



FULL SENATE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 29th, 2025

6:00 PM

Student Union Building Lobo A/B

1) Opening

a. Call to Order

The Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:12 PM on 01/29/2025

[Land Acknowledgment](#)

Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

b. Roll Call

15 Senators Present || 5 Senators Absent

c. Approval of Agenda

Seconded and Passed

d. Approval of [Minutes](#)

Seconded and Passed

2) Preliminary Business

a. Senator Accountability

i. None

b. Guest Speaker

i. **Lisa Walden and Alicia Solano :**

“Thank you so much for having me here today!”

- Director of UNM Bookstore

Founded in 1889, UNM has relied on printed textbooks!

Ms. Solano Isela went into detail about Equitable Access (EA).



- Course Materials are delivered today in many interesting and new ways done on a course by course basis.
- WHAT IS EA? EA is a program that provides all Albuquerque campuses that are aligned with 2040 goals. Its benefits include affordability and all for one flat fee per semester. Regardless of background or degree background, all students would be on an equal playing field.
- Equity and Inclusion
- Positive Academic Impact
- 79% of students who benefited in the EA program said it was very convenient and easy.
- Cost savings and peace of mind.
- Only includes materials that come from the BOOK STORE
- Survey for students asking what they thought about this program. 500 responses around campus and majority undergraduate students.
- Cascading EA, opting out and partial purchases for price reductions and comparison.

The chair entertains a motion to prolong the guest speaker's time.

Sub-moved, seconded, all in favor.

- If all goes well, move into faculty adoption and training.
- goto.unm.edu/bookstores-town-hall

SEN. MCCLOUD - From a financial perspective, what happens if students book costs are more than the 200 set mark?

REPRESENTATIVE - When we work with our vendor, Redshelf, there are programs in which we have a certain buffer for those costs and that number gets re-evaluated every academic year.

SEN. CASAUS - 279\$ is a great price for when all 5 or 6 courses require textbooks but when you only need a few or less it is a high price for students, what are your plans to have student inclusivity for prices that can't be met.

REPRESENTATIVE - We have a preliminary model advocating for students to only get what they need and to minimize guilt and reduce stress for students. We have multiple payment plans so students should not feel pressured into the grand package.



SEN SOLORZANO - I've had professors who told me I had to purchase their book so would we still go through this program for that?

REPRESENTATIVE - We understand that many teachers teach from their books so as long as they go through the bookstore, which most if not all do, you should be ok.

SEN RATCLIFF - What happens if I pay the 200\$ fee but later find a better version for cheaper?

REPRESENTATIVE- You can cancel or hold from charging your pursars up until drop/add dates so you have time to reconsider!

SEN MONTOYA - What is the likelihood about this being implemented next semester?

REPRESENTATIVE - We received lots of support and have the okay to move into a fall 2025 implemntation but adminsitration has asked us to get feedback from university stakeholders and our hope is a final consensus in the next couple of weeks.

As we move forward with implementation, we will have informational videos ready to share with you all and more than happy to come back and speak to any groups who you want to put this infront of. We will help get the info out.

SEN DOYLE - Do you guys have a marketing team working on this?

REPRESENTATIVE - Yes! We are also working very close woith our marketing team who will create how to videos and navigation videos..



SEN SOLORZANO - What happens when services or websites offer free materials. Would this affect payment paths even further?

REPRESENTATIVE - Whatever is most advantageous and student choices will vary and we want you to just have the most choice available for student learning .

SEN TRUJILLO - Is this for all campuses of UNM? Belen ect.

REPRESENTATIVE- Just North and Main Campus.

The chair motions to recess until 6:35 PM
Seconded and Passed

The chair calls the meeting back to order at 6:41 PM
Seconded and Passed

c. Public Comment

Ryan Linqest

We will introduce a four hour seminar for a 65 person program called LEADERSHIP PLUNGE. It will focus on character development and communication. We will have an outsider education. It will be a great time! Thank you.

d. ASUNM President's Report:

We had some of our biggest events this past week.

Specifically we had UNM day who sent many students to advocate for the refurbishment of Johnson Feild. A treasure to UNM students. It's been over 24 years since that field has had a makeover so let's give it some love. This session ends in March so Tazz and I will be working hard to make this come true.

e. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks:

Congratulations on the first senate meeting of the semester. Please be sure to complete all assignments on google classroom! I'm very proud.



- f. Joint Council
None
- g. Boards & Committees Report
None

SEN GRIFFIN: AAPI will be having an event looking for volunteers and sponsors! 4-10PM on that day! Email me for questions!

SEN MONTOYA: DSOR Ruiz and I will be holding funding workshops for a large chunk of this next month and contact us for questions!

- h. ASUNM Law Book edits
No lawbook updates yet! Keep out an eye for updates coming through emails shortly.

3) New Business

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RUTHERFORD: The chair entertains a motion to open the Full Senate Spring 2025 standing rules.

Sen Montoya: This appropriation is for the American Choral Student Directors Association and they are asking for airfare, per diem, and conference fees and all three of these were cut to standing rules. Any questions?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE RUTHERFORD: We will now move into a roll call vote.

With a vote of 15-0-0-5, Appropriation 1S passes at the full dollar amount of \$3,778.

- a. Outreach and Events Committee
SEN CASAUS: Our first meeting was very productive. Two events due to take place in February on the 10th and 21st for Rose from the Pack and SW Film center showings. Thank you.

4) Closing

- a. ASUNM Closing Comments
SEN GONZALES: Shoutout Senators who came to UNM day this morning!
Shoutout Pro Tempore Rutherford you've done amazing.



SEN CASAUS: Thank you all and we did a great job. I highly encourage you all to attend some of the events listed tonight and shoutout to the new senators you're all doing amazing. We appreciate you President Pro Tempore Rutheford.

SEN RATCLIFF: Thank you for making us new senators feel welcome!!

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

You all did so well tonight and shout out to the senators who asked questions!

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

Thank you all for the efforts tonight! I'm excited to see what you all do!

Unfortunately it smy last meeting but I went out with a bang. Sometimes it doens have to be that serious. Yes there are serious things we talk about and do but it's okay to have a lugh and have a good time . And the last bvit of advice that we have for tonight is make sure you are fighting for the students at the end of the day and if you uplift those communities it will always be good.

d. Adjournment

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:34PM