowers’ family. I don’t know if you were talking about me, it might not have been, but I just want to say that I, even though I wasn’t a student at the time that Nahje passed, I wrote my story with the most sensitivity that I can. Many people that I know have been touched by suicide and stuff, so I just want to say that I am sorry, you know if you felt it was insensitive and I went over my time, I realize, I’m sorry. Anyway, I will do my best in the future to make sure that I am reporting fairly and sensitively on everything that I get to report on. Thanks.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Hevyn. I don’t think you used two minutes last time, but next is Joe Rull.

65. Joe Rull: Can you guys hear me?
   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
   b) Joe Rull: Alright cool. I wanted to clarify the point of view you know why we don’t want this to go to a public vote.
The point is pretty clear and simple. Nobody votes on any of your elections ever, ever, particularly now. The last election cycle you had less than 700 votes from a population of students that is thousands. Your voter base as we all know leans heavily to the Greek life population and to the population of people that happen to follow you guys on Instagram. In many ways this population is diametrically opposed to the Daily Lobo and it’s coverage for a number of reasons. I’m just the data guy around here but this shit does not add up, that’s a sampling issue. Additionally, I think your virtuous idea that you think that letting it go to the student vote to get the whole student body’s opinion, that’s not entirely correct, that’s not entirely right considering the trend of what people vote in your elections. That is endemic of a larger community engagement issue and on top of that the talk of the budget purely is a number as a deficit, very conveniently looks over the fact that journalism is not fundamentally a for profit entity. It is a public service that we do, we work tireously for to provide you with the information that you need to be free and self-governing. That should not be boiled down to a deficit and a budget on a spreadsheet that most of you can’t even read. On top of that, I find it rich that Romie’s virtue signaling about the importance of the Lobo, when he publicly called us a garbage news source on his little Twitter page. This is all a bunch of absolute horse shit and I’m sorry if you’re upset that we are calling you little babies, but maybe that’s what you’re being. You guys are being a bunch of dicks about this. You guys are conveniently ignoring a lot of reasons why your decision to even consider this notion is fundamentally immoral and wrong. With that, I will say again this shit is extremely whack and fuck this.

c) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you Joe. I do have Noah Dowling Lujan. I do not remember what time you had left from last time. I know his went a little bit longer, but with that AG I am getting more requests to keep going. I mean, I am okay with that, I don’t know how we can kind of keep track of time. I don’t want to give anyone more time than we have just to keep the meeting running. I’ll use your judgement on that. We can keep going.

d) AG Lutz: There is nothing that says that we have to stop public comment at a certain time. Typically in the past
we have just stopped it when no one else has been there to speak. So, it’s kind of just leaving it up to your judgement because there isn’t anything written about i. but I would encourage, I don’t know. If people want to speak, you can give them the chance to speak but like you said for the sake of this meeting to actually get onto discussing the legislation. Just keep that in mind.

e) Chair Regalado: Yeah, so I’m okay with, we already gave people an opportunity to you know reclaim their time. I do value your input but if it’s not anything that we’ve already heard, just for the value of keeping going if you can kind of just refrain from that. If it is new information that you kind of want to let us have, we will go ahead and do that. I’ll keep the time at two thirty. If anyone remembers their times that would definitely help me out. I can kind of remember but we’ve had a lot of public comment so. Next is Noah Dowling Lujan, I will give you two and a half minutes, but I think you went over half last time so if you can kind of keep your comment short that would be great. Noah Dowling Lujan is next.

66. Noah Dowling Lujan: Can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Noah Dowling Lujan: I just wanted to say two-fold, one I want to respond to Ricardo Hill. (cannot understand what is being said due to audio) I don’t think Daily Lobo has intentionally you know misrepresented a community. I feel like a lot of times they have problems with outreach, like even to the Hispanic community, I feel like they’re out of touch a lot of the time. I never feel like any of it is malicious, and I feel like it is a larger problem that affects UNM as a whole. You want to talk about a systemic problem with outreaching to communities, like look at ASUNM. Look at the people in ASUNM, I mean it’s the same people all the time. You know for decades it was run by my Greeks, and with UNM’s white only school, guess what those same groups were the ones who kept Hispanic, Black, and Asian students out of school. You know, so it’s just unbelievable that you know we shouldn’t be attributing all these problems to the Daly Lobo I really think that this problem has many different factors but a big portion on campus are your colleagues. The Greek members of this thing who have spoken out already this night for defunding the Daily Lobo and it’s clear why. I mean in the past the
Daily Lobo has written good stories about them and now they're not. I mean they report on the hate crimes and the rapes, all these things that happen on campus that they just do not care about...addressing at ASUNM, because of the biases they have and it's going to go back on the organizations that make them racist, that help them promote sexual assault on campus. It's just unbelievable that they would come back here and try to blame it on reporters who have been trying to do the right thing, who have been trying to diversify their newsroom, who have been trying to reach out to these communities. It's just not fair and it's not helpful, and it's not addressing the real issue. Look at who has been doing this or look who's still been doing it. Look who committed the hate crime against a Black woman in 2013...ATO. Look at the racism in 2018...Kappa Kappa Gamma. I mean it's just like, we need to be looking at who the actual racists are and who is actually doing this discriminatory shit on campus. I say that as a student who does find a lot of their reports and concatenation with ethnic communities really lacking. So, yeah. I'm done.

Chair Regalado: Thank you Noah for speaking again. Megan G., she had about two minutes left, I will definitely take your word on that. If you can kind of be brief but go ahead and do what you need to or say what you need to. Did you get that one Ryan, Megan G.?

Megan G.: Can you hear me?

Chair Regalado: Yes.

Megan G.: Okay so this has been touched on, but I feel that it’s necessary to reiterate that for those of you who have your cameras on, we can see you laughing, we can see you eating, we can see you talking to other people during the discussion. Please remember that you are the only ones who actually have the privilege to have your cameras on. Like Lisa said, we are dehumanized in the aspect that we’re not allowed to have our cameras on. We have paper bags over our heads while we talk to you, so please recognize that we see all of you with your cameras on and please, please for God’s sake, take the issue a little bit more seriously than how it seems like you’re taking it. Thank you.

Chair Regalado: Thank you Megan. With that, that is I believe the last public comment. I have Andrew Gunn, I
think he honestly did take up most of his time. Let me see. I do have one person to comment now... Benjamin Lopez. I don’t believe you spoke at all, so I will give you that full five minutes. If you want to give it to Benjamin Lopez, Ryan.

d) Ryan Lindquist: The invitation has been sent. I believe, it looks like he dropped off.

e) Senator Hotz: Point of clarification, it looks like he is still on here.

f) Ryan Lindquist: Did he put his hand up?

g) Senator Hotz: He’s on my screen and it says that he is unmuted as well.

68. Benjamin Lopez: Oh hi, can everybody hear me now?

a) Ryan Lindquist: There we go, yup.

b) Benjamin Lopez: Okay, sorry about that. I just wanted to come in as a recent alumni of UNM. I just graduated in 2020 and I just wanted to touch on this, I don’t know if it has been mentioned before. I just wanted to bring up an example of a time where I felt like the importance of having this fully-funded local newspaper was like really brought to home for me and that was during a vigil that we held over this summer for Breonna Taylor outside of the campus bookstore. We were threatened at that vigil by an individual who tried to drive his car through the crowd, I’m sure many people here have seen coverage of that. Part of the best coverage that I saw was from Bella Davis reporting for the Daily Lobo. I just felt like that was a moment where I really understood the power that local journalism, like a student newspaper has because a lot of other local news stations didn’t even get to the story until maybe the next day and she was already asking questions about it that night and she showed up herself. It felt like just as a citizen and as a person who felt like it was an important moment in our city, I felt heard by her as a journalist, so I just wanted to thank her personally. Just to paint that into the larger picture of funding this newspaper, I think that it’s really a sad day when we have to fight for this in our own university community, against our own Student Government, against defunding this local journalism. Local newspapers and newsrooms are suffering all over the country and what we are seeing more and more is just this corporate take over of the news and just a single side being represented in news stories all the time. I think that that’s unacceptable and to see that this is
now extending into something I think that personally I
guess I delusionally thought was untouchable, this local
student newspaper has just been shocking to me. Also to
see this discourse on social media, that fact that you know
a lot of the rhetoric coming out of ASUNM and the follow
ups and the visits to the Daily Lobo office by certain
Senators just felt like retaliatory, retaliatory, retaliatory. Just
really trying to focus on beating down the criticism that the
reporters at the Daily Lobo provide, really people in all
aspects of power. It doesn't matter if it's ASUNM or the
Administration or state government. I think that it's just a
representation to me that something I thought couldn't
happen or wouldn't happen because we as students like
understand the value of our community, it's happening
now. I just find that really dystopian, it's just really
surprising that I would have to come on to this Zoom
meeting in the middle of a pandemic and advocate for
funding for a paper that honestly, I only recently started to
truly appreciate. I've been following a lot of these reporters
on social media recently and it's just they are doing
incredible work every day, and people have talked about
this I know, but just the lack of resources that they make
do with every time they write a story it just leaves me in
awe of their ability to do this. They have desires for their
careers, they have a desire to be reporting in larger
publications that can use their voice. I just think that some
of the rhetoric that I've heard is just so misinformed and
again people have talked about Athletics and have
advocated against you know signing blank checks for
Athletics in the past. That's what people have done, I mean
the fact that no questions are usually even asked of
Athletics when they ask for more money or when they ask
for their debts to be ignored, it's just extremely hypocritical.
I mean, Athletics is one of the most dysfunctionally run
departments in the entirety of the university and they just
get away with it year after year and yet we have to spend
hours on end this evening advocating against a funding cut
for one small underfunded department. I think that
it's…and I appreciate everyone that came out and
commented on this and I didn't know if I would, but I don't
know I run out of things to say. Just please vote against
this bill, it's ridiculous. I thank everyone for their time.
Chair Regalado: Thank you so much for coming to speak with us. I did get… I skipped over one person earlier in the evening, so I definitely apologize to this person. It’s Michelle Rivero, I did see his name, but I do not know why he got skipped so I will give him the full five minutes. Then I have one more full comment that hasn’t been spoken and then a half comment to finish time. I think.

Michelle Rivero: Howdy ya’ll, can you all hear me?

Chair Regalado: Yes.

Michelle Rivero: Well back from the grave, here I am. Let me introduce myself, I’m Michelle Rivero, I used to be a former Finance Senator. I just recently graduated in May and I am also the former President of college STEMS. I’m just here because I think that the Daily Lobo shouldn’t be defunded at all. I believe that the Daily Lobo serves a vital resource on campus and for the people who say that they are running a deficit, they are running a deficit right. Well same with any other student organization that ASUNM funds. I mean you know and still we fund them right, and why should the Daily Lobo be an exception? They are a base for which you know people interested in journalism to build up their portfolios, to build up their reputations and for them to get a job you know in journalism right. So it’s basically an essential student resource that should be open for all these students trying to pursue a career in journalism. It’s not just the Daily Lobo, it’s still other student publications on campus that are very essential for these students to build up their careers still in college. If we take that away from them, what does it say about us? What does it say about us as a student government right, when we only look out for a certain sex of people? When we only look out for oh yeah just them or you know it makes us look bad. And you know this is more from the side, but you know to the people who have been piling up against the Senators, you know I always tell people to be kind, you know be kind. No matter how tough it may get, just look at the bright side and make the best of it right. Regardless of that, I believe that the Daily Lobo should be funded to its fullest because it still offers an essential need to certain students. With that being said I feel that even if certain Senators say it should be defunded, there is still different avenues to take this right? You know if you think this is a big burden on the
undergraduate body and you know funding for the Daily Lobo should come from other places, well there are different avenues than this bill. I think this is the wrong way to do it and I feel that it’s more of a detriment for the student body than anything because the Daily Lobo, whether you like it or not, it’s an institution on campus that tries to do its best to inform the student body and even the larger Albuquerque community. It’s still an establishment even in Albuquerque, even in New Mexico. What does it say, what does it say when we defund an establishment here in our state? What does it say about UNM when we fail to fund an establishment? A big corner stone of not just the journalistic community, but the community of Albuquerque, the community of New Mexico. Believe it or not all of these publications, and I’m not just talking about the Daily Lobo, there are some well-respected, some of the have awards to show for it, and that’s the same way we create our student orgs when we fund them right? How do you serve the student body? That’s how they serve the body, the Student Publications so... so yeah. That’s my two sense on it. Take it what you will. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Awesome. Thank you Michelle, it was good to hear from you. I haven’t heard from you since last semester so that’s cool. I got a message that Anthony Jackson keeps raising their hand, so if you would like to speak, you’re more than welcome to.

70. Anthony Jackson: ASUNM Senators, my name is Anthony Jackson. I am a UNM and Daily Lobo alumni. I can’t help but laugh about how absurd this situation is. Despite how this issue got its origin story, participants here should not be fighting amongst each other, instead both institutions should be addressing this as a university wide issue. Don’t you see that it isn’t beneficial for the university if you all keep fighting amongst yourselves? In the meantime I ask you all tonight to not support resolution #18F. The constitutional amendment to decrease Student Publications’ allocations from 8.5% to 4%. Please continue to fund the Daily Lobo until they can be permanently funded. They depend on you and you depend on them. If you don’t, you are putting student journalists at more risk during a pandemic. Why should student journalists have to pick another job during a pandemic while juggling student responsibilities? What they do is an essential service to the university and to those around the state. Do not put our essential workers at more risk.
This isn’t the first time that this bill has been considered and nor will be the last. Reducing the Daily Lobo’s funding isn’t going to improve life on campus. Harming institutions that keep organizations transparent only creates opportunities for impropriety and shady legislation. It is critical to the political process. The Daily Lobo provides pathways for student journalists to launch their careers with experience in the field and in the newsroom. It provides a direct path for students to publish their work which makes it easier to find a professional job after graduation. I understand that some of the grievances here is that ASUNM shouldn’t be funding this, perhaps I agree. ASUNM shouldn’t be funding this, but what you’re giving us is lazy, half ass legislation that is only focused on defunding the press. If you care about the student body, then you will care about funding the Daily Lobo. Do your jobs, so they can do theirs. I yield my time.

a) Chair Regalado: Thank you Anthony for coming to speak with us. I have one more full-time comment from Nora R.

71. Nora R.: Hi, can you hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Nora R.: Hey I just wanted to address a few points before I get to my main point. One is that I think that people have been extremely uncharitable about swearing from a grieving community that is really emotional. You can maybe give a little bit of leeway to people who are going through what they are and not use this term policing that is so constantly used against marginalized people and the people who are in a position to be the most harmed and who have the least power. That’s really gross to keep coming back to that point. The other thing is, like before I get to my main thing, is that journalism doesn’t have to be for profit. Journalism being for profit is killing journalism nationally and internationally. Having a non-profit journalistic source like we have in the Lobo and other publications in New Mexico has been incredibly important. I do a lot of work in the protest community and talk to a lot of people nationally and internationally who are a part of Black Lives Matter groups and anti-fascist groups and various other groups. When the Onate shooting happened, I was getting a ton of messages from people all over the country. Eyes were just suddenly on Albuquerque and it was amazing to be able to point them towards the Lobo reporters who have been doing an amazing job of covering
the protest movement in a way that no one else in the city with an exception of KUNM, had been trying to do. Being able to point that archive of information to people who were completely unfamiliar with Albuquerque, who literally didn’t know how to spell the city’s name three days ago, was just like having that instantly and being able to say follow these people, follow Bella Davis, follow Andrew, follow all these people, it was an indispensable resource for getting people caught up in a way that did not get people stuck up on propaganda. I follow a ton of people nationally who are independently covering for protests and city council meetings and stuff like that and it’s incredibly hard to be doing a constant update on Twitter of an action and I’ve been repeatedly impressed by the Daily Lobo staff’s ability to do that live as well as their ability to write pieces afterwards. That has been indispensable for the community and no matter how the funding structure of this works I really hope that you will be able to allow them to continue doing that work because it’s incredibly important and so many cities are going without an institution like the Lobo right now. I see the way that those cities end up having to have individuals with patrons and stuff try to fill in those gaps, and it’s incredibly hard and it makes it much harder for those communities to function and communicate with each other and get good and useful information. I don’t want Albuquerque to turn into that. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you Nora, so I do have a, I guess reclamation of time from Andrew Gunn.

72. Andrew Gunn: Yes. Hello, can everybody hear me?

   a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

   b) Andrew Gunn: Alright, terrific. So I understand I only have thirty seconds, so I am going to make this very brief, as brief as I possibly can. I’m the longest ten-year employee at the Daily Lobo and it has meant more to me than anything else that this university has provided whether it be classes, or events, or anything else, but I want to take…looks like I have two minutes actually, so maybe I can go a little bit over time. I want to take this opportunity to re-center this debate. It’s not about the Daily Lobo itself as an institution it’s about the ideal of the free press and it’s about the ideal that our department friend Hannah Colton left us with. This responsibility that we are now tasked with to carry on the legacy and memory of a
cherished individual in our society, in our you know whatever form of democracy that may still exist is dependent on the free press. Hannah Colton was brilliant, she was marvelous, and she was a trail blazer. I desperately hope and pray even though I’m not a religious man, that this governmental body you know in the next deliberations after this three-hour long public comment hour has passed, will honor Hannah Colton’s memory with the memorial that you have already planned in the same meeting where you deliberate defunding the student news. It’s astonishing, it’s astonishing, it is appalling, and it is unconscionable. I genuinely hope that over the next thirty minutes that I will see you know some decent human remembrance of Hannah Colton, the former and forever KUNM New Editor. I yield my time. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you Andrew. That’s all I have on my list. I did think I see someone flipping their hand up. Yeah Bo Russell I don’t think you’ve spoken yet. You can have that five minutes.

73. Bo Russell: Hello can you all hear me?

a) Chair Regalado: Yes.

b) Bo Russell: Great. My name is Bo Russell, I am a multimedia journalism undergraduate student. I am also a work study student at KUNM. I am the Radio Operations Assistant, so obviously multimedia journalism and journalism means a lot to me. This might sound a little biased, I am also not the most eloquent speaker so I will try to say what I want to say as best as I can. I was watching some of the Daily Lobo reporters on Twitter live tweeting this meeting and I cannot sit back and just read the comments on Twitter. I felt as though I had to show up to ASUNM. This is actually one of the first things that I’ve engaged with, with ASUNM. I’ve voted in maybe one of the elections and I think that says a lot about people of the student body who maybe just don’t really give a crap about ASUNM and their bureaucracy and their politics in wanting to defund Student Publications, the Daily Lobo. The way I see it, ASUNM Senators they serve the students and that’s kind of it, that’s how I see them. Whereas, the Daily Lobo journalists, Daily Lobo photographers, everyone at the Daily Lobo, they are not only serving students, they are serving the Albuquerque community and the greater New Mexican community. I find it ridiculous and just really
disheartening that ASUNM wants to defund a publication such as the Daily Lobo and it honestly makes me a little scared as someone who works at KUNM that maybe after, you know if this #18F passes, what does that mean for KUNM, for that public service? The Daily Lobo is a public service of the university and KUNM is a public service of this university and it makes me scared for the future, not only of journalism, but for radio and other multimedia platforms. I am also just kind of speechless that, and from what I’ve seen of the ASUNM Senators and of some of these students on the Student Fee Review Board, they’re behavior is highly unprofessional. I think Daily Lobo journalists have been nothing but professional, whereas ASUNM Senators are acting unprofessionally, and they are saying unprofessional things. If you want a future in politics, this is not how you should be acting. With that I will abide my time. I do not want this bill to pass and Daily Lobo, everyone there, everyone at KUNM, everyone across New Mexico and across the world have my support in journalism. Thank you.

c) Chair Regalado: Thank you so much Bo. We do have one more public comment from Zach Ward.
d) Ryan Lindquist: Zach your microphone should be active. You should have an invitation.
e) Chair Regalado: Zach Ward you’re next.
f) Ryan Lindquist: I’m not seeing him anymore.
g) Chair Regalado: I just got a message. They are having tech issues.
i) Chair Regalado: We can wait.

74. Zach Ward: Can you all hear me yet?
a) Chair Regalado: Yes.
b) Zach Ward: Okay, great. My name is Zach Ward, I’m not and never have been associated with the Daily Lobo. I am involved in the community in Albuquerque and I just want to say that the Daily Lobo is, if not the best, one of the best and most honest press in Albuquerque covering the community, willing to go into dangerous locations to get news to…that really affects both UNM students and the community in general. I think that defunding the Daily Lobo would be a humongous mistake not only for UNM, but for the community in Albuquerque and central New Mexico as a whole. I find it somewhat confusing why this is even on
the docket to defund the Daily Lobo, I mean I would consider it one of…as someone who hasn’t even been involved with the Daily Lobo, I’m proud to be a UNM student where we have this as one of our university’s gems. It’s just always been a very professional, very well done, very honest source of news that occasionally, actually more than often than occasionally reports the news better than even the Journal in the city. I would really encourage the Senate to not defund the Daily Lobo, thanks.

c) Chair Regalado: Alright. Thank you Zach. I believe that was the last of our public comment. With that we can move forward into our new business. Let me pull up the agenda.

75. Senator Hotz: MOTION to recess for seven minutes.
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed
   b) Chair Regalado: Alright, that motion passes unanimously, we are now in recess until 9:35. We will be back at 9:35.

III. New Business
A. Bill #18F – Constitutional Amendment to Decrease Student Publications Allocation from 8.5% to 4%
   1. MOTION to open
      a) MOTION is seconded and passed
   2. Authorship
      a) Senator Mondloch: I would like to yield my time to Senator Hill.
      b) Senator Hill: (Beginning of speech cut out due to technically difficulties on Zoom) All of the Senators should have a choice on it and with that I yield the rest of my time to Romie Sandoval.
      c) Senator Sandoval: Thank you Chairman. I have to agree with Senator Hill. There was thirteen sponsors on this bill and if it gets shut down in committee, that’s not fair to the thirteen Senators that went through this all night. We put a lot of work into this, we did a lot of outreach to student organizations, and this is what the student body wants. If somebody feels differently, then proves us wrong when it goes to the ballot, and we promise you that if this goes to the ballot, it’s going to pass. Just please for your colleagues, pass this. I yield.
   3. Questions
a) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. So yeah, I was actually just wondering like how much you communicated to the Senators that are sponsoring this bill because I've actually heard like a lot of communication from a lot of the Senators that are sponsoring. That they like are saying to like fail this in pre-S&R, or in S&R and like, and I was wondering how much was actually communicated to them, because it seems like a lot of them are kind of like, not blindsided but seemed just a little bit confused as a lot of them are new Senators and don’t necessarily understand like all that like...obviously you two have done a lot of research, but I was wondering how much information was given to them before hand?

(1) Senator Hill: When reaching out to individuals to become co-sponsors of the bill, whenever I reached out to anybody, I asked them if they had any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to look at the document. I know for a fact some of those people that are on there, when I told them about it, instead of me personally putting their name down, I sent the document to them. I asked everyone that I reached out to, to please ask me any questions. I would also like to state that I feel that just because someone sponsored a bill, they still have the right to feel however they feel there after. Opinions do change and I am open to that. If a Senator that sponsored the bill feels differently now, that is completely up to them, and they are not obligated to vote any type of way that they do not see fit. I would like to put that out there that I am not trying to make anybody vote a way just because they sponsored a bill, but I definitely did outreach and everybody that I talked to whose name is on the bill, I told them that if they had any questions at any time, please contact me. I've been pretty open to majority of, any questions from anybody and with that I yield.

b) Senator Hotz: I have one more question. I guess this is for Senator Hill. I was just wondering because we were both on SFRB this past semester and I know that we got a lot of information from like UNM Admin when we were talking about Student Publications and Athletics, like about the deficit. I forget what it was called...I always forget
what it's called, but like the planning that it takes, the deficit reduction plan, that's what it is. I was wondering what your opinions were with that to see if that is something that you would be in favor of like seeing how that goes before taking these measures to defund them through our Student Government account.

(1) Senator Hill: Of course. First and foremost, I would like it to be said that if any entity could be ran at full capacity, which they are, on a deficit as big as them, they would be okay with the reduction to their funding. I do believe that, they are doing that now. They are funding...they are operating with no funds. I also would like to state that as a person that sat on that very committee in SFRB, that I have the same questions for them that I do now. I stated the same things then as I do now, I have not changed, this is not something that should be a blindside to anybody that this is my stance. I also would like to put out there that I do understand that they have made drastic moves to try to help their deficit, but it comes to question how drastic should it be at this point, because the things that they are doing is not helping if you look at the numbers. Their deficit continues to grow regardless. That's kind of where I am at with it, but I do commend them for having a debt service plan. I don't understand how they would pay it because they are not making any revenues, but I do acknowledge that they have one and that they are at least putting the paperwork effort to make a change. Hopefully that answers your question, if not can you please rephrase it and I will answer it.

(2) Senator Hotz: No, that's fine. Thank you, I yield.

c) Senator Musa: Thank you Chair Regalado. My question for the authors is in terms of communication with those who work in Student Publications. In terms of this bill, was there any communication with anyone who works for the Daily Lobo or any other Student Publications entity, and if not, why so?

(1) Senator Sandoval: Yeah, I reached out to Alex M. last weekend, he told me he was unable to meet. Just today, we had a meeting with Daven, we have been communicating with her all week back
and forth, exchanging documents, asking questions. We did reach out to the Daily Lobo.

(2) Senator Musa: Thank you, I yield.

4. Discussion
a) Senator Mondloch: Thank you sir Chair. I’ve been itching to talk about this the entire time. First and foremost I want to thank everyone who spoke during public comment. We appreciate you coming out. This is the most attended Senate meeting I have ever seen, so I am glad to see everyone who attended. Second of all, first I am going to start by speaking about why I sponsored this piece of legislation and then get into the pieces of why I think we should fail this piece of legislation. There are two reasons why I sponsored this piece of legislation. First of all it was out of respect and care for my friend and colleague Senator Hill. This man has ran on this platform, he has put in the effort and the time along with Senator Sandoval to get this piece of legislation before us and it deserves to be talked about. The second reason why I sponsored this piece of legislation is because I want to finally put it in its grave. First and foremost I want to put this thing to bed, put it in its grave because having this conversation is disrespectful to the Daily Lobo. Do I have issues with individuals who have worked for the Daily Lobo in the past? Absolutely. The individual editor who came to us and said that Nahje Flower’s death story was the best piece of writing they every made…I took personal offense to that and I found that disrespectful, and most of us were in the Senate meeting where that occurred. However, that is an individual problem with an individual person within the Daily Lobo, it is not an issue I have with the Daily Lobo. The main portion of this legislation is saying that if we defund the Daily Lobo then that money will be put toward student organizations and will be put towards helping students. I challenge any Senator to show me the evidence that ASUNM will actually do that because year after year we see student organizations get their funding cut, we see student organizations all over the place not getting the funding, not because it’s not there. We saw that this semester specifically with the budgets that were occurring this semester, that their money was available, but they were not getting it for specific reasons. That had nothing to do with a lack of funding, so show me the track record that
ASUNM has that this money that we are taking away from a student organization is going to go towards…a public service is going to go towards a student organization. What is being asked of Senators today is to bank their hope on the idea that ASUNM will do something in the future that it hasn’t done in the past, as opposed to leaving the funding for a public service that right now tangibly is helping students. That’s the issue that we have, and I cannot in good conscious defy the will of the constituents who have come to me, I do appreciate the decent that was brought about in public comment. The students who stated that they were in support of this piece of legislation during public comment are the first undergraduate students I have seen be in support of this legislation. Every single individual who came to me specifically in the run up to this Senate meeting, was not in favor, they did not want this to pass. I cannot in good conscious bank my hopes on a hypothetical idea that we have no evidence that will actually take place and the idea that we are going to take away the livelihood for a lot of these students. I am going to leave you with an antidote lastly. I was one of the underpaid employees of the University of New Mexico’s Daily Lobo. I have no idea what the reporters and the photographers go through, all I did was deliver the paper. I was a paper delivery boy my Freshman year. It was my first job on campus, however I did get to see from an outside perspective the amount of effort and work put into making the Daily Lobo and the good that it can do. I see no reason why this piece of legislation and cutting the Daily Lobo for some sort of hypothetical benefit that is not even guaranteed to happen, based on the track record of ASUNM, is just…and this bill goes against the will of the constituents that we are tasked to represent. We as student representatives are tasked to represent the students themselves and from the students that I’ve heard from and from the students that we’ve all heard from during public comment, this piece of legislation should not pass. This piece of legislation needs to fail. To another point that was made during public comment, the idea that S&R is just a committee about grammar, and we are just a committee about making grammatical corrections, that’s disrespectful to the idea of the S&R committee. I’ve served on this committee for two semesters straight and we are much
more than just a spell check and we are much more than just Grammarly for these pieces of legislation. Senators sit here at S&R and work week in and week out getting legislation prepared to come to Full Senate. We absolutely have the right and obligation to fail a bill that we feel that the content does not benefit the students they we are tasked with representing. I as an individual Senator and as someone who sponsored this piece of legislation… I support the work that was put into it, I appreciate the Senators who put the work in to submit this piece of legislation, I do not support the content itself. I urge all of the Senators within this committee to fail this piece of legislation. Thank you, I yield.

b) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair, I just wanted to say really quickly, a big thank you to everyone that has come here today and has spoken to us. I agree that the Daily Lobo is crucial to our university in holding our governing body accountable. I did want to quickly address one comment and mention that I and other Senators have received racist comments by Zoom bombers and while the intention wasn’t to sensor public comment in any way, safety and security does need to be insured. I thank our advisors for helping ensure that this happens, but I do apologize for cameras being off and I completely understand the frustrations, but I did just want to give a reasoning to everyone that is here today and giving public comment, that that is the reason for cameras being off today. I honestly am really disappointed in my fellow Senators that have put this through during the same time as a condolence that has been written for a member of the journalism community and I would like to apologize to the community for the contradictory pieces of legislation that stand here before us today. We were elected by the student body and if we are not doing a good job of representing the students, then students should feel comfortable to come here and speak to us, and frankly call us out for not representing the students. I don’t believe that this bill does do a great job in representing the students and takes away the freedom of the press and their First Amendment right, which is something I can’t stand in favor of. The previous speaker that was in favor of passing this bill mentioned that we should bring this to the students to decide and I stand in negation to that because to be quite
frank our Fall election cycle had less than 700 students voting in that election cycle and with an undergraduate body of 16,000 students, I don’t believe that is a proper representation of the student body. This piece of legislation should not be taken to the ballot because during a pandemic and during an online election cycle that will most likely be an online election, especially when there are only 4% of students that have voted in our elections in this past election cycle, so I do not believe that this bill does its job to better represent the students and I will not be voting in favor of this bill because I believe that it should not be brought to Full Senate. I also believe that it shouldn’t be brought to our elections and to the student body when there are only less, when there is less than 4% of students that are voting in our election. One last thing, if you are going to call out the mismanagement of funds in SFRB, for another year and we handed out more than 3 million dollars to UNM Athletics with less than three-line items. UNM Athletics has a significant deficit that is much more than Student Publications and the Daily Lobo, and meanwhile they have football players playing in Las Vegas. This is something that I stood strongly against everyone else in favor during SFRB except for one single non-voting member and furthermore like during that discussion with UNM Admin, we discovered that both entities are already working on a deficit reduction plan in place to help with this deficit and I just really wanted to emphasize that we should let that play out before we resort to this action or this option. With that I yield and definitely encourage us to vote really soon on this because I do believe that most of the people here have already made up their minds, but I do encourage everyone on this committee to speak about what they think and how they will be voting. With that I yield.

(1) Chair Regalado: Thank you Senator Hotz. After the Senators, after you make the clapping emoji to show that you want to speak, I will give you a thumbs up, so you don’t have to keep doing it or wonder if I saw you, but next is Senator Adler Jaffe.

c) Senator Jaffe: Thank you Chair Regalado, this is going to be a bit. Let me pull up…I’ve been taking notes. Basically, I want to start by saying that the things that stood out the most to me is the standing on the grave of
Hannah. I think we’ve all in some way, me especially been affected by suicide and I think it’s just an abuse of her name for the people, like the people...I’m not saying the people that are her friends at all do not know her character, and I understand those people for speaking and I recognize that. I think especially the people that came in here and admitted outright that they didn’t even know her, were more using her legacy as a rhetorical device and I don’t know, I was just really disgusted by that. I hope that you guys can see that, that it is just not a good look. Another thing I want to cover is, Senator Hill, one of the authors for this, we’ve definitely clashed before in our ideologies, we’ve just really have not gotten along in our ideologies but every single time we clash there’s always mutual respect between us. There is a level that is kept and today I saw that level completely smashed and destroyed and broken from people that were speaking in public comment, and so I would just like to voice again my disgust to the people that were bashing Senator Hill, and I don’t know personally Senator Sandoval but I believe if Senator Hill is working with him, he is just as respectable as Senator Hill. Lastly, in regards to this stuff, it’s not unconstitutional to defund the newspaper. If we are talking about the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Constitution protects freedom of speech, it doesn’t enable, it doesn’t assist, so a good example is that the government doesn’t pay like USA Today to run its newspaper. That being said, obviously I support press, I support media and so now I want to say a little bit about why personally I think this bill...if I were to vote on my own behalf, I would vote no. People say that the Daily Lobo is running a deficit, what they don’t realize is that every single student org is running a deficit as well, if you think about it. Every single student org we give money to rarely brings like more than 100 dollars, and that’s if they win something. It’s very unusual to see student orgs back money that we give them. Second, ASUNM does fund like t-shirts and bracelets, I heard somebody say that and it really stuck with me, but that doesn’t have anything to do with First Amendment rights, so I don’t know...there’s just a lot of like slippery slope fallacies that I have been seeing here and I just don’t like that. Again, if we’re thinking about the newspaper as an institution, the Daily Lobo as an institution, I think we need
to be more concerned with how we can make the lives of the reporters who are doing, I mean one of the most honorable jobs out there, how we can make their lives easier because reporting is not easy. You guys have been seeing what’s going on with like nation-wide, with reporting so I think if we could help them in some way to get funding from outside of ASUNM, I think that would be an ideal exit strategy to this. Lastly, everyone, okay…so I was thinking 50% of people that came in were undergrads, maybe a little less. Fifty percent of people that came in were grads and another fifty percent were like alumni or some people who aren’t even here. Yeah, I know I’m a math minor, but the thing is, if a lot of the people that came weren’t undergrads, I don’t think that the institution meant to represent undergrads is supposed to be funding them fully. I understand that the SFRB funds them as well, but I do think that the grad center should be funding them. That being said, life is much more important than anything we’ve been talking about here, so I’d like us all to just think about the points that have been made and ground ourselves. I think that’s really important, but yeah, I’d like to yield the rest of my time to one of the authors, Senator Hill, to speak a little bit more.

d) Senator Hill: Yes, like I said earlier, I respect everyone that I’ve worked with during my time here as an ASUNM Senator. I’m confident that I’ve done my upmost due diligence to represent the student body and those who put me in this position, so I have no regrets on anything that I’ve done here. The think that I’d like to say is, I respect every last one of you, but I would disagree that the student body has spoken. Even if it was 700 individuals, those are 700 undergrad students that did participate and had a voice, and they should have an opportunity to have that same voice, even if it was 200. It’s more than just the people here at this committee. I don’t think that is a viable argument that because you don’t, your committee does not feel like that wouldn’t be the student body, it should not go before the students. I feel that that is absolutely an abuse of power that you guys have. You have the ability to let it go to Full Senate and let twenty of your colleagues or twenty of us take an opinion on it. They will not be able to say their part on it, whether they do or don’t support it. I believe that that is not fair as a committee that you guys
can decide for the greater good of even those 700 students, that it should not make it to them, that did participate in the election. I respect that you guys have a duty, I respect that you guys have your constituents, but I also would like to point out that we serve all of the undergraduate students, even those that do not participate in our elections. I would just like to leave you guys with that. I don't believe that that is fair that a committee can choose what can and cannot go to Full Senate. I don't think that's fair that you guys have the opinion to stop any legislation, even though you have not stopped any other legislation this whole semester. That is my humble opinion and like I said before I respect every last one of you, but that is how I truly view it, that you are now taking matters into your own hand as a committee, which you have not done all year. I thank you all so much for that and with that I yield.

(1) Senator Jaffe: I yield as well.

e) Senator Musa: Thank you sir Chair. First, I would like to apologize, I am going to be reading off of my phone, so if it looks like I am distracted, I promise I am not. First, I would like to thank everyone who decided to come tonight, especially those who took part in our public comment, it’s really valuable to voice how you feel. It truly serves as a sentiment to the great work of the Daily Lobo, Best Student Essays, Conception Southwest, and any other student organizations I may be missing. As student leaders it is so sad to see the attempt to silence other leaders within our university and New Mexico community as a whole. As President Pro Tempore of this body, I am so disappointed to be a part of the ASUNM community tonight regarding debate on such a problematic issue that seems to come up time and time again. We all ran for our positions to further our careers to benefit our communities. The Daily Lobo reporters and staff are doing what they are doing for the exact same reason, to serve their community. We cannot attempt to silence the voices of such a crucial organization, and again we cannot silence the voices of people who are trying to hold us accountable. To assume that cutting their funding would also result in them stopping their work, is absurd. No offense, but many of us want to pursue political careers in the future and guess what, the media is right there with us. As surprising as it may seem, if we were to
be elected into those positions, we wouldn’t have the ability to defund sources such as the New York Times or the Washington Post just because they cover us in an unfavorable way. Regardless, the value of these organizations is priceless, and to limit a crucial part of the student body from producing important info for the state as a whole, is a massive disservice. I’d also like to acknowledge that I understand the importance of having a mentor. I could not have gotten through my high school or college career without the assistance of people who are incredibly important to me, like my speech coaches from high school, and while I never got the chance to meet her, it is clear that, that is the role that Hannah Colton took on for many of the Daily Lobo Staffers. I am so sorry for those of you who knew her, for your loss, and I am so sorry that you have to be here fighting for your jobs and passion instead of morning what sounded like an incredible colleague. Truthfully, I ran for my position to serve the students and voice my concern regarding injustice that spans this campus and beyond, however I have never felt truly heard or respected by any group, more than the Daily Lobo. When I spent my summer protesting for the lives of people who look like me in Minneapolis, in the wake of George Floyd’s death, it was people like Bella and Joe who enabled me to have a platform on an issue that matters so much to me and the communities that I value. These organizations are far too valuable to get rid of and was lucky enough to be given a platform along with some of my other colleagues when the university was trying to silence that platform at large. If we truly want to be able to discuss the cash value of things on campus, let’s discuss the 3 million-dollars of student fees that go into a failing athletics department, or a concert thrown by ASUNM every year that costs over 100,000 dollars to put on. If this was really just about the finances, we would be looking at the real failures of our spending in the university, not trying to blame an organization that arguably does more for the student body and the community than we do in ASUNM. As an ex-officio, non-voting member of this committee, I urge you to fail this bill. I yield my time.

f) Senator Mondloch: Thank you sir Chair. I just wanted to come back and speak on another point that was heavily contested throughout public comment. So, first of
all, any individual in this chat who feels that it is okay to be disrespectful towards the authors of this bill, specifically on the basis of their race, you can come and talk to me about that, we can have our own issue about that because you are not going to sit here and disrespect our colleagues because you disagree with their ideas. Them as human beings, does not equate to them writing a piece of legislation that they felt was just. If any voting member of this committee is thinking about only passing this piece of legislation for the simple fact that some people cussed at us, you’ve failed to recognize basic human empathy. You have failed to feel that for the people that are mourning a loss, who have been forced to feel this sort of pain about having to lose their jobs, about having to always fight for their specific existence. By conveying that in a way that some of us may not see as comfortable, if that’s the only reason you are voting in favor of this, then you are voting for the wrong reason. So, as an individual who…and a Senator is about to cuss live on camera, so get ready…as a Senator who has made a living about telling people in power to go fuck themselves, it is not disrespectful to use a curse word if you’re conveying anger. It is disrespectful if you are using curse words to inherently dehumanize another individual. That’s an issue, obviously. However, the individuals who are speaking in public comment, they were relaying their anger and relaying the pain they are feeling at this current moment about this specific bill, and if you fail to recognize that and just push off this legislation and anything that they said as wrong because they cussed at us, then you are supporting it for the wrong reasons. It requires a maturing of your mental state to say that they weren’t cussing at you because you’re a horrible person, they were cussing at us because they feel that we are not doing enough to represent them properly. That is the issue here. So, to any voting member of this committee who thinks about passing this legislation because we got cussed at, don’t, because that is the wrong reason to be voting for it. Vote for it because you feel that this piece of legislation benefits students, if that is the reason you want to vote in favor of it. I will not be, and I encourage you all to fail this piece of legislation.

g) Senator Hotz: I yield, sorry I was actually just clapping.
Chair Regalado: Thank you Senator Hotz. The Chair would definitely smile on more discussion before we take a vote on this. I feel like this piece of legislation should be discussed fully by every single member of the committee before we vote on it.

h) Senator Jaffe: I did not mean to click that, I’m sorry.

Chair Regalado: No problem. With that, we are still on discussion of #18F fully, but the Chair would definitely smile on more discussion on this before we vote on it.

i) Senator Mondloch: Point of clarification. I do believe Senator Corona Castañeda is wanting to speak.

Chair Regalado: Sorry, I did not see that. Senator Corona Castañeda you do have the floor.

j) Senator Corona Castañeda: I was going to say that I am opposed to this. I think we’ve all made up our minds and I MOVE to vote.

Chair Regalado: That motion does have to be made in a separate motion. I do know another Senator wanted to speak and they are just collecting their thoughts, so if you want to wait for that Senator to talk, but Senator Adler Jaffe you have the floor.

k) Senator Jaffe: Thank you Chair Regalado. I was just, I think the basis of this vote, because in the end we get to decide in Full Senate. I think the basis of this vote and the way that I’ve dictated my whole entire Senate career is based on a concrete compass. For this one especially, if it’s just grammatically correct, regardless of how controversial the issue is, I do think that we should at least let our fellow Senators who are representing the same students we are, vote. I’m pretty confident from what I’ve heard that it will fail, but I do think it’s a courtesy to let our non-S&R members vote on this. I yield.

l) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair, so I actually wanted to directly respond to that. I don’t personally think that it’s worth-while to send this to Full Senate when you already think that the majority of the Senators are going to vote like in negation to this bill. Most of them are here, we have communicated with the Senators that they all should all be here today to listen to public comment, and I think
after all that has been said and all that has been done, I don’t think that it is worth-while to send this to Full Senate when we already know that the people in the public are not in favor of this. I don’t think that is worth-while of our time and their time and Senator Mondloch previously said, let’s just end this once and for all and I definitely agree. I don’t think we should continue to pass this to Full Senate when the public has voiced that they are not in favor of this. Especially like I’ve said, only 4% of the undergraduate population has voted on our elections and I don’t think that’s a proper representation. I think if we are back on campus in the Fall and we are able to really outreach, maybe it might be a different story…I still wouldn’t stand in favor of this, but I think right now this election cycle is very unique and it’s all online. I don’t think now is the time to try to pass a constitutional change when most of the undergraduate student body cannot communicate with us and honestly will be misinformed about what they are voting on. With that I yield.

(1) Chair Regalado: Thank you Senator Hotz. Senator Corona Castañeda, did you have a point or are you just…

m) Senator Corona Castañeda: Yes, just real quick I just think that we’re essentially just taking the funding of one student thing, one student community and just taking that away in hopes to better everyone else, which is good and I commend the authors for…I know they didn’t want, they didn’t come out here wanting to kill off the Daily Lobo forever, but I do think that there is better ways to benefit the student population, and there is other places we can get money from. We’ve done it before, you know everything operates in a deficit so whatever, but I will yield my time to Senator Hill, he had something to say.

n) Senator Hill: Thank you so much, and once again I am sorry that I am doing this. One thing that I’m going to take a stand on if anything…I respect everyone’s views on the bill, I respect everybody’s opinion on it, and I would never tell anyone to vote any way that they do not feel. The one thing that I would say, to disregard even 2% of our student population because you believe that that is not significant enough, I would upmost disagree with that argument. If there is something beyond that you do not feel that that’s a great representation, then us as Senators,
which that is our job to outreach to the student body, should get the eyes on that document to be able to vote on it. I think this is more than just the bill now. I believe that this is now...like we said before we have colleagues that we work hard with that will not have the privilege that you have, and I have to voice our opinions if they did not speak in public comment. I believe that they also represent a body of individuals, just the same as you do, and just the same as I do. Even if it is to voice a no, I would at least feel better that all of Full Senate can at least put it on the minutes how the feel about it. When things like this die in committee, it won’t go away. There is going to be Senators at the next go around who are going to feel as though if it went through to Full Senate, or if it went to the student body...my whole point is, if it was to go to Full Senate and fail, all the Senators made their decision that night, if it was to go to the students and fail, the students there spoke on the bill and then it would truly be dead. Stopping it here at committee is just going to gear up for another four to five-hour meeting just later on. Like I said I respect what everyone does but please hear me when I say that I do not believe that that is correct for this committee to decide what other Senators could say for themselves in Full Senate on the minutes, if they do or do not support it. With that I yield respectfully. Thank you.

Senator Jaffe: Thank you Chair Regalado. I know I mentioned this earlier, but I do try to follow like a concrete moral compass. I remember a bill that was trying to be passed last semester, like the student fee raise, and I was against it. I felt like majority of the student population did not want that to go through, but people were saying that we should let the students vote on it. I was trying to put myself in that situation during this meeting, like if I was in S&R last semester, what would I do because I disagreed with that bill so much. I still know that I would pass it, just so that I could hear, or not hear necessarily because I’ve already heard, but just see and give that courtesy of all my fellow Senators who are representing everyone that I am representing, the privilege of voting on this bill. That will be my last speaking point, I yield.

Senator Mondloch: I want to make a specific point regarding the idea of committees and the fact that if we kill this in committee, it’s inherently disrespectful to the student
body. That’s disrespectful to the S&R committee in itself in relation to the other two committees. We in the S&R committee are not privy to what happens in those two committees. We do not get to make the decisions about what happens in those two committees, but we trust that the Senators in those committees make the decisions on the basis of their task of representing students. The idea that we as S&R Senators are not capable of representing students properly in our committee, is inherently disrespectful to the individuals sitting here who have the ability to vote on this piece of legislation. One thing that I would also like to bring up is I would just like to reiterate my point, if the reason that you are voting on this specific piece of legislation is out of angst towards another group or out of a feeling that you are being disrespected by another group, then you are not voting on it the right way. Vote on it for the merit that you see is true or whatever you see is true. Me myself, I will not support it because I don’t think that the funding that this legislation thinks will open up, will actually go to students, seeing as the track record of ASUNM, as well as I don’t think this legislation is in the best interest of the students that we represent. Seeing that we as representatives of the student body of the University of New Mexico, we were elected to represent the student body. The entirety of ASUNM, we don’t act as a complete democracy, we act as a democratic republic. We were elected to represent students, we were elected to put the best interest of the constituency before the best interest of ourselves, and that is what I believe most of these Senators…I trust these Senators to deal and vote in a way that reflects that. To say that we are not capable of doing that and that we have to send it to the students because the S&R committee is not competent enough to decide what should and shouldn’t go through the Full Senate is inherently disrespectful to the idea of this committee in general. With that, I yield.

q) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Thank you sir Chair. I value everybody who did come tonight, and I do value the words of Senator Mondloch. I have to agree, and I would even like to mention what others have mentioned tonight. If we don’t have another measure in place and a bigger plan of action, we’re leaving the Daily Lobo in the dark and for something that isn’t immediately necessary. That is taking
into the consideration that we are going through a pandemic. I would be happy to work with other Senators to brainstorm other initiatives for the next semester and I’m happy to be here another semester to do so. I would like to iterate that I have nothing against the Daily Lobo, I don’t even know any of the employees that work for the Daily Lobo, so I really want to put that argument to rest, right here and right now, it ends. I respect their staff, I respect what they do. There is no animosity here and so again my sponsorship for this bill doesn’t come from a personal point of contention toward the Daily Lobo. I would never abuse a position of leadership within ASUNM to attack an organization because of someone’s presumed view of my opinion of the Daily Lobo…that’s a really big presumption. I also want to lay to rest that this bill is an attempt to silence the Daily Lobo. It’s again nothing more than an attempt to address the financial trends we have seen and have the data for, but again I see and hear the other side. That’s what we’re called to do as Senators, we are called to explore all sides, and a sponsorship doesn’t automatically imply a vote in favor. I’m glad that we can all recognize that, and we can all talk about this amicably, in contrast to what we’ve seen during public comment. I also want to add that I have read the Daily Lobo’s content. I do value their work and again just to reiterate because I know that’s often overlooked, but perhaps the financial details of the organization do need to be analyzed and hashed out, taking into consideration the voices of previous Senators Zank and Torres. I would be glad to work on this further in the coming semester with more time and have backup plans as well as taking it up with Admin just to have more secure measures in place, even with the new Senators coming and the returning Senators, and those who will also be leaving us. I yield.

Senator Musa: Thank you sir Chair. I just wanted to address a few of the comments that have been made in terms of it being overlooked if we don’t let the student body view it, if it’s only 4%. I understand that argument, but I also think it’s important we realize that I’d rather us value the voices of 100% of our students rather than the 4% who know we exist, take the time out to engage, either know people personally. I think it’s through campaigning through ASUNM that I’ve realized that it’s a privilege frankly to
know that we even exist. There’s a lot of people who feel disconnected from us and I don’t blame them because I don’t think we do the outreach work we’re meant to and I can say that with full confidence because as the former Outreach and Appointments Chair, last semester I kept hearing the word outreach being thrown out constantly at every meeting as to why to fail or pass items, however, I remember days distinctively when I would give slots of time for people to come and do outreach; however, I’d end up sitting at tabling or doing whatever for over ten hours because no one else was willing to put in the time that they said they were willing to on the campaign trail. I’d really love if we could understand the reality of the outreach situation at ASUNM. Instead of trying to put on rose-colored glasses to address this situation. I would like to state that I understand the argument that ASUNM should not be responsible for funding the Daily Lobo. I see that in the sense that no governmental body should have any say in the money that goes to a fund that covers it, but if that is the route that we want to explore, where we talk to Admin, we need to set up a plan B or a plan A to revert to instead of leaving the Daily Lobo, another student publication in the dust with little to no help. It is our job whether it’s starting a coalition of ASUNM Senators and Daily Lobo reporters, to find new ways of funding or to talk about other issues that exist between the two. It’s necessary that we take these steps before introducing them to a body that could allow the Daily Lobo to see a magnificent failure if we do pass this or to pass this bill, and so I think it’s a conversation that continues needing to be had to see how UNM as a whole can better serve both its undergrads in ASUNM and the Daily Lobo. For now we have to take what we have been given before addressing other solutions. I yield.

s) Senator Mondloch: MOTION to vote.
(1) MOTION is seconded and passed.

5. Bill #18F fails with a vote of 1-4-0-0

B. Bill #19F – Amendment to the Titles/Purposes of Student Service Agencies

1. MOTION to open
a) MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
a) AG Lutz: Thank you sir Chair. Like I explained in pre-S&R, I just put this bill through to make the sections of the Lawbook that pertained to the agencies a little more identifiable by adding titles and denoting in each article one that states purpose, which agency it’s for. So, it’s just for organization. I yield.

3. Questions
   a) No questions

4. Discussion
   a) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Thank you sir Chair. I think this is a great bill. I’m appreciative of all that AG Lutz is doing to make the Lawbook consistent and easier for everybody to read and I just wanted her to know and everybody else to know that I really appreciate all the work that she’s doing and all the effort that she’s putting in. I yield.
   b) Senator Jaffe: I was just wondering if there was a modification that we needed to make in Bill #19F. I wasn’t sure if it was 19 or 20 that we talked about in pre-S&R.
      (1) Chair Regalado: To get that point, I believe it wasn’t #19F, but that was definitely a long time ago. I think this one is good to go.
      (2) Senator Jaffe: Alright, thank you.

5. Bill #19F passes with 5-0-0-0

C. Bill #20F – Amendment to Executive Code to Change Joint Council Responsibilities
   1. MOTION to open
      a) MOTION is seconded and passed
   2. Authorship
      a) Senator Hotz: I yield my time to Speaker John Hawkins.
      b) Speaker John Hawkins: Thank you Senator Hotz and thank you sir Chair. These are just some needed changes that we need to make to the Joint Council section, some updated definitions, codifying some unwritten rules and some unwritten responsibilities that we had undertaken. This will greatly help the incoming President when he or she forms the next Joint Council and will help the future Joint Council representatives as they determine whether or not they want to accept an appointment from their department and whether or not they…or what their responsibility will be. The piece about “other student life sectors and additional departments as deemed necessary
by the President”, that had been a point of contention between myself and Joint Council representative Ganley. Ultimately, when I discussed this piece of legislation with Senator Regalado, and again I thank you for the couple of hours that we spent going over this, and with Ryan Lindquist about the initial intent of the Joint Council, it’s to serve as an advisory committee to the President to garner student feedback on behalf of departments that service students on our campus. If the President at that time were to choose to appoint one representative from every sorority and fraternity that is of course their discretion, but as Ryan Lindquist said that he had never seen that before and it would really in no way, shape, or form serve them in any way. We made some good changes, I think. Senator Regalado and myself after the initial bill that I wrote and this will I think help the incoming President and Vice President as they form the next committee, so I will yield my time.

3. Questions
a) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair, so yeah, I had a question about like public comment that we did have, I was looking just...sorry I haven’t completely structured my question yet. I guess I was wondering a little bit more if you could just provide me information about like who you communicated this bill to in Joint Council and like what exactly the process is like when you went about introducing this piece of legislation. I definitely think it’s a really good idea, but I would like to see if there was more input by Joint council before like passing this and if not, maybe possibly how you would feel failing this and getting more information from Joint council and maybe editing a little bit more and introducing it again. Yeah, that’s my question, I yield.

(1) Speaker John Hawkins: Yes so to answer your question, that’s kind of the beauty of Joint Council. We do meet on Monday to discuss this piece of legislation and then we will offer our edits to be added to the Full Senate. The President, who I worked with on this piece of legislation and Senator Regalado, I worked with Representative Ganley. I do understand her hesitations. There were some pieces that I decided to cut out that were more contentious between the two of us, but I ended up
cutting that in the end. If we did choose to fail this bill tonight, I think that it would be okay because at the end of the day this is still the same committee that will be serving us next semester. I also just got a messaged by President Amin, that she would be okay with failing it for now and then coming back to it at the start of next semester, once I can bring it up more with Joint Council. This arose out of discussion that we had following the passage of I believe it was Bill #17F, the one that added Senators to resource departments on campus, but yes, because a new Joint Council won’t be formed until the Fall semester, I would be okay if we waited on this one and then came back around to it at the next…with the next Senate.

4. Discussion
   a) Senator Jaffe: Thank you Chair Regalado. I think that just the fact that he’s okay with failing it and then also that there might have not been like enough clear communication with all of Joint Council, I personally believe that we should fail this. We should give it another run through, maybe some extra edits are needed, I’m not sure exactly, but yeah, I yield.
   b) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. I just wanted to agree with that. I think that seeing the public comment and seeing the answer from our speaker of Joint Council, I would feel comfortable failing this and just having more discussion outside of S&R on how to readdress this with Joint Council, and making sure that everyone is happy with it, and allowing this piece of legislation to be a little bit more collaborative. I definitely commend the authors though, I think this has really good intentions and has a lot of potential, so I definitely don’t want to discredit that. I do think it would be good to fail this at this time, with that I yield.
   c) Senator Rodriguez: Yes, thank you Sir Chair. I just wanted to express my support for the Speaker of Joint Council, and the decision that he’s making. I do want to say that I think he is fulfilled his role as the Speaker of Joint Council beautifully and I am proud to support his efforts, whatever they are. Good job. I yield.

5. Bill #20F fails with a vote of 0-5-0-0
D. Bill #21F – Amendment of the Legislative Code to Add Joint Council Speaker as an Ex-officio Member of Senate

1. MOTION to open
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a) Senator Hotz: I yield the remainder of my time to Speaker John Hawkins.
   b) Speaker John Hawkins: I would like to hear some discussion as far as this bill goes. I think that this just allows my position the ability to advocate for any sort of amendments to bills when the bill is opened in front of Full Senate and I believe that it would also just allow the speakership position a little bit more leeway with regards to...there was some confusion last week with an edit that I made just making sure that it got around to the Full Senate, so I would be okay if we pass this right now and then turn around and maybe redefine it next semester, but I would like to hear more discussion as to how you all think we should proceed on this bill. I yield my time.

3. Questions
   a) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. Sorry, my question kind of pertains to my last question based off of public comment do you still feel that it is the right decision to continue to pass this? I believe the public comment was also not in favor of this but I’m sorry if I am misspeaking. Are you still okay bringing this to Full Senate and passing this?

      (1) Speaker John Hawkins: I will advocate on failing this one as well and then just completely reworking this bill package at the beginning of next semester. I will go back and receive more feedback and do some more work just to make sure that it represents the full thoughts of the Senate and office of the President.

      (2) Senator Hotz: I yield, thank you.

   b) Senator Jaffe: Thank you Chair Regalado. I yield as well.

4. Discussion
   a) Senator Jaffe: Thank you Chair Regalado. Just based on everything that was said, I think it’s a good idea to fail this, re-work it like I said previously with a previous bill. It’s just a good idea to shut it down right now. I yield.
b) Senator Rodriguez: Thank you sir Chair. I just wanted to voice what Senator Jaffe said, I think that it should fail just in case anything should be added, in case anybody wants to add anything, we can do that at that time. As the previous bill comes through next semester, I think that would be the best idea. I yield.

5. Bill #21F fails with a vote of 0-5-0-0

E. Bill #22F – Addition of ASUNM Emergency Scholarships to Lawbook

1. MOTION to open
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a) Senator Hotz: One moment…This is the Emergency Scholarship Bill. This has been brought through S&R for the third time, so hopefully I don’t really have to discuss it too much. Basically this scholarship is to create an emergency scholarship fund that kind of mirrors what the resource centers do. This is supposed to be a scholarship application that is on a rolling basis and goes towards students that are seeing an unforeseen circumstance. This is something that I am really passionate about since my time as a Senator and I would really like to see this be passed just because we’ve been advocating for it for the past year. It keeps getting failed by Legal Counsel just because of some errors in formatting and also not having like a scholarship application ready. We do have that ready now and I believe that Legal Counsel will pass this. I definitely encourage everyone to vote in favor just because I believe that this is a really great way to allocate some of our funds to the students, and give back to the students, especially when they are seeing unforeseen hardships that might hinder their ability to obtain like higher education or even just continue their education because of an unforeseen circumstance. I definitely encourage that we pass this, with that I stand open for questions.

3. Questions
   a) No questions

4. Discussion
   a) Senator Corona Castañeda: I just want to voice my support for this bill, I think it should be passed. Me personally, I can speak from personal experience, I have received emergency funding from other sources and it’s
the reason I am still in college and the reason I am still in
this room. With that I yield.
b) Senator Musa: Thank you sir Chair. I also just want
to reiterate how important it is to support efforts like this
that can really, truly benefit the student body. I think a lot of
what we try to do in terms of events can be really helpful,
but in the year of a pandemic and when the university also
raised our tuition and student fees, it’s critical that we use
any left-over funds, or funds in general to benefit students
directly. I like a previous Senator said, I wouldn’t be in
school right now without emergency funding, so in this role
I think it’s really valuable that we get the opportunity to
pass it forward through resources that we have that other
students may not. I yield.
c) AG Lutz: I want to echo the sentiments of a lot of
previous Senators. This scholarship and bill is near and
dear to my heart as I worked a lot on it last semester when
I was the Finance Chair. Now as Attorney General I have
seen it passed back a few times from Legal Counsel, not
for content wise, but just for wording and things like that. I
definitely think this addresses the concerns brought back
from Legal Counsel and I am really excited to see this pass
hopefully through Full Senate and Legal Counsel, because
I know the great impact and need we had the first time
around with this scholarship. I really hope this can help our
students in the future. I yield.
d) Senator Rodriguez: Thank you Chair Regalado. I
just want to commend the authors for your tenacity
because I know this has come back a couple times, and
just for your determination and persistence in this. I know
it’s so important to the student body. I would just like to
recognize the work that you guys have continuously put in.
I yield.

5. Bill #22F passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

F. Commendation #2F – Commendation for NMPIRG
   1. MOTION to open
      a) MOTION is seconded and passed
   2. Authorship
      a) Vice Chair Rodriguez: I yield the rest of my time to
         Senator Harper.
b) Senator Harper: Thank you can you hear me?
      (1) Chair Regalado: Yes.
c) Senator Harper: Hi everyone and thank you. I definitely appreciate all the work you guys are doing in this late evening. Commendation #2F is addressed to the organization NMPIRG. I believe that they are an organization that is deserving of a commendation based off of their efforts that they showcased all throughout this semester to educate students and community members about information about voting, casting their ballots in the 2020 general election, as well as their events, their presentations, and their efforts do phone baking. They made sure students had access to the opportunity to vote. I believe that this commendation which I co-sponsored with a few other people, a few other Senators, should be passed as is, unless there are any errors grammatically, or technicalities. I believe that they contributed greatly to our student community’s ability to take part in our democracy in this election. Thank you, I yield.

3. Questions
   a) No questions

4. Discussion
   a) Senator Rodriguez: Thank you sir Chair. NMPIRG’s involvement in helping people register and helping spread awareness about the election should definitely not go unnoticed. We all know this election was such a crucial one, so great job to the Senators in O&A, Senators Harper, Karo, Southern, and Zhao for contributing their efforts. I yield.
   b) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. I just wanted to also add that I think this is a really great commendation. I think NMPIRG has really done a lot, like I’ve gotten so many calls from them during this election cycle and I definitely think that they are doing the most to try to get young voters involved and I really applaud them for their hard work. I do have one small change, so I will yield. I yield.
   c) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. I would like to add on line 57… so MOVE on line 57, after “Cheo Torres” to add “Associate Vice President of Student Services Tim Gutierrez”. I am doing that just to keep consistency with which Admin we are sending these to.
      (1) MOTION is seconded and passed
d) Senator Hotz: With that I believe that this commendation looks really great and I stand in favor of it. I yield.

5. Commendation #2F passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

G. Commendation #3F – Commendation for Agora Crisis Center’s 50th Year Anniversary

1. MOTION to open
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair, I yield my time to Senator Harper.
   b) Senator Harper: Thank you very much. With regard to this commendation which is for the Agora Crisis Center and all of the work they do, especially with regard to helping UNM students and faculty, and community members through struggles and mental health issues, and acting as a major point of contact for crisis in those areas. I believe, along with other Senators, including several in this committee who also worked to sponsor this legislation, I especially believe that it should be passed in their 50th anniversary which is this year. They are absolutely a crucial part of our community and also included in this commendation at the bottom is contact information for students who might not be aware of their presence to know how to reach out to them as well. That’s why it is addressed to the student body as a whole as well. I encourage members of this committee to vote in favor of this commendation and thank you I yield.

3. Questions
   a) No questions

4. Discussion
   a) Senator Hotz: I would like to make a motion. MOVE on the last “Now therefore let it be further commended” clause, and I’ll wait for you to pull it up. Then I will just be adding the same thing, but it would be right after “Cheo Torres” in the last clause…sorry there are no line items Siena, but “Associate Vice President of Student Services Tim Gutierrez”.
      (1) MOTION is seconded and passed
   b) Senator Hotz: With that, I believe that this commendation also looks really great. I think Senator Harper is really doing research in our community to really recognize the institutions in places that we need to be
recognizing. I think that’s really great, that seeing that this is their 50th anniversary, they definitely should be recognized this year. I think that their work should not go unrecognized at all and do really good work within our community. I just really want to commend Senator Harper for taking this initiative and writing this commendation, but yeah with that I yield.

c) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Thank you Chair. I agree, I think that Senator Harper went to great lengths this semester to push out legislation and I am proud of her for these continued efforts to recognize bodies within UNM that are doing everything in their power to help the students. I yield.

5. Commendation #3F passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

H. Condolence #1F – Condolence for Hannah Colton

1. MOTION to open
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. I would like to yield the remainder of my time to Senator Harper.
   b) Senator Harper: Thank you again. This condolence is aimed at honoring the life and honoring the passing of former KUNM News Director, Hannah Colton who passed away in the last week. I would like to make it clear that I began drafting this resolution before any of the contents of the constitutional amendment we discussed today, so there was no intent on my behalf to provide any disrespect in that regard towards her family. This condolence is aimed at honoring her life and her work, and all that she did for friends and colleagues. Despite many of us not knowing her personally, I do think that’s important to honor the integral work she did in the UNM community and for journalism, and her incredible dedication. I would be interested in hearing any potential discussion of ways that this could be made better or more respectful, if any. If there are any changes that members of this committee think should be made to make it better or more proper, or sensitive in any way then I’m definitely open for that. I look forward to hearing discussion of this bill and I thank the co-sponsors on this as well. Thank you, I yield.

3. Questions
   a) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. I was just wondering if there was a reason for who it was being sent
to? Would you want to add like Cheo and Nasha and Tim Gutierrez? Or was there a reason that they were omitted? Not a big deal but I just thought I would add them, but if there was a reason that they weren’t added I can definitely not add them.

(1) Senator Harper: Thank you Senator Hotz. There wasn’t a particular…I didn’t have a particular motive for leaving them out, I just carried some of the things over from previous condolences, like just the general idea of who they should be sent to, but I would certainly not be opposed to adding any people into it as well. Feel free to suggest, any members of this committee, if you think of anyone else to send it to. Thank you I yield.

(2) Senator Hotz: I yield, thank you.

4. Discussion
a) Senator Jaffe: Thank you Chair Regalado. I just want to say that I think this condolence and the previous…was it a resolution? I closed it already, sorry, the previous thing that we passed both really…a commendation really, I guess highlight the importance of mental health. There were a lot of things that were disrespectful, in regards to the passing of Hannah, but Senator Harper’s condolence was not. I think it was probably one of the most respectable things Harper could’ve done. I really like it, I really like the condolence. I yield.

b) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Thank you Chair. It was very disheartening to hear about the passing of Hannah Colton. I had read about her work and my heart goes out to her peers, her family, and her friends. I have seen how hard the UNM community is taking this loss, and it just speaks to what a wonderful person and worker that she must’ve been. I’m glad to support this condolence. I yield.

c) Senator Musa: Thank you sir Chair, I would like to echo the sentiments of previous Senators. I think that this is a really valuable piece of legislation and again I would like to reiterate how sorry I am to those who knew her. As I briefly mentioned, I have many mentors in my life that I couldn’t imagine my life without, and so I apologize to you all and I apologize just for having to come back from it so quickly. I don’t think this condolence is the end all, be all of our support of the journalism community and I’d like for us
to continue holding each other accountable in terms of how we are serving that community. As was mentioned during public comment, the security of your job, the security of what you’re pursuing can be really detrimental to your mental health and unfortunately it seems like this was a case of that. I hope we can continue on, not just with words, but with action and beyond. I yield my time.

d) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Thank you Chair. Again, something like this, with the passing of Hannah, I think definitely, we need to emphasize all the mental health support and resources that we have here on campus, and continue to push out commendations for UNM bodies that are really trying to help the students as best and really inform the students of what’s there for them. It just reminds us that we really need to be sensitive of what our peers are going through, our friends are going through, just a reminder to check up on them, be kind, be sensitive, be empathetic to their situations. I know that they may not be okay, but the best you can do is be there for them and offer your support. I yield.

e) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. I would like to make a MOTION on line 49 to add, I’m just going to put this in the chat so it’s a little bit easier for you Senator Rodriguez and for the minutes. “Provost James Holloway, UNM Vice President for Student Affairs Eliseo “Cheo” Torres, UNM Dean of Students Nasha Torrez, and Tim Gutierrez” as well.

1) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Point of clarification. Where will that all go? In what order?

2) Senator Hotz: Right after Board of Regions. Then also “UNM Vice President of Student Affairs Tim Gutierrez”. Then “UNM” before Provost”, sorry about that.

3) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Can you repeat the last one?

4) Senator Hotz: Yes. Right after “Cheo Torres”, it should be “UNM Vice President of Student Affairs Tim Gutierrez”.

5) Ryan Lindquist: Point of clarification. It’s “UNM Associate Vice President for Student Services”.

6) Senator Hotz: Right, thank you.

7) Vice Chair Rodriguez: I’m sorry Ryan can you repeat that?
(8) Ryan Lindquist: Sure. “UNM Associate Vice President for Student Services”.
(9) MOTION is seconded and passed

f) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. With that, I definitely just echo the sentiments of previous Senators, and I think that this is definitely something that should be passed because I think just the sentiments here tonight really just showed how much Hannah Colton was an influential person in our community that our community really cared about. I definitely think that this is something that should be passed, and should be taken to Full Senate, and should be sent to her parents, her partner, as well as KUNM, and the Daily Lobo. With that, I yield.

5. Condolence #1F passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

I. Resolution #9F – Resolution Regarding Student Food Security
1. MOTION to open
   a) MOTION is seconded and passed
2. Authorship
   a) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. I’ll just talk about this really briefly and then I will yield to Senator Harper. I just wanted to say that I think that this is a really great piece of legislation that definitely needs to go through. We can see based off of the data in this resolution that food insecurity and housing insecurity is affecting UNM students more than, like disproportionately larger than other students across the country, as well as just the population. It disproportionately affects students and people our age, especially like when they are in college, so I definitely think that this is something that should be passed, and we should be providing students with information and really help break down that stigma behind basic need insecurities. I really just wanted to emphasize how important this resolution is, and really wanted to commend Senator Harper for taking the initiative, but with that I yield the remainder of my time to Senator Harper.
   b) Senator Harper: Thank you sir Chair and Senator Hotz. I would like to echo all of what the previous Senators said in that this resolution is meant to not only provide awareness of the issues with affordability for food and for housing that many of our students and other communities face, but to also encourage a greater dialogue about this and make sure that we lessen the stigma about reaching out for help when one needs it. Also, I would like to extend
great thanks to Doctor Cargas of the Honor’s College and all who did the research along with the UNM Basic Deeds Research Team who provided the data that we used in this resolution. I would like to emphasize as well that this needs to be an ongoing discussion as well, similarly to resolutions that are being forward by UNM LEAF, like this deserves to be expanded upon in future resolutions and future discussions as well. I encourage this committee and later in Full Senate to pass this resolution as it is very important for our community to bring up these issues and thank you, I yield.

3. Questions
   a) No questions

4. Discussion
   a) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Thank you Chair Regalado. At our previous Full Senate meeting, Doctor Cargas from the Honor’s College came to talk to us about food insecurity and the stigmas that are involved in food insecurity at UNM, like Senator Harper said. I’m really proud to see Senator Harper draft a resolution addressing the issue of food insecurity. I think it’s an excellent resolution that addresses a major issue in our immediate community with our students and I’m glad to support it. I feel that breaking down the stigma with issues like this, definitely begins with student leaders and this is the exact kind of work that we need to do, and we need to continue to do to let everybody know that there shouldn’t be a stigma if there are any issues with food insecurity at home and really just to make everybody comfortable with accessing the resources that are there for them at UNM. I yield.
   b) Senator Hotz: Thank you sir Chair. One more point, I definitely did want to add that just with every single piece of legislation that we put through, especially when they are resolutions that are specifically advising like administration of the university, I don’t think it stops here. I would really...seeing as I am on the research team for this project, I really wanted to just emphasize that it definitely comes from the students to really show that more resources need to be given to students on this issue. This is an issue that is really just affecting UNM students across the board and whether that be ensure that the Lobo Food Pantry is funded better or given more resources, like I
support everything that they do and I would really just want to emphasize that all of us students should be advocating on behalf of giving students more resources. Whether that be through Lobo Food Pantry or UNM Food, or just giving more opportunities to really help combat this issue and that really comes from the students and advocating with UNM Admin that this is a really big issue that needs to be addressed. I just wanted to encourage that and everyone listening here today, so with that I yield.

c) AG Lutz: Thank you sir Chair. Given what Ryan Lindquist pointed out in the last condolence we just passed, I would encourage someone to change the name or the title “Tim Gutierrez” to read the “Associate Vice President for Student Services”. I yield, thank you.

d) Senator Hotz: Thank you for that recommendation, I always mess up his name. I MOVE on line 92 to change “UNM Vice President of Student Affairs Tim Gutierrez” to “UNM Associate Vice President”.
  (1) MOTION is seconded
  (2) Senator Hotz: And then “for Student Services”, and comma.
  (3) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Point of clarification. It’s the entire title, so I don’t think there should be a comma after “Services”.
  (4) Senator Hotz: You’re right, sorry I can’t see at this point.
  (5) MOTION is passed

5. Resolution #9F passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

IV. Closing
A. Closing Comments

1. Members of the Committee
   a) Senator Musa: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.
   b) Vice President Milan: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.
   c) AG Lutz: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.
   d) Senator Jaffe: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.
   e) Senator Hotz: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.
f) Senator Mondloch: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.

g) Senator Corona Castañeda: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.

2. Vice Chair
   a) Vice Chair Rodriguez: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.

3. Chair
   a) Chair Regalado: Closing comments, goodbyes, and thank yous for the last committee meeting of the semester.

B. Adjournment
   1. Chair Regalado: I am going to adjourn for good at 11:39 PM.
Outreach and Appointments Committee Minutes
Meeting 2 of 7
November 18th, 2020

Raina Harper
Committee Chair
Claire Karo
Member
Helen Zhao
Member
Sahana Ummadi
Member
BrookLynne Southern
Vice-Chair
Alina Le
Member

Meeting link: https://unm.zoom.us/s/96109896012

1. Opening
   a. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.
   b. Roll Call: All senators are present.
   c. Approval of Agenda: Agenda is approved.
   d. Approval of Minutes: Minutes are approved.

2. Preliminary Business
   a. Chair: We’ve had many good things happen this semester, but also many stressful things. You all have done an excellent job putting on outreach events given our circumstances in this difficult semester. In this last meeting, we will be working out final details for the title ix forum and also working out details for our student success week.
   b. Public Comment: Members of the public may submit public comment to be read aloud at the meeting to asunmoa@unm.edu

   Andrea- I just want to say great job to this committee, it’s been a tough term and I look forward to working with you all in the spring in various capacities.
If you need anything or want resources getting involved with the SAC, reach out to me. I want everyone to have a safe holiday next week and good luck on finals.

**DOC Candland-** I just want to let you know how much I appreciate you all and tell you that you’ve done such a good job thinking of out of the box ideas. Being on this committee has allowed me to live vicariously through you. Good luck with the rest of your work.

c. **Members of the Committee:**

**Sen. Karo-** I just want to thank you all for a good semester as this is my last committee meeting. This semester was great, and I look forward to supporting you all in the future.

3. **Business**

a. **Outreach Idea Planning:**

i. **Title IX Information Forum Final Planning**

   *Motion to move out of parliamentary procedure

   *vote was taken to exit parliamentary procedure

**Sen. Southern-** I met with Angela’s team today and was able to sort out most of the little things that came up, the only thing left we have to do is to establish some housekeeping things regarding the forum and set up.

**Sen. Zhao-** Is there anything the rest of us can help out with?

**Sen. Harper-** I think it would be great if other members of the committee could help moderate and answer questions.

**Sen. Karo-** Moderating the chats would be good and I can make you all co-hosts. Helping read questions in the chat aloud would also be great.

**Andrea-** I think the whole committee should use their resources to get the word out about the forum with your networks and student orgs. Showing up and being another number in the zoom call would also be beneficial if you are able.
ii. Student Success Week Updates

Sen. Harper- I would like to discuss what we can promote and share for student success week.

Sen. Zhao- For SHAC, we are still in the same position- they are very open to this promotion that we are having, and I think it would be beneficial to go on to their accounts and see if there is anything specific you would like to send out to students. I also have more information on CAPS, they will be having their normal drop in hours and tutoring as well as academic improvement events. I can make a list of that as well and forward it to you all.

Sen. Harper- The Honors Student Association is putting on a cookie baking contest and it would be excellent if we could share those graphics as well.

Sen. Southern- I was wondering if we know where we are at with our budget and if we think we will be spending any of our budget for student success week.

Sen. Harper- Seeing as no events are in person, I don’t think we will be spending any of it.

Andrea- Typically all funds are usually spent on the food for student success week and light crafts. You could potentially co-sponsor an event with SSE or another organization and if you have any ideas, you can toss those out and we can brainstorm on that.

Sen. Harper- Thank you for that feedback, we could definitely reach out to our sponsored agencies and try to co-sponsor a concert or something of the sort with SSE.

Andrea- Lobo spirit is also putting on a program during dead week and that could be a fun study break that you could help get the word out about.

Sen. Southern- Another idea, just to throw out there, is helping Governmental Affairs get the word out about efforts to keep the lottery scholarship intact. I know they are currently looking into advertising to educate on the topic because UNM day is so limited this year.
iii. ASUNM LGBTQ+ Rights Education Event

**Sen. Harper** - I think it would be fun to host a virtual screening of a film which we could discuss- one idea would be the film *Disclosure*. This would also be a good way to view different perspectives.

**Sen. Karo** - I think having a Netflix party would be good, but maybe best to do after finals, during break.

**Sen. Zhao** - I agree with Sen. Karo, I think having this type of de-stressing event would be really helpful towards the end of finals week.

**Andrea** - I think Claire has a good point that maybe it’s something for ASUNM to look at as an educational thing in the future but it might be good to pick something sort of lighthearted after finals week. I would encourage a bonding event to be separate from an educational event.

**Sen. Harper** - Would we want to do an event after finals week to bond?

**Sen. Karo** - I think that would be a good idea and it might be best to set a date for a bonding event and an educational event.

iv. General Discussion

**Sen. Zhao** - The current legislation comes to my mind and that might be something that we need to inform the student body of soon if it does pass.

**Sen. Harper** - Since the legislation would be affecting students, I would recommend discussing the topic with your student orgs.

**VP Milan** - There are a lot of students in the dorm right now, so reaching out to residential life would be good to do in the future moving forward.

**Sen. Harper** - That is a great idea, we should keep students as informed as possible.

4. Closing

a. Members of the Committee

**VP Milan** - I just want to commend you all, it’s been a very hard semester to be on the outreach and appointments committee. I saw you working hard,
thank you for being there for the students. Thank you Andrea, Sen. Karo, and Chair Harper. I’m excited to work with all returning senators next semester.

*Motion to move back into parliamentary procedure

*Motion passes

Sen. Karo- Thanks for a great semester, I will miss you all and I look forward to seeing the work you will do.

Sen. Zhao- Thank you to everyone, this year was very challenging, but we overcame a lot of those challenges and our events turned out well.

Sen. Ummadi- I really enjoyed our time together this semester and thank you Sen. Harper and Andrea for your leadership.

b. Vice Chair- This semester has been very challenging but also really awesome and I’ve really enjoyed working with all of you. I’m really proud of the work we accomplished. Thank you Chair Harper and Andrea, I appreciate you both so much. Sen. Karo I am really sad to see you go; I don’t know where we would have been without you this semester. For all of you returning, I’m excited to get to work with you again.

c. Chair- You have all done an amazing job on this committee, I couldn’t ask for better people to work with. Even though things don’t always go according to plan, having each other’s backs and being open to talking with one another has been great and I hope we can continue to work with consideration and respect for each other.

d. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.