



SPRING 2026 FULL SENATE STANDING RULES

Section 1. Meeting

- A. The Senate shall hold meetings once every two (2) weeks on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM or when scheduled, excluding scheduled University holidays.
- B. Committee meetings shall be held on interim Wednesdays at 6:00 PM, or when scheduled, excluding scheduled University holidays.
- C. Special Meetings can be called by the ASUNM President, ASUNM Vice President, or one-third of the seated Senate.
 - a. Special Meetings will handle any business that requires action before the next senate meeting. Special Business will not be considered unless two-thirds (2/3) of the present and voting Senators approve. The reason for calling the Special Meeting must be stated by the sponsor.
 - b. All rules governing regularly scheduled meetings shall apply to all Special Meetings of the ASUNM Senate.

Section 2. Agendas

The agenda for regularly scheduled Senate meetings will consist of the following sections:

- 1. Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Land Acknowledgment
 - c. Roll Call
 - d. Approval of Agenda
 - e. Approval of Minutes
- 2. Preliminary Business
 - a. Senator Accountability
 - b. Guest Speaker(s) (No more than fifteen (15) minutes to speak and no more than thirty (30) minutes for questions)
 - c. Public Comment (No more than five (5) minutes to speak per individual)
 - d. ASUNM President's Report (No more than ten (10) minutes to speak)
 - e. ASUNM Vice President Opening Remarks (No more than ten (10) minutes to speak)
 - f. Joint Council Report (No more than ten (10) minutes to speak)
 - g. Boards and Committees Report (No more than five (5) minutes to speak)
 - h. Director of Student Organization Relations (No more than five (5) minutes to speak)



- B. Should quorum not be present at any Senate meeting **twenty (20) minutes** after the time for which it was called, the Senate will automatically adjourn.
- C. A proxy vote will be allowed for a Senator during an excused absence. The proxy must indicate the meeting at which it is to be used and the specific vote. The proxy must be signed. It must be witnessed by two (2) other Senators, who must deliver it to the Vice President before or at the meeting to which it applies. Proxies will not be considered in determining quorum.

Section 5. Appointments

- A. All appointments of Senators to Chair and Senate committees are herein passed with an adoption of the Standing Rules. A change in any of these appointments must be passed by a concurrence of the Senate, following the procedure outlined in the ASUNM Constitution, Article II, Section 8.

Section 6. Senate and Committee Operating Procedures

- A. All legislation must be submitted to the committee chairs and ASUNM Vice President, as determined by the **committee's standing rules**.
- B. The Committee Chairs must submit their **committee meeting agendas to the ASUNM Vice President by 12:00 PM** on the Sunday preceding the committee meeting.
- C. The Committee Chairs will have their committee meeting agendas available on the ASUNM website by 12:00 PM on the Sunday preceding the committee meeting.
- D. If passed in committee, **legislation must be submitted** to the ASUNM Vice President by the Committee Chair or Vice Chair in the required form **no later than 5:00 PM on the Friday** following a committee meeting in order for it to be placed on the Senate agenda as new business.
- E. Agendas will be available on the ASUNM website **seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Full Senate Meeting**, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act (OMA).
- F. Packets including the minutes and legislation of the Full Senate Meeting will be available to Senators through an email or in their box (by request), **by 12:00 PM on the Monday** preceding the Full Senate Meeting.
- G. Any legislation or internal business that receives a do-not-pass recommendation by a Senate Standing Committee will not come to the floor of the Senate unless two-thirds of the voting Senate agrees to hear the legislation and vote.
- H. All legislation not previously considered will automatically come before the Senate floor during the last week of the session.

Section 7. Debate

- A. Speaking Privileges
 - a. Senators will each be allotted a maximum of **five (5) minutes for opening** and a maximum of **five (5) minutes for closing** comments.



- b. Senators are in order only when a motion is on the floor or when making a motion. When legislation is on the Senate floor, Senators may direct questions to the ASUNM Attorney General without yielding their speaking privileges. Senators shall be limited to **two (2) five (5) minute speaking times during debate to any single motion on the Senate floor**, with the provision of requesting additional speaking times from the Vice President.
- c. Senators may not yield their speaking privileges to members of the public.
- B. The principal sponsor of any legislation on the Senate floor may accept any proposed amendment as “friendly.” This supersedes vote and automatically amends the motion at hand. If the principal sponsor does not accept the proposed “friendly” amendment, then voting on the amendment will occur under regular parliamentary procedures.

Section 8. Adoption, Suspension, Amendment

- A. The standing rules will be adopted by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the present and voting Senators no later than the **second Full Senate meeting of each session and will be in effect for the duration of that session.**
- B. A standing rule may be suspended for a **single question** by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the present and voting Senators.
- C. These standing rules may be **amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$)** vote of the present and voting Senators.

Section 9. Special Business Procedures

- A. Any special business introduced in the Full Senate shall be available according to the rules set by the **Open Meetings Act.**
- B. Any special business shall require a two-thirds vote to be heard in the newly created Special Business (placed before Steering & Rules) portion on the Full Senate agenda.



- i. Director of Environmental Affairs (No more than five (5) minutes to speak)
 - j. ASUNM Senator Opening Remarks (No more than five (5) minutes to speak per individual)
 - k. Attorney General Law Book Edits
3. New Business
 - a. Finance Committee
 - b. Steering & Rules Committee
 - c. Outreach & Events Committee
4. Closing
 - a. ASUNM Closing Comments
 - b. ASUNM President Pro Tempore Closing Comments
 - c. ASUNM Vice President Closing Comments
5. Adjournment

The Special Senate Meeting agenda will consist of the following sections:

1. Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Land Acknowledgment
 - c. Roll Call
 - d. Approval of Agenda
 - e. Approval of Minutes
2. Preliminary Business
 - a. Public Comment (as pertinent to the business at hand)
3. Special Business
4. Closing
 - a. ASUNM Closing Comments
 - b. ASUNM President Pro Tempore Closing Comments
 - c. ASUNM Vice President Closing Comments
5. Adjournment

Section 3. Parliamentary Authority

- A. The Parliamentary Authority of the Senate shall be the most recent edition of **Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised**.
- B. The Attorney General shall serve as **Parliamentarian**.

Section 4. Quorum

- A. Quorum for any Senate meeting shall be **two-thirds** of the seated Senate legally entitled to vote.