

# DRAFT MINUTES

**ASUNM FULL SENATE MINUTES**  
**September 13, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Lobo A&B, Student Union Building**

**A. Opening**

- a. Chair calls meeting to order at 5:36 PM.
- b. Land Acknowledgment
  - i. Vice President Chessman: 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.
- c. Roll Call
  - i. 14 Senators present, 1 absent
- d. Approval of Agenda
  - i. Chair entertains motion to approve this meeting's agenda.
    - 1. Seconded and passed.
- e. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Chair entertains motion to approve last meeting's minutes.
    - 1. Seconded and passed.

**2. Preliminary Business**

- b. Public Comment
  - a. Anthony Rice: I wanted to plant the seed of homecoming; the whole week prior will be full of activities please push it out to the organizations that you are associated with. Encourage your student orgs to participate. Further details to come. Themes will be coming out soon.
  - b. Andreas Bilger & Andrew Norton: Thank you for all the time that you spend as senators. We want to give context on a line item in our balance forward. TEDx requires that we send at least one member of the school to attend a different TEDx conference. Only certain conferences can a license be obtained. We are asking for the money to get the license by sending one of our Advisors to the TEDx conference to get the license. Licenses cannot be transferred, that is why we are asking for the funding to send an Advisor.
  - c. Ryan Lindquist: Two cycles in, you have seven cycles. This is to put some fire under you, it goes by quickly. If you want advice on what legislation, please come see me and make an appointment with me. Ria will talk to you about some changes to standing rules,

- d. Christian Pereira: I wanted to talk about our World Delegation organization and the importance to New Mexico. This is our collegiate Model UN team. Without funding this appropriation we will not be able to help as many kids in the state of new Mexico and will not be able to have the opportunity to go to the international conference.
- c. ASUNM President's Report
  - a. President Pacheco: To start tonight with some senate business, you will see the quazi endowment which you will see coming from S&R tonight. So you are aware the request for the quazi endowment was already approved by DR. Eric Scott and Provost Holloway. So pending approval today, it should be good to go to the board of regents for approval for establishing. I am really comfortable with the balance forward requests, I wanted to highlight the stipends for joint council if you were unaware. There was a joint council meeting on Monday and 17 out of 26 representatives at that meeting. The investment in the stipends is really going to improve the interest in these positions. The state game is happening this Saturday, please be responsible. The tailgate can happen in any parking lot. No glass and no underage drinking. There will be people watching us, represent ASUNM well. If we have not yet talked about the elections legislation, please set up a meeting to talk about it before Friday before it is submitted to steering and rules. Lastly, I would like to get some ideas from you all about the capital outlay project.
  - b. Senator Moore: Can we get an update on the Robo lift for safety?
  - c. President Pacheco: We are waiting on additional information from facilities. We are working on partnering with ResLife and doing a pilot program. When the start date is more solidified I will share that information.
- d. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
  - a. Vice President Chessman: I'm gonna go ahead and move into my opening remarks. I have a few things to update you on so please bear with me as I'm going to be talking for just a little bit. So just to kind of go over a few things that we're doing today. We finally have our final five senators, I'm really excited to finally have a full 20 Again, thanks. Just after that. I'm really excited about some of the new people that we have. I think they're all going to be wonderful senators. We're really lucky to have them with us. And I think it's really going to bring us together as a senator to have, you know, those full 20 people to make this job. Really what it is, so we're representing our students. But in addition to that, we will be electing our new President pro tempore I'm so I just wanted to give a shout out to Senator Schmitz and Senator Gurley for just really stepping up to the plate with everything that happened in the last few weeks, kind of chaotic, kind of unexpected, and they really stepped up and did the best they could with very, very little warning, so I appreciate them. Thank you guys so much. I really

appreciate it. And good job on uh, yeah, not sure that for sure you guys did a great job. Moving on. You should have seen the email from acting President pro tempore Schmitz earlier about Office Hours, and outreach hours. So those three hours that are due Sunday by 5pm If you don't receive them you will get a demerit because that is a requirement for your senatorial duties. If you don't have at least if you have one hour or less, you'll get an email from me and whoever the new President pro tempore is sometime tomorrow letting you know that you're in danger of receiving a demerit. So if you are concerned about not being able to complete them by the deadline, you need to reach out to me ASAP. before Friday at the very very least, if you don't let us know ahead of time we can't work with you to understand like your circumstances, so please let us know. That way we can have some understanding if you are having some a hard time right now. Next thing up is your office hours. There's been like a few confusion bits that I just wanted to clear up so we don't have any more issues with it. So office hours need to be held in the office for the entire time that you're scheduled to be there. You can't hold them in any other location. I think we used to allow traveling office hours but we don't allow that anymore. If you're unable to make it to regular scheduled office hours you have to contact me and who have a new pro tempore will be and fill out an absence form there's a spot on the form to do what time you're gonna reschedule it for. Please don't just move them without letting us know there's been a few instances of that. And it's not a problem for right now. But I just want to make sure that that doesn't continue being an issue. It's really important for you to be here in the office when you say that you're going to be so that if students come and meet with you, then we know where you are. We can redirect them to meet with you. And just so Chris knows who's in the office that's just basic office management for her. So please communicate about that. I've been pretty lenient these last few weeks letting everyone get adjusted. But I think now like a time you guys need to be responsible for communicating if you're going to have issues coming up and then also documenting. So if you have questions on what that leads, please reach out to me I'm happy to explain and like give you whatever you need to work with that but just keep that in mind. And please make sure that you're completing your office hours because they are very important. Um, finally we have an update on sponsors, student organizations or kind of an idea and insight. So the final round of chartering workshops will be happening this week. So we should hopefully have them for the next cycle. If that changes, I will let you guys know. But you don't need to do anything for right now. So don't stress I will send a very detailed email with everything that you need to know about what you need to do emails that you need to send and things like that. So don't worry about that

you guys are only responsible for your resource center and your agency until further notice.

- e. Joint Council
    - a. Director of Diversity and Inclusion: We had the best joint council that we have had in a few years. Everyone showed up on time and participated. Here is a list of events and things that will be happening.
    - b. Senator Moore: Can we get a written list of all these things?
    - c. Director of Diversity and Inclusion: Yes, I can work on that.
    - d. Senator Barrigan: What are the requirements to join the nursing association?
    - e. Director of Diversity: I don't know exactly; I didn't ask that question. I assume that you have to be a nurse, but I am not really too sure.
  - f. Boards & Committees Report
    - a. Morgan Nelson: We are still recruiting students for the student representatives.
  - g. ASUNM Senators
    - a. Senator Moore: I just wanted to talk with you about ELL. For ELL rotations, where individuals go and interact with other groups and questions and form relationships. They are going to senate next week. I want to remind you about the mentorship program, if you are interested in having a mentee just let me know.
    - b. Senator Achusim: There will be a survey that will be coming with this fall election, so if you have questions or points for want stressed let me know.
    - c. Senator Montoya: SSC is having volunteer meeting ever Wednesday all the way up to silent lights which is two weeks from tomorrow, on September 28. I have QR code to share with you if you are interested in volunteering.
    - d. Senator Angel: This is Hispanic Heritage month, it is a great opportunity to connect with the Hispanic research center There is a lot of collaboration between the LGBTQ center as well. The first event is tomorrow.
    - e. Senator Barrigan: Southwest film center has started the film club, that meets on Wednesday around 5 o clock. Last week the midweek movie was a big success and quite fun.
    - f. Senator Grado: El centro de la Raza Will be having an event which will be from 11 to 1 and it will be a like chitchat and I really encourage you to go if you have time.
  - h. Attorney General Law Book Edits
    - a. General Peacock: I don't have any laws book edits for you tonight. We finally have our a lawbook. I want to caution you against doing block voting. If you block vote, you have to fail or pass the all the bills at the same time.
3. Business
- a. Vice Presidential Appointments
    - a. Motion to open Vice-Presidential appointments

a. Seconded and passed

i. Luke Torres

- i. Senator Moore: What is your goal to achieve while on senate?
- ii. Luke Torres: I want to help students be in a place for students by helping outreach and funding.
- iii. Senator Barragan: What strengths do you believe that will help you as a senator?
- iv. Luke Torres: Just listening to others and being professional will help me as a senator.

ii. Mutazz Jaber

- i. Senator Schultz: What are you most excited about this semester?
- ii. Mutazz Jaber: I am really excited to learn this semester and see how the internals of steering and rules works.
- iii. Senator Gutierrez: How do you think that your experiences at UNM have influenced you?
- iv. Mutazz Jaber: I have other leadership roles but wanted to get as involved as possible here on campus. Some disagreements in the past have taught me to be a better compromiser which I think will be important in this role.
- v. Senator Achusim: Of O&E, Steering and rules, and finance which are you interested?
- vi. Mutazz Jaber: I am interested in steering and rules.

iii. Alexa Lucero

- i. Senator Montoya: What is something that you are hoping to learn?
- ii. Alexa Lucero: I want to grow my leadership and communication skills
- iii. Senator Featherman: How do you think that your experience with the ASUNM will benefit you and your community
- iv. Alexa Lucero: Currently I am in ell and I am getting lots of experience but I know that I will get more with senate.
- v. Senator Barragan: What drove you to senate?
- vi. Alexa Lucero: being a freshman, I value community and I heard this is a place to meet a lot of people
- vii. Senator Rutherford: What viewpoints do you think that you can bring to senate?
- viii. Alexa Lucero: Hispanic women are really unrepresented and so I would like to bring that representation as well as being a freshman.

iv. Kiera Rosenfeld

- i. Senator Casus: What are you excited about
- ii. Kiera Rosenfeld: I am so excited to get started and really get involved
- iii. Senator Schmitz: How do you think that your work as a senator will help you outside of ASUNM?

- Kiera Rosenfeld: I think that team work and communication skills will help me outside of ASUNM.
- iv. Senator Grado: What topics are you interested in?
  - v. Kiera Rosenfeld: I am interested in getting different viewpoint and opinions from others.
  - v. Anthony Tomaziefski
    - i. Senator Moore: What are your goals as a senator?
    - ii. Anthony Tomaziefski: One of my goals is to be a good observer, and to learn how this all works.
    - iii. Senator Angel: Can you tell me a little bit about yourself?
    - iv. Anthony Tomaziefski: I am a biochemistry major in my junior year. I am interested in a lot of things , most important to me is medicine and research. I work in a neuroscience lab and a computational biology lab. I came to the senate because I wanted to be part of a student org that directly helps students.
    - v. Senator Achusim: Are there any specific issues that you are interested in addressing?
    - vi. Anthony Tomaziefski: I want to spread awareness for lobo pantry because of its great mission.

All five appointees passed with a vote 14-0-0-1

b. Motion to recess until 7:15 PM.

c. Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:15pm

d. 19 senators present, 1 absent

a. Election of President Pro Tempore

a. Motion to open election of president Pro tempore

a. Seconded and passed

b. Senator Schultz : I nominate senator Schultz.

c. Senator Montoya: I nominate senator Moore.

d. Senator Rutherford: I nominate senator Barba.

e. Senator Achusim: I nominate senator Gurule.

f. Senator Schultz: I think that senator Schultz will be a great Pro temp for several reasons. One being that she stepped up currently and she is doing a great job. She completes various things in timely fashion. She has other leadership opportunities like with her sorority. There she manages a lot of people and data keeping it all up to date. She is passionate for leadership, and influencing others. She is time managed well and has strong leadership qualities.

g. Senator Montoya: I nominate senator moore since she embodies what it means to be a senator on senate. She has an unwavering commitment to her committee as chair. She goes to so many student events. She is unafraid to ask question when she is unsure. She is passionate about inclusion. She does all her work diligently. She stives to better the student body experience as a senator

h. Senator Rutherford: I nominated Senator Barrigan, because she is a logical thinker, dedicated public servant, and out of state student. She has unique perspectives and new ideas. She is

dedicated to listening and representing students. Her dedication to principles of democracy is something that should be noted. With her at the forefront, we can be sure that our legislative body will uphold the values that keep our university strong.

- i. Senator Achusim: Senator Gurule is the most tenure senator nominated and is invested. He ran for pro temp last semester and lost but handled it with grace. He has proven his capability and willingness to work hard, he has more than proven he is ready, time managed and capable to take on this role.
- b. By silent vote Senator Gurule was elected as Pro tempore.
- c. Finance Committee
  - a. Senator Schultz: We currently have 100.764 dollars allocated to appropriations. With student fees coming in we have \$536,095. The total requested amount for tonight comes in at \$79,811. After some updates roughly these will pass at \$69,000. There has been 21 budget submitted. There are balance forwards, which are just money that was not spent from last year that can be requested again. With the increase in student fee we are able to increase funding things that were 65% to 75%.
    - a. Questions
      - a. Senator Gurule Groups that didn't originally request t-shirts can they add a line for that?
      - b. Senator Schultz: We can't add a line that was not originally heard in finance.

i. [FY24 Balance Forwards](#)

- i. Motion to open Balance forwards
  - i. Seconded and passed
  - ii. Senator Schultz:
  - iii. Discussion:
    - i. Motion to open line-item number 8
      - i. Discussion:
        - i. Motion to reduce line item 20 by \$1000 to read \$2,712
        - ii. Seconded and passed
        - iii. Motion to add new line item on line 24 category 8060, funds to be used for read rally for security and fire department.
        - iv. Seconded and passed
      - ii. Motion end discussion on line item 8
        - i. Seconded and passed
- ii. By roll call vote the FY24 Balance forwards passed with a vote of 19-0-0-1
- iii. Motion to Amend the previously Adopted FY23 balance forward
  - i. By roll call vote the motion to amend previously adopted FY23 balance forward by 19-0-0-1



- i. Questions
    - i. Senator Schultz: whats happening
    - ii. Attorney general: The surcharge that is happening on the balance forwards has already been applied,
- iv. Motion to recess until 8:14 pm
  - i. Seconded and passes
- v. Chair calls meeting to order at 8:21pm
  - i. 19 senators present, 1 absent
    - i. Discussion
      - i. Motion to open line 2 ASUNM Arts and crafts studio
        - i. Seconded and passed
        - ii. Discussion
        - iii. Motion to end discussion on line item 2.
          - iv. Seconded and passed
      - ii. Motion to change line item 2 to read \$5986
        - i. Seconded and passed

ii. [Appropriation #4F: Bengal United Sports Club](#)

- i. Senator Schultz:
- ii. Discussion
  - i. Motion to change line item 1 to read \$113.
    - i. Seconded and passed.
  - ii. Motion to change line item 3 to read \$1000
    - i. Seconded and passed.
  - iii. Motion to change line item 4 to read \$0.
    - i. Seconded and passed
- iii. By role call vote appropriation #4F passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1

iii. [Appropriation #5F: Bangladeshi Student Association](#)

- i. Senator Angel
- ii. Discussion
  - i. Motion to decrease line 2 to read \$79
    - i. Seconded and passed.
  - ii. Motion to change line item 10 to read \$141
    - i. Seconded and passed
- iii. Role call vote appropriation #5F passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1 at a total of \$2016.

iv. [Appropriation #6F: World Affairs Delegation](#)

- i. Senator Grado
- ii. Discussion
  - i. Senator Schultz:
  - ii. Motion to make line item 1 to read \$4560
    - i. Seconded and passes
  - iii. Motion to increase line item 3 to read \$1554
    - i. Seconded and passed

- iv. Motion to make line item 4 to read \$1420
      - i. Seconded and passes
    - v. Motion to make line
    - vi. Motion to make line item 8 to read \$13272
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - vii. Motion to make line item 8 to read \$2800
      - i. Seconded and passed
  - iii. By role call vote this passes with a vote of 18-0-1-1
- v. [Appropriation #7F: Society for Women Engineers](#)
  - i. Senator Gutierrez
  - ii. Discussion
    - i. Senator Schultz:
    - ii. Motion to change line item 1 to read \$5634
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - iii. Motion to change line item 2 to read \$1750
      - i. Seconded and passes
    - iv. Motion to make line item 3 to read 1,701
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - v. Motion to read line item 4 read \$500
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - vi. Motion for line item
- vi. [Appropriation #8F: IEEE](#)
  - i. Senator Schultz
  - ii. Discussion
    - i. Senator Schultz: Motion to make line item 1 to read \$2500
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - ii. Motion to make line item 2 to read \$ 2500
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - iii. Motion to line item 3 to read \$0
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - iv. Motion to make line item 4 to read \$2,076
      - i. Seconded and passed
  - iii. By role call vote Appropriation #8f passes with a 18-0-1-0
- vii. [Appropriation #9F: Hispanic Engineering & Science Organization](#)
  - i. Senator Fetherman
  - ii. Discussion
    - i. Motion to make line item 1 read \$2500
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - ii. Motion to make line item 3 read \$2616
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - iii. Motion make line item 5 read \$1000
      - i. Seconded and passed
    - iv. Motion make line item 6 read \$500
      - i. Seconded and passed
  - iii. This appropriation passes with a vote of 18-0-1-1
  - iv. Motion to recess until 8:55 pm
    - i. Seconded and passed
  - v. Chair calls meeting back to order at 8:57pm

vi. 18 senators present 1 absent.

d. Steering and Rules Committee

a. Opening comments Senator Schmitz: Please read the bill before walking into senate if you don't read the agenda. Pay attention to the quazi endowment fund. Other bills are simple.

i. [Bill #1F](#) - Establishes line of succession for Pro Temp Hiring Duties

i. Motion to open Bill #1F

i. Seconded and passed

ii. Attorney General Peacock: This bill talks about establishing the line of succession, which we had to do last year. Last year our president pro tempore was also the vice president elect so in establishing line of succession usually the pro temp has to confirm the elected by the vice president, if that is the same person that is a conflict. Last year it was handled professionally, but this is to make sure there is a plan if it ever happens again.

ii. By role call vote this bill passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1

ii. [Bill #2F](#) - Defines Retreat to replace Fall and Spring Retreat

i. Motion to open Bill #2F

i. Seconded and passed

ii. Senator Schmitz: It defines the definition of retreat in the lawbook. This is just for everyone's sanity.

iii. By role call vote bill number 2F passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1

iii. [Bill #3F](#) - Removes SSE Marketing Director Responsibilities

i. Motion to open Bill #3F

i. Seconded and passed

ii. General Attorney Peacock : After inputting new changes to the lawbook after recent changes I noticed that we forgot to remove the SSE marking director which a position that no longer exists.

iii. By role call vote bill number 3F passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1

iv. [Bill #4F](#) - Replaces Information Stations with Polling Stations

i. Motion to open Bill #4F

i. Seconded and passed

ii. General Attorney Peacock: this reinstates the in person polling stations to hopefully gain more participation. People can easily sign in with their lobo id and unm information with the help of a person if there is any issues.

i. Questions

i. Senator Featherman: Is there still an option to vote in person?

ii. Attorney General Peacock: Yes, there is 24/7 online voting

- iii. Senator Schmitz: Where is the voting stations?
    - iv. Attorney general Peacock: It is to the discretion of the elections chair.
  - ii. Discussion
    - i. Point of clarification: Can you elaborate on where the polling stations will be?
    - ii. President Pacheco: Dependent on the money that is available, that will depend on the number of stations. We were thinking by the sub, Zimmerman library near la posada and the engineering centers.
  - iii. By role call vote bill number 4F passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1
- v. [Bill #5F](#) - Updates Director of Student Organization Responsibilities
  - i. Motion to open Bill #5F
    - i. Seconded and passed
  - ii. Senator Schmitz: This bill edits the duties of director of student relations to shape the duties into what the director is now doing. We changed it to better support student boards and support the vice president and senators.
  - iii. By role call vote bill number 5F passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1
- vi. [Bill #6F](#) - Establishes Quasi Endowment Fund Procedures
  - i. Motion to open Bill #6F
    - i. Seconded and passed
  - ii. President Pacheco: Sets up guidelines of withdrawing money from the endowment. The restrictions on drawing money from the principle. We set it up as quasi endowment because the principle can be touched with approval from board of regents. The fund cannot be touched until 2035.
    - i. Questions
      - i. Senator Schultz: Can you please explain the endowment?
      - ii. President Pacheco: At the end of last year there was \$50000 that was able to start this endowment. Hopefully we will get to a point where the interest accrues to hopefully create scholarships and set ASUNM up for financial success.
      - iii. Senator Gurule: Can we add to the endowment?
      - iv. President Pacheco: Yes we can.
  - iii. By role call vote bill number 6F passes with a vote of 19-0-0-1
- e. Outreach and Events Committee

- a. Senator Moore: Keep an eye out for tabling opportunities. There is also a senate tiktok
- 4. Closing
  - a. ASUNM Closing Comments
    - a. Senator Schmitz: You all have to make motions and speak if senate runs well. I need people to speak up so that we can hear what is being said.
    - b. Senator Moore: Reminder to come to ell if you can.
    - c. Senator Schultz: Budget are still happening now. Reach out with questions.
    - d. Senator Achusim: Great work you all.
    - e. Senator Angel : Welcome to the new senators!
  - b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
    - a. Senator Gurule Welcome to the new senators, thank you for voting for me to have this opportunity. Check emails that I will be sending soon.
  - c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
    - a. Check my email, congratulations to pro tempore.
  - d. Adjournment at 9:20pm