



## FULL SENATE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 16th, 2025

6:00 PM

Student Union Building Lobo A/B

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### 1) Opening

#### a. Call to Order

The chair calls this meeting to order at 6:09 PM

#### b. [Land Acknowledgment](#)

"Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homeland of the Pueblo 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 commitment, our committed relationship to indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history."

#### c. Roll Call

16 Senators Present || 2 Absent

#### d. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to add President Stokes and Provost Holloway under Guest Speaker

[Seconded and Passed](#)

#### e. Approval of [Minutes](#)

[Seconded and Passed](#)

### 2) Preliminary Business

#### a. Senator Accountability

None

*The chair recognises SEN TRUJILLO entering the chambers.*

*17 Senators Present || 1 Absent*



b. Guest Speaker

President Stokes and Provost Holloway

Garnet Stokes

- We are very happy to be here! It's that time of the year where it's getting pretty busy on campus. There is a great deal going on for the university leadership. It has been a time of incredible pressure for higher education institutions. I made a statement in front of the board of regents yesterday. It's unlike anything I've ever seen in my lifetime. It consists of many executive orders.
- The most important thing I want to say is that we will remain dedicated to the mission of UNM. To serve all New Mexicans and create new knowledge. Another thing we are very dedicated to is the way we deliver education and healthcare. We have been here for 130 years. We have worked through problems and we will work through this one too.

SEN ROMERO: It's an honor to have you here! I myself am a recipient of The National Hispanic Scholarship and is there a possibility that there will be changes in my scholarship?

PROVOST: We can't say how but we are sure that there will be changes in our National Merit Scholarships based around race and ethnicity. One of the ways that we are working with scholarships like that is by creating scholarships that are intended to support hispanic student learning or the rich diversity of new mexico. We could try to focus the scholarship on the intent of the recipient.

SEN GARCIA: In a similar realm, I know there are a lot of students that rely on lottery scholarships and on the tuition side of it, what direction are we headed for?

PRESIDENT STOKES: To support the longevity of our students, the lottery scholarship has built in a buffer that will allow increases of tuition fees and admission growth. We have no reason to believe currently that the opportunity or lottery scholarship is at risk right now.



SEN TRUJILLO: Thank you for coming to directly speak with us, regarding resource centers on campus. Do we know if they are at risk of being ripped from campus and what can we do to protect them?

**PRESIDENT STOKES:** As the Provost alluded to earlier, we are here to support the students of the university of new mexico. Resource centers are the best at doing so. We believe that these centers are serving an invaluable function for students in their navigation of student life and inclusion. At this time I don't expect any of our centers to see major loss of funding but members of our executive legislative branch are watching out for this issue right now. I won't pretend that I can predict the future. There will be a time of more clarity of what's perceived at legal versus illegal in coming time but we are not like other universities in the country. We are the first Hispanic serving flagship university. We need to look at the state we serve aswell. There are ways for us to navigate this together.

SEN RATCLIFF: We as a student government are always constantly looking to better the campus as a whole and the way our student government is structured as a whole we try to be self serving and we can only do so much to speak to influential leaders on campus but I think there is a better answer of what we do better for the campus.

**PROVOST:** Yall are doing a great job, keep doing what you're doing. With that being said, you all have the opportunity to display student leadership in every action you do for this campus. One thing we have been trying to work really hard to do is to try to give a vibrant student life on campus. All those things are really important and many of the services we offer are not utilized to their maximum capacity. Each one of you as individual leaders can just get others involved. Don't recruit eachother but recruit them from your math class or just people you see day to day. When you talk to students you should be known as senators so that when you advocate for them to get involved or to take advantage of the student resource centers or go to the football games, that's separate from your legislative duties but just giving back to your university as much as everyone should.

SEN MCCLOUD: Thank you for coming today, the board of regents made some proposed changes to its policies, how should students interpret that information?

**PRESIDENT STOKES:** We have committed to only doing things that are clear and actionable. It is clear that we have a policy that we can now clearly recognize as an illegal action. We have to



get our language right and our policies in line. What this really means is that there is a different word on a paper. There is not a great deal of concern that there will be change due to language change in regents policies. I will say again that we are wanting to support the success of the people in New Mexico and the diversity of our institution at every level matters a great deal. There are pathways to achieving that and we have found it easy to do this work despite an affirmative action policy on paper. We have been practicing how we support students the best way we can and focusing on our hiring processes and the diversifying of pools in our institution.

*The chair entertains to extend the President and Provost's speaking time by ten minutes.  
Seconded and Passed*

SEN GONZALEZ: Can you characterize the university's efforts to protect undocumented and international students?

**PROVOST:** Firstly, knowledge is power. We have held many training sessions for our students and faculty to know their rights about their education. Our global education officer also has been pushing efforts into protection of our students and we do not collect information about documentation status for all students. We do this purposefully. To avoid information that could bring risk. Opportunities for exposure are not in our mission. We're working diligently on a case by case basis for our students.

c. Public Comment

- **Governmental Affairs**

Through this agency we can do a lot of powerful changes. I think we need our legislative aid in case someone in our organization cannot fulfill their duties.

- **Filipino Student Organization**

We are requesting more funding for a cultural event that we host annually!

- **UNM Leaf**

I urge you to vote yes on resolution 2S today. Working in environmental sustainability as a freshman I see it's very important to acknowledge the climate emergency and the science behind it.

- **Andrew Norton ASUNM SSE & ASUNM PRESIDENT ELECT**



First, Fiestas was a huge hit and I want to thank you all for such a great event! Housing and Campus Affairs is a new position to be introduced into the ASUNM Executive Cabinet. For students to voice their concerns and also ASUNM to work with RHA. Along with a few other positions we are expanding as a government.

d. ASUNM President's Report

We had 4000 attendants come for Fiesta's and it was a huge hit. The director of student wellness wanted me to share an initiative with you all tonight. The Wellness bingo needs to be promoted by Senators to increase visibility on Student Health.

e. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks

We are entering our final cycle and I want to thank you all for an interesting and lively semester. Make sure you get your ASUNM hours in! I want to remind you all of Guest Speaker etiquette. Make sure you are giving full attention to them and lower devices.

f. Joint Council

RHA is taking housing concerns to the resident housing association.  
The pop up thrift store is coming up for professional wear!

g. Boards & Committees Report

Not much to report tonight!

h. Director of Student Organization Relations

Good job at your outreach emails. I have been getting a lot of good responses from them.

i. Director of Environmental Affairs

Earth Week starts this Monday. We are partnering with ASUNM CE to do a plantable card workshop!

j. ASUNM Senators

SEN CASAUS: International Festival is happening outside the SUB right now and I want to commend the Governmental Affairs Organization.



SEN MCCLOUD: hopefully you all are thinking of voting yes on resolution 2S tonight. We talked about making changes last week and now is the opportunity to do so.

SEN WILLIAMS: Fireman's Challenge is next week. Hopefully you will all come out and support our chapter in fundraising for a local fire station sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha's Beta Delta Chapter!

- k. Attorney General Law Book Edits  
None
- 3) New Business
  - a. Vice Presidential Appointments
    - i. Josiah Ward
    - ii. Nathanael Arellano
  - b. Election of the Spring 2025 Outstanding Senator

SEN DOYLE: I nominate SEN SOLORZANO

SEN SOLORZANO: I accept

SEN GARCIA: I nominate SEN CASAUS

SEN CASAUS: I accept

- c. Finance Committee
  - Chair would entertain a motion to open APP 37S*
    - SEN DOYLE: Motion to Block Vote*
    - Seconded and Passed*

- i. [Appropriation #37S](#)

Sen MCCLOUD: Several spring events. Examples include girls night in picnic edition and an altar celebrating those we love that have passed.

*Chair would entertain a motion to open APP 38S*

- ii. [Appropriation #38S](#)



Sen MARTINEZ MEYER: Several spring events. Examples include girls night in picnic edition and an altar celebrating those we love that have passed.

SEN MARTINEZ MEYER: Motion to increase line item 1 to read 385\$

SEN MARTINEZ MEYER: Motion to increase line item 2 to read 280\$

*Chair would entertain a motion to open APP 39S*

iii. [Appropriation #39S](#)

Sen DOYLE: We're requesting for various items that would aid in fulfilling programming for our first signature National Pan-Hellenic Council week. During our week we'll be holding a multitude of programs to engage our local UNM community, bond within our prospective council, and . build and recognize the achievements and leadership development within our local AASS community as well.

*Chair would entertain a motion to open APP 40S*

iv. [Appropriation #40S](#)

SEN MARTINEZ MEYER: New student org, cut to standing rules.

*Chair would entertain a motion to open APP 41S*

v. [Appropriation #41S](#)

SEN MONTOYA: The Filipino Student Organization is requesting funding for our upcoming event, "Boodle Fight." This event has been a cherished tradition for nearly five years and is one of our most anticipated annual gatherings. A boodle fight is a traditional Filipino feast where food is laid out on banana leaves on a long table and eaten kamayan (with bare hands) in a communal setting. Everyone eats together in an event that symbolizes unity, camaraderie, and equality which are values deeply rooted in Filipino culture. Food holds a central place in Filipino identity as it serves as a medium for connection and celebration. Unfortunately, there are no Filipino restaurants in Albuquerque despite the huge



Filipino population. By hosting this event, we aim to bring people together across cultures to experience the spirit of Filipino hospitality and promote cultural appreciation for our community here on campus.

SEN MONTOYA: Motion to increase line item 1 to read 924\$

*Chair would entertain a motion to open APP 42S*

vi. [Appropriation #42S](#)

SEN MCCLLOUD: Sending 10 members to attend National ALPFA Conference July 27th-31st (see more at <https://www.alpfa.org/event-convention>). We are requesting funds for flights, hotels, per diem, and ground transportation to fund students attending this conference.

SEN CASAUS: Motion to increase line item 1 to read 2450\$

*Chair would entertain a roll call vote on APP 37S - 42S  
18-0-0-1 Passed*

d. Steering and Rules Committee

*Chair would entertain a motion to open RESO 2S*

i. [Resolution #2S](#)

SEN MCCLLOUD: This is a strategic plan for the environment and sustainability. This resolution is not to condemn the university but to better ourselves.

SEN WARD: I am aware that this resolution acknowledges a Climate emergency. Can you define what this will mean for the University?

SEN MCCLLOUD: Motion to table Resolution 2S Indefinitely  
*Seconded and Passed*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 23S*





ii. [Bill 23S](#)

SEN RATCLIFF: This highlights the duties of DOC

SEN RATCLIFF: Motion to add the word five before the number five and add parenthesis around the number five.

*Seconded and Passed*

*ROLL CALL VOTE - 18-0-0-2 Passed!*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 24S*

[Bill 24S](#)

SEN GARCIA: Updating the process of electing an interim President Pro Tempore, and the line of succession in the Legislative Branch.

*ROLL CALL VOTE - 18-0-0-2 Passed!*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 25S*

iii. [Bill 25S](#)

SEN HEDRICK: Creating the position of Director of Athletic Affairs under the Office of the President.

Motion to strike lobo spirit executive director and then add ASUNM executive cabinet.

*ROLL CALL VOTE - 18-0-0-2 Passed!*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 26S*

iv. [Bill 26S](#)

SEN MONTOYA: Creating the position of Legislative Aide under the Governmental Affairs Agency.

*ROLL CALL VOTE - 19-0-0-1 Passed!*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 27S*



v. [Bill 27S](#)

SEN MONTOYA: Creating the position of Director of Housing and Campus Affairs.

*ROLL CALL VOTE - 16-0-2-1 Passed!*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 28S*

vi. [Bill 28S](#)

SEN ROMERO: Amends the lawbook to require The President to inform The Senate of executive orders.

*ROLL CALL VOTE - 13-4-1-1 Passed!*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 31S*

vii. [Bill 31S](#)

**Tabled until April 30th Full Senate**

viii. [Bill 36S](#)

SEN ROMERO: Amends the elections notices section.

*ROLL CALL VOTE - 2-0-2-15 Failed*

*Chair would entertain a motion to open BILL 31S*

e. Outreach and Events Committee

Student Success Week and Earth Week coming up! Promote them through insta!

4) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

None

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

None

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

None

d. Adjournment 10:00PM