



ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

March 29th, 2023

6:00 PM

Lobo A&B, Student Union Building

1) Opening

- a. Call to Order
 - i. Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:04PM
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Roll Call
 - i. 19 Senators present
- d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Chair entertains a motion to approve the meeting's agenda
 1. Motion seconded and passed
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Chair entertains a motion to approve last meeting's minutes
 1. Motion seconded and passed

2) Preliminary Business

- a. Guest Speaker
 - i. UNM President Garnett Stokes and Provost James Holloway
 1. Provost Holloway: Good evening. I'm the provost and executive vice president. I focus on the academic mission of the university. I don't touch athletics, housing, or healthcare.
 2. President Stokes: Good evening, everyone, I apologize for being late. There was a calendar issue. I didn't hear anyone. I'm happy to be here. We look forward to this every semester. A lot has happened since we last talked like this. We're here to hear what's on your mind and give updates. We lifted our Covid-19 vaccination requirement very recently. We also celebrated the university's birthday recently. It's a joy to see students celebrate the history of the university: it was my sixth time. We are governed by a board of regents and have had two names. The two who have been replaced are Doug Brown and Sandra McKay. We have Paul Blanchard and Paula Tacquard. Paula has a lot of responsibility in the Roundhouse and experience. I



delivered my annual state of the university address on March 1st, and it is now available online. We opened the doors to a new facility on North Campus. They call it the SUBIE. It's a place for our scholars to come together and do important work, especially on substance abuse and brain injury. The legislature is no longer in session, and we have been dealing with an incredible windfall of money and huge debates sprung up from that. We are still waiting for the governor to make her final decision, due next Friday. UNM is likely to receive funding for student support. The biggest winner was the opportunity scholarship. We have had about 11 thousand students or more this year that have benefited from it. I know you were all involved and hardworking in making that happen. We are in the home stretch of budget development and have meetings in these coming weeks on what we can do related to tuition and fees. The budget leadership team recommended a 3% tuition increase and spreads it from next year to the following year. We will have more information on that soon. We have a strategic housing study going on with a reputable company. The process is long but they're doing an incredibly excellent job considering present and future needs. UNM owns a lot of land, and we have been engaged in an integrated campus plan and how the university should look. It will be a major step for our future. We have talked about UNM 2040 and our strategic planning process. Staffing issues are prevalent, but we are now pushing UNM 2040 more urgently. We have been talking to students extensively about this goal and will continue to do so. The plan tackles student engagement, inclusiveness, sustainability, among other things. We are ensuring that we will involve students throughout the entire process. Congratulations to all those who participated in the elections and thank you for serving our students and our university. There are significant opportunities that come with these positions. Krystah and Mackenzie, congratulations. It has been great working with the leaders. Thank you for inviting us to be with you.



3. Sen. Sanchez: What have you seen in the past to increase engagement with ASUNM?
4. President Stokes: With us or with the student body?
5. Sen. Sanchez: The latter.
6. President Stokes: I know this past fall there was a lot of excitement with being back to in person classes, but ever since Covid is has been difficult to get students engaged. It has upended everything and was so unprecedented. The challenges we have faced have been extensive for the past three years, returning to the old ways may not be possible or even viable. We have been trying to ramp up student support, increasing funding for club sports, and things like that to get students out.
7. Provost Holloway: The tendency for students to not engage is broad, and it's not about ASUNM. It would be worth it for ASUNM to engage with the higher campus population at large. What would be helpful is to engage with other organizations as students engage with those. Having a visible presence at events and in issues will go a long way as well. The major challenge for students with respect to ASUNM is they don't know what you do or bring. So being engaged at student events will lead students to you.
8. Sen. Wyatt: Thank you for coming to see us. UNM has seen a great increase in enrollment this year, what has the university been doing to address that?
9. Provost Holloway: The first-year class has been growing for the past 3 years and will level off. Combat dropout rates and retention issues took a nosedive in 2020 but have been growing since. We have programs in place to address those like the Student Experience Project, giving faculty tools to increase student retention. Classes that have adopted that have decreased fail and withdraw rates. The Division of Enrollment Management is also on it. Other retention tools include increased engagement, increased mental health capacity at SHAC, increased student events are all tools we use to help students stay. As individuals, you can spread awareness about resources, like SHAC and Lobo Respect and the food pantry.



When a student runs into difficulty it's important that they know where they can go, such as the Dean's office. I'd encourage you to contact that office as well.

10. Sen. Schultz: What has your most rewarding experience with student leadership been?
11. President Stokes: I would say that each year surpasses the last, and working with student leaders on their specific projects is a privilege. When that specific thing is accomplished, seeing that done, seeing it checked off is a wonderful experience. Once, my second year, when I went to Fiestas I got out into the crowd, suddenly a student turned around and said 'President Stokes! Don't think worse of me because I'm here!' I thought it was a great moment. I will never forget the look on his face.
12. Provost Holloway: I've worked with various undergraduate student bodies, and it is hard for students to see the change they create because their time here is so short. The students who initiated change don't see it come to fruition. But be reassured, you are making a difference. To answer the question, I have found working with the ASUNM president and GPSA president to be rewarding. I'm not teaching, but I am an educator, and I relish these moments getting to pass along knowledge.
13. Sen. Bennett: What are you doing to ensure students know you're here and how you are engaging with the body?
14. President Stokes: Trying to have regular contact with student leaders is a big one, but we know we need to do more. I do travel office hours, and I am not able to do them every week, but I can do them many times. I can have times like these but with a smaller group. I also try to participate in student activities.
15. Provost Holloway: Going to student events doesn't transmit information but it does help knowing what's going on. It can be awkward at events as a 62-year-old man, but we do try to have weekly engagement with leaders or through announcements. Those are important tools as well; most students don't read the President's weekly email and announcement that all students receive. There are 25 thousand students at this university across 6



counties, so it is hard to have genuine and deep connection, but we do our best to stay far away from isolation.

16. President Stokes: I know I don't dance at everyone else like Silent Lights.

17. Provost Holloway: She dances better

18. Sen. Chessman: From your perspective, how can we support your initiatives in the 2040 plan?

19. Provost Holloway: I think one thing to be good to understand is that UNM 2040 is a framework; it is not currently a plan. We are rolling our shorter-term tactics now. I'm proud of 2040, because it's a useful tool for future plans. It would be good to be able to name the five goals of 2040. When people know and reflect on those goals, I consider that to be substantial progress. Banners on campus reminding us of those themes and goals would be good. One group has a card that has the goals written on it, but it's a small card, easily lost. A lot of ASUNM initiatives fall into these themes. Student experience, for example, goes beyond just the classroom. Eric Scott is working with us on this student experience goal. He is collaborating with other leaders on North Campus. As student affairs moves forward, ASUNM should be in step. Bringing in Dr. Scott would be good to bring in for further discussion.

20. President Stokes: I agree, that's a great idea. Your personal projects and goals have a place in the 2040 plan and working with Dr. Scott are a great idea.

21. VP Pacheco: Thank you so much for coming to speak with us.

b. Public Comment

- i. Dorsa: Hello, I am the outreach chair for Lobo Thon. You have a team set up with us this year and we have ten days until our dance marathon. Currently, ASUNM has raised 10 dollars. Are you all registered? If not, do so, your captain should have sent the steps out. I'm hoping everyone can raise ten dollars. There are a lot of you here. Try to come to the Dance Marathon, if possible. Appear there, you do not have to stay the whole time. The activities include meals, prizes, a photo booth, and a silent disco. Does anyone have any questions? We are the biggest philanthropy on campus and all our funds go straight to the children's



hospital. Please register, raise ten dollars each within the next couple days, and go to the Dance Marathon.

- c. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
 - i. VP Pacheco: Hi everyone. It looks like a shorter meeting today. Still, don't try to rush out. Elections for the senate are happening next Wednesday and Thursday and they need help tabling, but don't help if you're up for election. The next thing is Fiestas—who is going? Slay. We will have a table there and we need volunteers for an hour slot. SSE does need volunteers, especially at midday. Please consider doing both. They have a volunteer link on their website. There are only two more senate cycles so be on top of legislation. Tell your orgs that there are only two cycles left, too. Think of why you're here and reflect on it. Is it involvement, resume building, passion projects? Reflect and focus on what you can do to help students. As you discuss, think of the big picture. I'll leave other agencies' updates to you all.
- d. Joint Council
 - i. Director Bell: Hello everyone. We had our fourth meeting yesterday, and it was straightforward. We have been reflecting on what we like and don't like about UNM to improve campus life. I look forward to seeing you all at the microaggression meeting tomorrow.
- e. Boards & Committees Report
 - i. Coordinator Carillo: Some sad news, these boards and committees do not meet consistently so I don't have many updates. The SUB board has decided on a design for the mural and are working on that. Email me if you have any questions and I will be sending updates. The newly implemented counseling services have new counselors in the residence hall—if you live on campus and are interested send me the link.
- f. ASUNM Senators
 - i. Sen. Schultz: Southwest film center is hosting the Cherry Reel film festival and is looking for volunteers. Tax Day is on April 18th and there are resources available.
 - ii. Sen. Bennett: Lobo Palooza is on Tuesday, April 18th. Executive director Thompson wants to see us there, for one-hour shifts. It will be fun, and you will get a free shirt.



- iii. Sen. Ramkowsky: Lobos for Wishes is having a kickball tournament on the 14th and needs teams, which will be 8 people. Come to me because I want to play. 80% of the proceeds will be going to Make a Wish.
- iv. Sen. Sanchez: I want to express my gratitude to my ELL mentees for their great work.
- v. Sen. Juanico: This Friday, the 31st, there is a UNM Mecha workshop. That will be at Johnson Center. Kiva Club has a powwow on April 29th. That will be a lot of fun. Please come to meetings if you can, they are right before this.
- vi. Sen. Gurule: Another Cane's update. They will not be at Lobo Palooza.
- vii. Sen. Schmitz: On April 5th, the Arts and Crafts studio will be doing glazing. Kappa Kappa Gamma has an event on April 4th that will have free food.
- viii. Sen. Moon: Hello everyone. I will reiterate that if you sign up for SSE's volunteer hours for Fiestas you will get a free shirt. They have a meeting tomorrow at 3:30. AASS is hosting their annual pro basketball classic, you should come watch.
- ix. Sen. Chessman: I wanted to reiterate that volunteering for Fiestas will count for outreach hours. The form I sent for our Teams chat has all the resources you need. Also, Spring Storm is on April 15th.
- g. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. Attorney General Zinsmeyer: I do not have a lot of updates; we are still waiting for legal counsel. The mock trial is on April 29th. If you're interested, we do need more volunteers. It's always great to have people involved. Please send me your legislation. I know there will be a surge for the last session. Ask questions. Debate.
- h. ASUNM President's Report
 - i. President May: Hello y'all. If you did not receive the email about DEI training, come talk to me after the meeting, or if you can't make it talk to me too. I cannot keep dates straight, and Erica will be sending an email detailing that all to you. Please come to agencies. I will talk about Fiestas one more time. Make sure you are putting a good face on for ASUNM. The mock trial should be great. The opportunity scholarship was a big victory. I got it published in the Albuquerque Journal. We are having an impact on our community, reflect and build on that. Student engagement is obviously a huge issue. Do you feel like you have a good



understanding of 2040? We need to make sure the entire student body does. Jessica's question for them touched on UNM executive leadership, and I want to let you all know that people beyond just her should be engaging with everyone, and I encourage you all to reach out to other UNM executives. Legislation moving forward with the PR team—I apologize if I seemed that I was pushing an agenda. You are empowered to move in whatever direction you wish. As these bills evolve, please feel free to come and talk to me. Make sure you are coming to us, don't be a stranger regarding legislation. Your input is important and desired. We are all on the same team, trying to better the campus for students. I apologize if I seem unavailable—I am a student as well as the student body president. I am accessible, although I am more easily reachable than an initiator as I just don't have the time.

3) Business

a. Finance Committee

- i. Sen. Wyatt: The general balance is at 108,631 dollars. We know that a lot of student orgs don't respond when you reach out, so make sure you are diligent about that. Our sports club's balance is sitting at 96 thousand, as only two have reached out. We can take advantage of the smaller meeting to have a deeper discussion.
- ii. [Appropriation 41S: Something Major A Capella](#)
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 41S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Avilucea: SMAC has requested supplies for their sound system, and we funded them in full.
 3. Appropriation 41S passes 18-0-1-1
- iii. [Appropriation 42S: Lobo Horn Club](#)
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 42S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Bennett: This is straightforward, it is just funding for an 8-day conference they got invited to in Montreal, for 3 undergraduates. We made cuts to standing rules, nothing crazy here.
 3. Sen. Sanchez: Why were line items 3 and 5 cut in full?
 4. Sen. Bennett: The per diem was duplicated in the initial request.
 5. Sen. Sanchez: Why was line item 4 increased?



6. Sen. Schultz: They thought the max amount was 500 but it is 1000.
7. Appropriation 42S passes 19-0-0-1
- iv. [Appropriation 43S: The Lobo Life](#)
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 43S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Montoya: This is for Lobo Life. They are new and capped at 750. All they requested was gas and food for their trip to White Sands.
 3. Appropriation 43S passes 19-0-0-1
- v. [Appropriation 44S: Society of Physics Students](#)
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 44S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Schultz: This is for SPES. They are only looking for gas for a trip. They estimated what they needed but we gave them the maximum amount per standing rules given the miles travelled.
 3. Sen. Ramkowsky: It says 360 miles for two vehicles, where did you get the miles from?
 4. Sen. Schultz: We used google maps to calculate the distance from UNM to the site. It is 260 miles round trip, with two cars. It was funded at .655 per dollar.
 5. Chair entertains a motion to recess for 5 minutes
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 6. Chair calls the meeting back to order at 7:28PM
 7. Sen. Moore: Where is the destination of this group?
 8. Sen. Schultz: In the questionnaire, they cited Trinity site.
 9. Sen. Sanchez: Was there a consensus number?
 10. Sen. Schultz: 130 miles round trip, for two vehicles, multiplied by .655.
 11. Sen. Schmitz: We decided on 180 miles because that's what Alex had from committee.
 12. Sen. Schultz: We listed 180 in committee, we are decreasing.
 13. Sen. Schmitz: We wanted to leave it the way it is.
 14. Sen. Knox: Are they using that restricted road or a different route?



15. Sen. Bennett: The correct number is 180, to 360 round trip for two vehicles, giving us 720 miles, multiplied by .655 gives us 472.
 16. Sen. Moon: I believe the question was pertaining to the route and not reasoning.
 17. Sen. Wright: The route needed to take directly to the Trinity site is 180 miles.
 18. Sen. Moore: You mentioned Alamogordo, which is far.
 19. Sen. Wright: The exact address is an unnamed road with coordinates—it is *in* there.
 20. VP Pacheco: Could you send a screenshot of the Google maps to Bree?
 21. Ryan Linquist: There are two points of entry. I grew up in Cruces. One of the access points is 130 miles from here. The tours require an escort. I don't know why they'd go to the southernmost point.
 22. Sen. Chessman: It is part of a military base, and one of the reasons they don't want you to have a precise location is security reasons. There are hard to measure areas.
 23. Sen. Gurule: Why can we not just fund this and have them track their mileage and have it be potentially refunded?
 24. Sen. Wyatt motions to call to questioning
 - a. Motion seconded and passed 18-0-1-1
 25. Appropriation 44S passes 19-0-0-1
- vi. [Appropriation 45S: Table Tennis](#)
1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 45S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Wyatt: This appropriation requests funds for their basic infrastructure, including table tennis tables. Their initial request was quite ambitious, especially for a newer organization, and with SGAO's advice we downsized it. SGAO will be working with them and with Johnson gym. Most of the reduction comes from reducing units. Other cuts were made per UNM's Anti donation policy. Our senators have been working with them to come up with something more amenable to the student organization.
 3. Sen. Bennett: I spoke with their leaders, and they provided a list of barebones materials. I can send that to Bree to put on the



screen. Other cuts were made with their discretion. However, if you want to fund it as is, that would be a good dialogue to have.

4. Sen. Romero-Salas: The committee action on the bills are yea, nay, abstain, and absent, correct?
 5. Sen. Wyatt: Yes. One senator voted nay and later told me it was mistake. If they still feel that way, I trust them to bring it up in discussion.
 6. Sen. Bennett: I did vote nay, by mistake. The calculations I was given by their leadership total around 6 thousand dollars, 5 thousand less than their original request.
 7. Sen. Schmitz: Can you repeat the number?
 8. Sen. Bennett: 6,266 is their final request.
 9. Sen. Ramkowsky: What is the suggested total?
 10. Sen. Bennett: The green column contains the units they gave me; the new total is 6,266.
 11. Sen. Schultz: The reason it's so wonky is because they requested multiple items in one category when they should not have.
 12. Sen. Wyatt: Since they made a show of good faith in giving us their bare bones, I am in favor of giving them the 8 thousand anyways.
 13. Sen. Sanchez: I agree, I admire the due diligence and it wouldn't be the worst thing for us to show our support with a bit more money.
 14. Sen. Schmitz: I agree, and if they don't spend it all it will just go back to SGAO anyways.
 15. Appropriation 45S passes 19-0-0-1
- vii. [Appropriation 48S: Hindu YUVA](#)
1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 48S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Wright: Hindu Yuva's appropriation is for their festival of colors. They are requesting funds for all of it, we cut food to standing rules and we increased funds for the color powders. Everything else was kept to standing rules, except for the paper cups being mislabeled, it is for a PA system.
 3. Sen. Schmitz: Why is line item 2 increased?



4. Sen. Wright: This was the line item for the color powders I mentioned, they were supposed to get GPSA funding for it and did not, and their food was cut so drastically.
 5. Appropriation 48S passes 19-0-0-1
 - viii. [Appropriation 49S: ASUNM Lobo Spirit](#)
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 49S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Wyatt: This is regarding Lobo Palooza, a new event, and have plans for this semester and next year. They needed to round off some funds for it. The rental equipment and a few extra things needed to be supplemented, including promotional materials. The increases came from quotes.
 3. Appropriation 49S passes 19-0-0-1
 - ix. [Appropriation 50S: ASUNM Senate](#)
 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 50S
 - a. Motion seconded and passed
 2. Sen. Schultz: This is for us, to supplement previous funding for Student Success Week, for food to make sure that more students will be able to get food and encouragement during dead week.
 3. Appropriation 50S passes 19-0-0-1
 - b. Steering and Rules Committee
 - i. Sen. Romero-Salas: What up y'all. We don't have business this week, but we have a lot in the works. If you are working on anything, please send it my way.
 - c. Outreach and Events Committee
 - i. Sen. Juanico: Recently we had our Transgender center HIV testing event which went well. We have a Navajo painting night coming up on April 24th. We also have the Sustainability Fair on April 20th on Cornell Mall.
- 4) Closing
- a. ASUNM Closing Comments
 - i. Sen. Wyatt: I was the plaintiff at the mock trial last semester and it's a fantastic opportunity and fun. I highly recommend it.
 - ii. Sen. Ramkowsky: Again, if anyone wants to form a kickball team talk to me.
 - iii. Sen. Schultz: I wanted to give kudos to Senator Bennett for all her hard work with the Table Tennis club.



- b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
 - i. Sen. Chessman: I know some of you have had trouble getting outreach hours in, working with SSE and Lobo Palooza are great opportunities to make those up. They are not ASUNM hours, they are outreach hours, and tabling also counts but as ASUNM hours.
- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
 - i. VP Pacheco: I'll keep it short. Congratulations and excellent job, we hit a record of 50 appropriations. There are only 2 more cycles left, push through, collaborate. We are all on the same team. We can make a lot of changes.
- d. Adjournment
 - i. Chair adjourns this meeting at 7:58PM