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1) Opening

a. Call to Order

- i. Chair calls meeting to order at 6:05 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. 19 senators present: 1 absent

d. Approval of Agenda

- i. seconded and passed

e. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve last meeting minutes
 - 1. Motion to add "and Palestine" to the question
 - a. seconded and passed
 - 2. Motion to capitalize I in Israel
 - a. seconded and passed
 - 3. Motion to capatilze u in U.S.
 - a. seconded and passed
 - 4. Motion to put periods in the U.S.
 - a. seconded and passed

2) Preliminary Business

a. Guest Speaker

- i. Dr. Eric Scott, Vice President for Student Affairs: Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you all for hosting me this evening. So it was wonderful to get together with this outstanding group. I see a lot of familiar faces and



several new faces. So I'll start just by talking a little bit about who I am, what I do and why you're here. And then I'd like to share with you a little bit about what's happening. So my name is Eric Scott. I served as Vice President of Student Affairs here at UNM. I've been at UNM for just over a year. So I've now completed a full calendar year in my role as Vice President, and I've got to say I walk on this campus every day with an incredible amount of gratitude for being part of this community, a community of learners, a community of scholars, and a university that I think approaches the concept of pluralism more than any other university has. I have had the opportunity to be part of this is a place where people are invited to bring their full selves, their backgrounds, their identities, their values, their passions, and integrate them together in a community of learning, a community of exchange and a community of cultural celebration. And so I am just so grateful to be with you. And so grateful to be part of the University of New Mexico. I think it's important for you to know that I'm a very proud first generation college student. And that means that I was the first person in my family to go to college, and then I became the first person in my family to get a master's degree. And then I became the first person in my family to receive a doctorate. And I think that's important because it really very much grounds the way that I approach my work here at the University of New Mexico. We serve a large number of first-generation college students, and even among those who aren't first-generation, they may be coming from backgrounds or lives where they have experienced minorities as a nation. And I think that being on the margins, whether that's because you're the first in your family to go to college, or because of your cultural, ethnic or racial identity, whether that's because of sexual orientation, and whether that's because of being from a particular community, or being from a particular space in a rural area or being from out of state or from another country. It creates an essence in your experience, and in a way, it creates a lens by which you experience the world and so my approach is always to create opportunities to create support infrastructure, to create systems that work on this campus for everyone. So in essence, it's a type of universal design, making programs, creating engagement opportunities, creating infrastructure, so that no matter who you are, no matter where you're coming from, you have the opportunity to be successful at the University of Mexico, and you have the resources to support your success at the



University of New Mexico. I mentioned that our first generation college students, my dad was a plumber. And I have an incredible respect for the trades because of hard work, hard physical work. I actually spent a summer as a plumber before I went to college. I can personally attest it is hard, physical labor. But make no mistake that working hard and being deeply intelligent are things that are very compatible. And something that actually happens a lot with plumbers. Well, my dad can do math in his head that most people can't do on paper. He can navigate municipal codes and city codes that help make sure that he's building something the right way. He knows the names of tools how to use them and when to use them. He understands the physics of how water moves through a pipe and the right slope that you need in order to get something to drain out depending on And so what I'm saying is, it doesn't make someone less than because they've chosen to trade instead of going to college. But I also am quite confident that had my dad been given the opportunity he could be sitting here with letters behind his name to write and what that does is it centers my perspective, that anyone from anywhere can be successful in college. And as a matter of fact, those of us who have come from maybe some harder struggle backgrounds, have some assets to bring to this campus. We have some perspectives and so we can contribute. We can contribute our cultural backgrounds, we can contribute identities we can contribute, where we're from the languages of our ancestors, and the values of our parents, we can contribute that to this space. We bring those things as assets. And so I just want to really center that in all of your minds. That no matter where you're coming from you have something to offer the University of New Mexico and you're doing it here in this governance. We're very lucky at the University of New Mexico, that we have strong student governance not just because of the way that you're organized, and not just because of the ASUNM, revising the university. But because of who ends up in these leadership roles and how they choose to lead. It is about who you are and how you choose to lead. This is a place where students lead students, students create the experience for students to shape the experience for students. You have an incredible amount of control. This is also a place where the voices of student leaders are honored and my experiences here so far are taken very seriously. And so I'm always looking for opportunities to further elevate that student voice because I know that my colleagues and



other leadership positions are certainly taking the student voice and student perspective into account when they are making decisions. So with that said, I like to share with you I'm working on my multi-year plan right now for the Division of Student Affairs. And for those of you who maybe aren't as familiar, the Division of Student Affairs is a large division of the university that's organized under Academic Affairs, but it's really about creating and sustaining high-quality student experiences anyone else campus and so we cover everything from student activities and Career Services to many of our resource centers, our ethnic Resource Centers our veterans and military Resource Center, the Women's Resource Center, we also steward things like the Student Union Building, the building that we're sitting in right now, Johnson Center and Campus Recreation, the UNM Children's Campus for anyone who might be a parent, child care things like student publications, we provide support for things like the honors program, including New Student Orientation. We've worked to facilitate our work on campus and so from the moment that someone thinks about the logo, all the way up to their experience to graduation, even after the Division of Student Affairs has an opportunity to serve, and we serve it in a really diverse and comprehensive way. One of my goals for the division is that in the next few years, the University of New Mexico achieves and is recognized as one of the most innovative and culturally responsive student experiences in the southwest and ultimately, I think that we really have a place on the national stage to speak to what the future of post-secondary education is going to be. Most people know about UNM, 2034. You may not know that the date 2034 was chosen because that is the date that the demographics of the United States will look largely like what Mexico's demographics are like right now. And so UNM is already an institution of the future. And I think that we can really contribute significantly to what post-secondary will be in the future. So as I'm working on my multi-year planning, and for those of you who don't know what that is, it's a budget process. I mean, it's a lot of other things, but at the end of the day, it's a budget process. So it's about where do you where do you need new resources and how are you going to deploy them if they are received. So I want to tell you what the five goals for the Division of Student Affairs are right now, in our multi-year planning process. The first golden one is to ensure institutional compliance with federal and state mandates and best practices related to



safety, accessibility, and accountability. And this is really about making sure that everything in the accessibility Resource Center to SHAC are properly staffed and resourced to do their work. meaningful problems with safety standards accessibility standards of conduct standards, go to it to strengthen institutional students' success infrastructure. To ensure continued and enhanced recruitment, retention, graduation, and postgraduate outcomes. This is a comprehensive goal and it's really about what you experience when you access our services. When you comes to student activities. When you visit Career Services, when you go to El Centro de la Raza, what do you experience? What do you receive and how do we enhance them? Go free, reduce staff turnover, and develop professional pathways by investing in staff and equity retention and merit. This is really about identifying where we have staff who are underpaid or under-recognized and trying to create greater parity and equity across the division and across the institution so that we can attract and retain high-quality professionals to deliver services to you, our students. A very large percentage of our Student Affairs staff are UNM graduates and so these are professional pathways that you might consider one day as well. And so ensuring that those positions are compensated equitably, is critical to ensuring that you have a future here should you choose to go for attending the health and well being of campus through continued stabilization of Student Health and Counseling. An incredible amount of work has gone into Student Health and Counseling over the last year to reduce wait times expand access to mental health and well-being resources expand the breadth and depth of services offered in health promotions, and align them with some of the well-being and basic needs worker comes out of our Dean of Students Office. However, we cannot rest on that. We know that right now. There is a continued crisis across those secondary education and access to basic needs. As well as access to mental health resources. And so we want to continue finding ways to enhance the quality of services offered and make sure that we can actually eventually expand some of the specialty resources that can be offered with counseling and go find ways to enhance community vibrancy to expand engagement opportunities and facility and necessary support. And this is really about making sure that some of our units that are engaging in some of the great events that you all enjoy are properly funded, that they can execute their events in



time of inflation, time of growing fixed cost, that facilities that you access to participate in those events and activities are high quality, right but there's a good roof on them that they're not dragging carpet under your feet while you're trying to engage in a communication event. And that these programs are staffed properly, so that they can deliver high-quality programming, in particular on evenings and weekends, when the campus can go a little bit quiet. And so one of the parts of our multi-year plan is to identify all the resources so that we can incentivize programs and events that are posted on evenings and weekends so that if you aren't going to drive home and do laundry to parents' house, that you can be here engaging on campus, meeting new people and continuing to contribute to the vibrancy of this place. So with that, I just want to say again, thank you for what you do if you're engaged in a lot of things, you probably see me and hear from me a lot. But I want you to know that if you're engaged in a lot of things, I also see you and I really appreciate everything that you bring by bringing yourself to this community. And again, I want to end by expressing my deep gratitude for being able to be part of the University of New Mexico Community. And so I take that responsibility with a great deal of seriousness, a great deal of integrity and I always seem to serve you the best possible.

ii. Questions

1. Senator Barba: For students that are seeking out basic needs, they use Lobo food pantry or the resources. Lobo food pantry is supposed to be used as a last resort but many students are used as a first resort. How is Student Affairs planning to address this?
2. Dr. Eric Scott: So that's such a great question. There's, there's a little question in there and a big question. So the question is, you know, how do we address how we address the use of a food pantry? You know, it's a really complex question. Because there are some food pantries, that means tests. So basically, you have to have a certain level of need and then there are other competitors that are open-use, and the UNM food pantry has been established. As an open use. And so I think, in the consideration of potentially moving to means testing would have to be something that could be very closely analyzed, whenever you want to really be thoughtful about identifying those metrics, in particular, because the funding for that operation comes from a



multitude of different directions, including private donors, and actually private donors are quickly becoming our largest contributor to the UNM Food Pantry. To me, sort of multifaceted. One is how do you analyze what it means to send the right messages that it is meant to be a last resort, but also, how can we just increase the amount of food that's offered? One thing that always challenges me is that on the day that it's restocked, there's a line out the door around the corner, which is clearly demonstrative of a significant need, but then the rest of the week is kind of bare bones. So do we look at it as a week restock? Do we look at identifying additional donors or maybe even corporate partnerships? Right now there is a partnership with Costco where we get some things from them occasionally, but it's sort of reluctant withdrawal. And so I hate the food pantry specifically. It's a bit of a complex situation, but it's one that we're aware of and leaning into. More broadly. How do we plan to address basic needs? There are a few things that are happening right now that I think are going to be transformed. One of those is a significant expansion of the student emergency fund. There is a there is a fund that was established a few years ago and it sort of set them on for a while. And with the help of a few donors. We've been able to reinvigorate that local pairing it with our emergency loan program. So from the Dean of Students Office, you've always been able to get an emergency short term. And what's great about an emergent emergency short-term loan as opposed to other types of emergency scholarship is that you can get that loan pretty quickly. We can usually get money to a student within 24/48 hours, it's a very quick turnaround. The rub is you have to pay it back. And so what we're doing is we're pairing the emergency relief fund with that short-term loan program so that students may request a partial remittance of that on that short term, up to 50%. So what's good about that is that it still keeps people having skin in the game. So it's not the but it helps us. As folks continue to support that emergency run will have a greater pool of resources to allocate to students. Actually extended that full-time position so that we can host more social work interns and get access and get more students access and that firm is now



being housed out of the Students Office. So that's a really nice thing and the great thing about that is sort of to your question about leaving so many of those programs are needs tested. And so by directing students to those programs, not only are we ensuring that those who most need help get the help, but we're also getting the most out of it.

3. Senator Rutherford: Based on your third goal, how do you plan to bring on and retain a diverse faculty for all student's backgrounds to be represented?
4. Dr. Eric Scott: So that's a great question and I want to I want to make one distinction, which is that in student affairs, we will have faculty. So we have a lot of departments that have a lot of staff, and actually, the Division of Student Affairs is the most diverse division in the university. All right. And the reason for that, I think, is because many folks are drawn to the work that we do because it's an opportunity to support people. And I'm particularly attuned to your question because my partner was an early childhood educator for 15 years and for families and she started school in the Air Force on hospitals and aerospace isn't perfect. Usually from South Carolina. She was lamenting that she was not a teacher. Like she never had teacher language. And when she had an opportunity to be a teacher, she didn't want entire law schools, and a number of parents who would tell her your first teacher can actually talk to you, in my native language to actually talk about my child's progress is worth teaching that actually tries that is incredibly trans or incredibly personal. And you know, not to be able to be catchphrases. I've seen a lot of people hurt as you can see. Right? And so seeing people in leadership positions that look like that. So how can shared identities and shared backgrounds be aired? Our vice president for diversity equity inclusion, division for diversity, and equity inclusion are satisfied is one thing to do just that to several projects or divisions or trying to diversify. And so some of the things that she does with that project, and I'm not the person to speak up against, to be honest, I just want to be clear. She looks at the technical questions that we're asking carries technical language companies and jobs. The act was we hire new practitioners in the acute phase patients or

doctors right helped us write those jobs versions of dominance, explicitly to try to track first payments, because that's the first step you have to attract diverse candidates. And then you have to ensure that those folks are not being screened out of the process. bias. And that is pretty much the center of knowledge whereas work she's been on for lack of training and trade, and a really, really good person to talk to you about specifically faculty diversity. But I can assure you that the Division of Student Affairs works on higher-cost response plans and assistance.

5. Senator Schmitz: For the third point related to professional equity are you planning to take into account the faculty comments produced by student feedback forms?
6. Dr. Eric Scott: Yeah, thank you. And I want to clarify that the Division of Student Affairs does not oversee faculty and so we don't have you for faculty advancement, salaries, etc. However, what I will say is that when we're looking at equity across the division, amongst our staff, we're looking at things like the years of experience, the years of experience, how long have they been in the role. What are their educational credentials? Are we also looking at things like the American quality of student services provided, he actually engaged in pretty low-cost assessment and evaluation in the division and was weakened further into that. And so, you know, part of that is student's feedback in terms of the experiences that they have been specifically using. But again, what I don't have access to to faculty evaluations, more right for me or for faculty salaries, so unfortunately, I'm not qualified to answer that question.
7. Senator Moore: Regarding the collaboration events, do you have anything in particular in mind?
8. Dr. Eric Scott: Yeah, so that's a great question. I mean, the great thing about the University of New Mexico is that we have several very well-established events that are very fun, and I think exemplars of what we'd like to see more. So we look at something like Simon blacks, we look at something like Red Rock, you look at something like hating their degrees. These are big signature events that happen and are facilitated primarily by either student activities or major student organizations. And so



my vision is that if we were able to identify all the funds that could be utilized to incentivize after our program, it would actually be something that we'll be glad to create devices for those folks who work at stores or might I imagine, I imagine, I know that students are engaged in many steps in the planning processes and some of the signature events and they're often are key and executed. continuous feedback process happening, students are engaged in that planning and development. One of the one of the things that we're trying to identify stable funds for are things like maybe very well speak to that. And the funds that used to be utilized to make that sustainable program are a little lower. We're about to find long-term sustainable funding for that. Build on successful programs like that, so that we certainly have more opportunities. And my bedroom declared that's not just something that's on student activities. We have an all-time high resource center, by cancer recreation by many people or patients. So I really see it as a collaborative effort. And one of the things that I will probably put into the parameters to identify this pool of resources would be incentivizing cooperation, so you have more access to those models. So multi-unit operations are something that again happens already but can attract larger and more versatile students interacting together pretty good networks.

9. Senator Casaus: You mentioned increasing mental health at SHAC, could you share more about these plans?
10. Dr. Eric Scott: I would love to do well, so I could start by talking about the expansion. So, what we did last year, we were hearing from students about the long wait times to get triage services long wait times to get continuations of services, and that sometimes they require so a few days apart. They call them up university so that we can sustain that work full time. One part of that was hiring a director of operations for counseling so that our intake processes are smooth, that insurance billing is easy so that scheduling is tighter so that folks can get in and out pretty quickly without a lot of administrative burden. And anyone that use a shot has probably already seen the difference with some of these changes that may a person has been in their role for about six months. I anticipate that we're going to see the next thing that



we did is we actually hired overtly as the Executive Director, Dr. Stephanie McIver document guide where he is unique amongst campus call center leaders and that she actually is a counselor. And Caitlin was the former director. of counseling at Shell. And so she's taking she's taking a very, very deep lens. She's not just looking at counseling as one more part of the clinical offering. But she deeply understands the importance of the role that it plays in students' lives and Dr. Grimes actually from our office was now originated as the route to health and counseling now permanently. We've also hired Leslie McKinney, who's now the Director of counseling, and Leslie has brought in an essentially stepped care well, that helps get students to the actual resource. Okay, so where's the old triage model that's like, Oh, we're in what's the two kills the right way? Now that you guys know, unless you're gonna have an initial appointment, rambling, we're gonna get you in right away. And we're going to talk through what your what your needs might be. And based on that assessment, you might actually be referred to group counseling. You might actually refer to your on-campus resources, you might be referred to as a slave. Or you might get counseling. And so what that does is since there are more places to send the students instead of just defaulting everyone into counseling, that helps with the row and then we also calculated what's called a clinical world index. And a vertical load index is essentially how much demand you have visitation up against the number of clinicians that you have a number of clinician hours. And so by cleaning up some of the schedules, we were able to do that director of operations we were able to immediately increase the number of clinician hours and we're now without touching staffing. And then we add about 3.5 new FTE of counselors on top of that, and all of those roles are hired in place. And so, wait times have been drastically reduced the quality of service has been drastically improved. Scheduling, insurance, billing, appointments, and intake have all been streamlined. And we continue to meet in order to further this interest. The stepped care model is just being implemented and so I believe I anticipated the quality of that as well. And then beyond that, right, we're actually starting to take a more holistic



view of student quality. And so we recognize that the services and counseling are great. But what did I hear someone say once, we if we sort of treat the human condition, we acknowledge is the human condition, right? We're always going to default. And we have to realize this is that because we're all humans, and we all have emotions and experiences, we need an environment that is supportive of us and if we have that environment, we're less likely to need some of these moral triage, finishing services. And so we're actually in the process of developing a comprehensive wellbeing plan within the division. Aligning the well-being work that's happening with the industry in this office, basic needs open up in the industry itself is critical that it's happening student college counseling and promotions that also assist with instant counseling. And we've recently received a very generous gift from a private donor to basically expand local wellbeing which has been sort of a small program that exists in emotions, and brain all the big time. One of the things that we're going to do with that is actually purchase a golf cart that's going to be a global wellness station that can move around campus and help students work through resources and make referrals to the right resources on campus. The reality of it is all of our student affairs infrastructure as well as infrastructure because engaging on campus and student activities. That's where we're working with career services to identify your career path and our sense of purpose. Acts wellness and well-being engaging their culturally relevant program Resource Center or having your how's your experience by having access to a confidential file and that's what and so it really is about wraparound services and a comprehensive approach. In addition to attending to the distinct question.

11. Senator Casaus: What are the social work intern requirements:
12. Dr. Eric Scott: You have to be pursuing a master's in social work.
13. Senator Grado: As UNM is a Hispanic serving institution, how are you all promoting the retention of Hispanic students to promote higher graduation rates as well as promoting culture?
14. Dr. Eric Scott: Yeah, absolutely. I mean, first of all, I'll say that the Division of Student Affairs is a very, very, very marvelous resource resources on campus. That includes programs like happenin



camp, which are premier service programs happened from high school producing program, provider programs. These are grant funded opportunities that were brought to the university community support, Asa, and the Division of Student Affairs in order to create cognitive pathways. Once we're here, where are we doing about? My my doctoral research has actually gone on the experiences of students intersecting minoritized identities. And my study specifically about students who were from rural and remote Alaska, who worked in pitches, and then also gender and in writing, and writing and research, I actually looked at post secondary research all across the table for all different types of students. And one of the most consistent system things that you see are essential for virtually every type of minoritized students are one the importance of financial resources to the importance of engagement and community on campus. Three, family and community support and engagement. Right, number three, and number four, representation, as our senators are mentioned, being able to see yourself having a well defined career. So within the Division of Student Affairs, a we are expanding things like emergency relief fund, so that when students have these acute financial needs and moments throughout the course of their career, they have a place where they can connect and receive resources right away. So that's it. So as you're addressing number one, number two, we're always looking for opportunities to strengthen community. And I think that the work of our center or building our community is very, very, very sensitive to university success. And we advocated the university application two years ago for expansion of funds and they were successful in receiving this all central staffing pertaining to nominate expand your career matters within that department so that the folks who have committed themselves to service to the institution and service to the community had an opportunity to move and so that sort of gets into that representation is we're gauging your higher degrees of operation in an ever smaller communities so that we have a deeper understanding of who people are and where they come from. And one of the one of those great resources is the parent-family council. So the parent-family council has been



actively pursuing virtual excitation of Americans so that folks can be found in mass and I spoke with the council last Friday. I think that specifically because by bringing their perspectives by bringing their stories to us we better calibrate our work at the University to serve those students and serve those communities. And then And then, finally, I'll just say one of the things that I really valued on the campus and those of you who were at the event next door where we need to continue fostering strong student organizations, obviously, student organizations are one of the premier mechanisms by which I urge people to take those peer connections either to develop their support network by which people find individuals with shared needs. In a couple of weeks, I'm actually going to speak to Venture which is one of our outstanding student organizations on this campus. I'm really excited to not only learn more about their work but also share the new perspectives or advice that I've been able to offer and how they can continue to strengthen not only their offerings as a certification but also the elevation of your voice. And the purpose of the event that we call the next door just this evening, was actually to ensure that student organization leaders might not be represented in this space, have an opportunity to meet people like the Vice President of Human Resources. Like the president of the UNM Foundation, like the Dean of Graduate Studies, and make those connections because at the end of the day, if I'm a person and I know you and you knew the person, right, we're going to connect and we're going to be able to create a better community together. And really, that's, that's what we want looking for secondary and testing purposes. It's a slow march towards improved environments for everyone so that there can be not only representation for the future.

b. Public Comment

- i. Alicia Torres: I am here from community experience to tell you about an event that we are having next week, which is a Halloween Blood Drive. I am passing around a flyer there is free shirts!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- ii. Krishria Sednouin and Prayesh Pandey: We are Nepali student association, and we are asking for funding to support our club. We are supporting international students trying to help them find community



here at UNM and promote our culture. We are having an event and we are asking for some funding as well as other important line items. If you have any questions we would be happy to answer.

iii. Point of Information: Can we do questions for public comment?

iv. Attorney General Peacock: Yes you can.

1. Questions

a. Senator Gurule: How many undergraduate versus graduate students do you have active in your club? How many people are you expecting at your event?

b. Krishria Sednouin and Prayesh Pandey: About 70 percent are undergraduates. But there is also graduates and some community members

c. Senator Montoya: Have you also received funding from GPSA for this event?

d. Krishria Sednouin and Prayesh Pandey: I am not sure but to my knowledge we did.

v. Ryan Linquist: I wanted to give kudos to the senators that have come to visit me this week. This is one of the most active group of student senators. Who has a talent, show of hands? Who needs \$500, \$250 come try out for lobo talent show. So please show up to those types of things. Encourage people with respect, we appreciate that. Some other great events that are coming up some questions, some really cool stuff. They have a double feature screen and a picture show. Tomorrow night, Saturday night. It's a Student Film Festival, that student for movies that they put together so there's about four movies they're going to be showing, so participate in that. Anybody heard of Roxy Andrews. She was here last year for the Drag Bingo show. We put out a survey and see what people wanted to come back for direct mail and they voted. Again she did such a good job. She will be back here on November the second 7pm. Free show. Last year. We got 400 people in here. We had to turn away 400 people this year we're not going to do tables or just maybe chairs will have been MacArthur putting should be in April 2000. So pleasing first people that come up for them. SSE literally just signed a contract for somebody from the show jury proceeding. I believe he's Transnet. It's I think it's mechanical beeper, potentially. There are a rocket coming in. It's gonna be coming in the middle of November. And then the big thing goes deeper mentioned snacknation happy but to do your



civic duty, city wide general elections on November 7 is voting downstairs and begin from it's easy to just get in there and cast your vote make a difference? Good luck, everybody.

c. ASUNM President's Report

- i. President Pacheco: If you couldn't tell Dr. Eric Scott is one of those thoughtful people in your leadership at UNM. So I'm really just glad that you've been able to talk with you all. And we will say well, they gave me some really good dialogue with him. So really excited about that, just to kind of reflect on some things. We're doing this last week and it went very well. So I want to thank everybody who helped out with things and with the election have been taking opportunities. Thank you so much. Just to kind of recap, we had a lot of that some of the Spirit even had cherry on top or Johnson last Friday getting together Dr. So thank you all that volunteered for that. On Saturday, the county meeting in Jordan Sanchez and then I'm really pleased to see that Estrada, agricultural game, so congratulations to them. And we also have 1056 students who vote in the upcoming elections. So some major improvements that we've seen recently so want to give a huge kudos that I'm so stupid on the election for the upcoming Senate election. It's happening November 9, and you can access the ballot on vote on you and I'm talking to you. I just want you all here. I set up my volume and inviting you will vote on you there. So we just got a new domain. I want to say if you subscribe, help me out with that. But it's a really small change but I think it's one that will really help students ask the ballot and simplify the voting process. So right now, if you just go to that domain, it'll redirect you to the candidates page. And then during the voting period, it'll redirect students to the actual ballot and then they'll just need a login with your net ID and password. So hopefully this simplifies voting for students. Now in the future. Also, if you're not ready, do you really want some people help table for the elections? If you're available, please reach out to executive director Garcia and then I know Cindy's also presented her boards up is coordinating some stuff. So please reach out to Senator morning Executive Director Garcia. Let them know your availability so they can plan for TV location. It's really dependent on who can help on how many TV locations we do have. So please just kind of give them a courtesy talk to them beforehand. Just a little reminder, if you aren't running or supporting any candidates, just please refrain from talking



about in acnm office or any days even though that's just some further things. We're in the process of solidifying legislative outreach event later this semester. So we're still applying some details, but I should have some more by the next week senate meeting. But the goal of this is to engage with legislators before we start the legislative session and bring them to campus before an event. So hopefully we can do this before he even agrees. I really want to just tell you all about this right now because if you're interested in advocating in Santa Fe during the legislative session, I really want you all to get involved by reading this because they're assuming that what I'm about to say by someone in the room, but if you're nervous about advocating or logging or you really don't know what entails, please reach out to me. I was in the same boat two years ago and go into Santa Fe was one of the best experiences I've had at UNM. I can like look back and say that that was one of the best times I've had. So definitely consider it but if you have any questions or you're a little leery, please reach out to me. Finally we have a strategy for divorce deliberations this Saturday. So we have forums yesterday today is the atrium. So thank you all to thank you to everyone who participated. And then the board also toured with units last week and this week, so we will have a whole conversation with leaders in the units. So just kind of for some context after deliberations, the board and making recommendations to the budget leadership team on the med pro Student B that will then have never worked President Stokes and this would order Regents for approval. So if you have any questions about the feel or process, please reach out to me. This process does take a couple of months. So it's unlike what we're approving Saturday's final deal still has a couple of rounds of approvals and any changes can be made by your leadership or by border regions. But I just kind of really want to set this up for me because the unit requesting funding really contribute to student success and student support on campus and a lot of students have their home with one of those units and a lot of units. They solely rely on us department I mean so it's a really important process. So if you're interested in upcoming years and participating, I definitely encourage it, but that is all I have this evening

ii. Questions

1. Senator Barba: When are the deliberations?



2. President Pacheco: This Saturday from 8am until 3pm in SUB Sandia. But we could end earlier dependent on how deliberations go.

d. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks

- i. Vice President Chessman: President Pacheco just brought up now that Senate election has started, please don't talk about it in office. If you're claiming outreach hours, please don't be like talking to student orgs for your campaign. Just kind of, you know, use your judgment. Don't talk about it in the office at ASU NM events on a student and an ASU NM time or like at Senate, obviously. So that's just kind of that if you have any questions again, just reach out to us and this applies to you whether or not you're running in the election or not. Everyone is expected to follow the elections code. And then I have just a few shout outs for some senators who've been meeting with Ryan Linquist and working on some really exciting things. So I just wanted to give a lot of kudos. So major snaps to Senator Barbra Barragan and Casals for all the hard work that they've been doing meeting with Ryan reaching out to me and the President pro tempore, I mean, really, really proud of you guys and all the initiatives you're bringing to the table. So keep up the great work. And just a reminder, Ryan Link was always willing to meet I'm always willing to meet as well as President pro tempore. So please just reach out to us with any questions. I'm always happy to just answer an impromptu question if you just pop in my office really quickly, so bring it up, and we're more than happy to help you.

ii. Demerits

1. One demerit has been given to Senator Angel

e. Joint Council

- i. Director of DEI Castaneda: Another successful joint council with so many great discussions on their centers and college but also about senate business. I know you all wanted and got my event list, but a few I really wanted to point out two events plus the decision to vote on senate business in joint council.
 1. The events that El Centro de la Raza are hosting in celebration of Dia de los muertos:
 2. JC penny suit event hosted from Anderson school of management on the 29th.

I just wanted to explain a little more into why we have decided to vote on senate business as I feel I didn't explain enough from my last report. Krystah and I had brought the idea to the representatives to vote so that when we come to full



senate there is solid support of the business or not, this coming from students who speak and represent the colleges and centers that are a part of our UNM campus. It's another connection to the students we are advocating for especially you as senators. So this is why we decided to start taking a vote on senate business. All senate business for tonight was voted in favor of Joint Council

ii. Questions

1. Senator Rutherford: Is there an unbiased representative to go over all perspectives of senate business?
2. Director Castaneda: President Pro Temp Gurule is in attendance at all joint council meetings and answers and questions that arise.
3. Senator Schmitz: Do you only go over the full senate agenda or the committee agendas as well?
4. Director Castaneda: We only go over the full senate.

f. Boards & Committees Report

- i. Director of Boards and Committees Nelson: So I only have two committees of students meet since our last meeting. So first one was the library board they actually met today. General updates and assessment meeting specifically in binders tapping updates, new nap pods and other general library renovations. This is kind of currently in development of library catalog and selling historical materials. Students will still have access to these. They are going to be adding only our resources in a marketer's students. This is important to students because there are plenty of new exciting things happening on campus the panel is working towards. Next given you have is a teaching and has published last Friday and discuss outstanding teacher or student representative a perspective on a lot of complexity in this process about about the process is important to students so that I look into taking advice and that's a recipe for this can be one of those factors

ii. Questions

1. Senator Barba: Can you go into more details about the nap pods?
2. Director Nelson: They are in the library as a place for student to get some rest during the day especially if they are commuting students.

g. ASUNM Senators

- i. Senator Moore: I wanted to speak about ELL, if you have a mentee make sure that you are showing up. These relationships are really important but you have to extend your hand.



- ii. Senator Gutierrez: El Centro de La Raza will be having a Dia de los Muertos celebration
- iii. Senator Gurule: I encourage you all to go to the basketball game tomorrow. Lobo Spirit made signs for the students to have at the game to encourage our fellow players.
- iv. Senator Schmitz: Pi Phi will be having a pumpkin painting event next Tuesday and it is \$5 going to charity.
- v. Senator Rutherford: Governmental affairs will meet tomorrow at 3:30 to discuss student outreach events you are more than welcome to be there.
- vi. Senator Casaus: I want to mention something about our social media called Global highlighting. Students will have the opportunity to submit applications for themselves or their friends or staff members. That they want to be highlighted on our social media. They can have at it for accomplishments achievements, exemplary character, small scale, and more large scale events. We simply want to celebrate the diversity in our cabinets and meet bi-weekly. So these highlights the form would be to choose it for today. It is really to show off people's work.
- vii. Senator Montoya: Lobo Spirit is having a volunteer meeting tomorrow to make posters before the volleyball game.
- viii. Senator Barragan: Honors college will be having the Honors College pumpkin painting event on Monday, so if you are in the honors college you really should go it will be fun.
- h. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. Attorney General Peacock:
 - ii. Questions Good evening. Senators. Quite a few things for tonight. One startup startup and just again, reiterating what we've been up here for a game with personal privilege tonight because we're different space. times by what comfortable? Oh, we'll provide a copy soon. Everything we do in this room is important. So please do not hesitate to interrupt somebody who wouldn't be by herself often. So just please, use that time. Second thing. Just want to let everybody know that the deadline for placing any ballot measures on the ballot for election tasks as of 5pm yesterday, so I can go into that. Throw it on backburner and give a lot more time to sue honestly, more in person number and just FYI, we only have single thing going on about which was a constitutional amendment. Number three, I hope you all saw that I sent out a new offer. In addition to all of you replacing that presently professional law gets discussed later



that is updated with all the latest bills from the hospital legal counsel. So please add that records on the wall and as I like to thank and congratulate Senator Montoya for help with the law. And also, if you guys ever find small vendors who's not hesitate to Senator way that I can do stuff like that you don't have to pay for copyright legislation. However, there were some things that she said to me that I cannot do. So if there are any younger senators looking for legislation or writers experiences, please talk to Senator on the opportunities there. Along that line. We'll go over really quick follow up that I made very judicious about this for reasons. So in the election code, I added an estimated polling stations in Article Three section one. Also in the elections code there were 2pm is residual for some previous time in election code. Article Three subsection three so I removed the second PL off of that. I also in the elections code remove the N from an polling station that language of leftover from one was considered an election information station and now that is not available anymore is a consonant. So we're just going to take it from an end to a remand today. I have also been hiring co added a couple instances of including America number if you have a law that you notice we'll put both the spelled out number and the American number just for clarity sake. So in hiring code, one two, clause Hey, I have also included all interviews was overseen by metal tube now parentheses to same thing in hiring vote Article Three subsection one clause C sub Subsection B. I've got an American one after one second, this copy of two guys here and then my final one is my also changed in the virtual world leaders code or two subsection three clause v sub subsection one after the semicolon on after events in interviews that was obviously left over from when and volunteering for events was the last thing that was in there. Now there are other things on that list and not while we're in recycling. So if anyone sees anything like that in the warm up that they know about, please don't hesitate to come talk to me. We can get that sorted out really quickly. And the final thing concerning the constitutional amendment has been placed on the ballot as part of my duties as Attorney General as I write more about it that goes in front of you and me both and his co sales and ation of Office goes on valid so for students to understand what it means. I sent it off to Washington's commission director Garcia today and I just wanted to read it out to you guys to give you some idea what it says. So it says quote for this

amendment quote, a man this article is meant for article eight sections two and three to provide the screen senatorial election presidential slash vice presidential election. This amendment would not affect the current operation of all senatorial elections. So what you guys know that's what you guys gonna be seeing on the ballot? It was checked both by myself and brand new question. I'm sure that there is only partially meant just for any student who's never paid a pseudonym before to basically know what this is about.

1. Seantor Barba: We had discussed potentially adding a comment about why this bill was votes no by the senators are we still doing that?
2. Attorney General Peacock: We have been advised by the legal council to not put anything partisan in the commentary because when it comes down to voting all that matters is the individual student's opinion at that point.

3) Business

- a. Finance Committee: We have several appropriations tonight and some are new student organizations. We have cut everything to standing rules and precedents. I encourage you all to have a discussion tonight, I believe in you all.

- i. Motion to block vote all appropriations

1. seconded and passed

- ii. [Appropriation #17F](#) - MEChA

1. Senator Tomaziefski: MEChA is requesting funding for travel and miscellaneous expenses everything was cut to standing rules and follows precedent.

2. Questions

- a. none

3. Discussion

- a. none

- iii. [Appropriation #28F](#) - Clinical Dietetics Club

1. Senator Fetherman: This appropriation is asking for funding for some events that they are going to hold as well as advertising. Everything was cut to standing rules and precedent

2. Questions

- a. none

3. Discussion

- a. none



- iv. [Appropriation #29F](#) - Nutrition Club
 - 1. Senator Grado: This is a small cub that is not asking for too much. They are asking for advertising as well as food for an event.
 - 2. Questions
 - a. none
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. none
- v. [Appropriation #30F](#) - GLAM Club
 - 1. Senator Tomaziefski: This is a small request for help to fund a conference everything was cut to standing rules and precedent.
 - 2. Questions
 - a. none
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. none
- vi. [Appropriation #31F](#) - Nepali Students Association
 - 1. Senator Fetherman: This club is asking for food for cultural events, and help funding their cultural event.
 - 2. Questions
 - a. none
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. Motion to make line item 2 to read \$0
 - i. Questions
 - 1. Senator Gurule: Can you please explain it further?
 - 2. Senator Tomasheski: I am doing this because on a previous appropriation that we passed, we looked to see if the student organization already had funding in their budget, and if they did we cut the funding for that in the appropriation.
 - 3. Point of information:
 - 4. Senator Barba: Can you discuss what was cut that violates anti-donation?
 - 5. Senator Fetherman: We cannot fund to have clergy members come to events.
 - ii. Discussion

1. Point of information: Can we ask further questions of the student organization?
2. Attorney General Peacock: Yes, but I caution against it because it sets a precedent for non-senatorial members participating in debate, but if you do then you would have to ask the question and another senate member would have to yield their time.
3. Senator Grado: I would like to discuss with the other senators potentially not cutting the food entirely, but potentially reducing the funding for food.
4. Senator Torrez: I agree with the previous senator's comments
5. Senator Montoya: To keep the precedents of the previous senate we need to make cuts, and they have money in their budget for this so I think that we need to make the cuts.
6. Senator Fetherman: This is an interesting request as it is for international students for a culturally significant event and it is serving a large population. I don't see the need to cut it to \$0.
7. Senator Schmitz: I would agree with the previous comments about cutting the food.
8. Senator Tomasheski: This is important that we cut this as this is what we have been doing for past precedent. If we pass this as is then we are giving this student organization around three times as much money as other student organizations. By cutting this we are protecting other student organizations and being equitable.
9. Senator Rutherford: It was already mentioned that past precedent was set in

the last full senate, and I do apologize that I could not be there because I had something else to do, but if the precedent was set in the last meeting I don't understand why at this meeting a different precedent could not be set. Zeroing this out would not be good for the student organization.

10. Senator Ahusim: I would like to further discuss the importance of food costs.
11. Senator Gurule: I yield my time to the Nepali Student Organization.
12. Krishria Sednouin and Prayesh Pandey: We are more than willing to discuss the finances before the event with ASUNM. The catering costs will be somewhere around \$6000.
13. Senator Casaus: Whatever we decide on tonight I want to make sure that you all realize that they are funding a large international student population. And after going through a study abroad process, I want everybody to understand that it's a lot more expensive because you're not paying in-state or border-state tuition.
14. Senator Rutherford: I would like to discuss if \$500 would be beneficial to cost of the food even though it is significantly less than the requested amount.
15. Senator Rosenfeld: I yield my time to the Nepali Student Organization.
16. Krishria Sednouin and Prayesh Pandey: Yes this would be helpful, and if we must we will make some of the food ourselves.
17. Senator Grado: I understand that we need to be equitable, but equibilty is saying that we understand your circumstances and we

are making our best attempt to help those needs.

18. Senator Jaber: We need to remind each other that there can be exceptions to precedent and this might be an expectation case.

19. Motion to call to question

a. Seconded

b. question

i. Vice President Chessman:

that means we're ending the discussion and we're immediately going into a vote but first we have to do a roll call vote on the motion to move to voting. So that has to get two-thirds approval. Just you know, so that's what the first vote is whether or not we're going to vote on the motion.

c. By a roll call vote 17-0-2-1, this motion passes

20. By role call vote 3-16-0-1 this motion failed

vii. [Appropriation #32F](#) - Korean Language and Culture Club

1. Senator Tomasheski: This is the Korean Language and Culture Club and they are requesting food for their organization. Everything has been cut to precedent and standing rules.

2. Questions

a. none

3. Discussion

a. Senator Moore

viii. [Appropriation #33F](#) - JIM Club

1. Senator Fetherman: We decided to help fund the powerlifting bar because Johnson gym does not have one and they would like to participate in competitions and use the bar to show off around



campus. Everything has been cut to standing rules and precedents.

2. Questions
 - a. none
 3. Discussion
 - a. none
- ix. [Appropriation #34F](#) - Tau Beta Psi
1. Senator Grado: They are requesting food, advertising, and some office supplies.
 2. Questions
 - a. none
 3. Discussion
 - a. none
- x. [Appropriation #35F](#) - Arnold Air Society
1. Senator Gutierrez: Their new organization on campus, and mostly that's basically the names of every list and since they are capped out at \$1000 dollars, they use this for gas, as well as for food meetings and travel.
 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Barba: In a different appropriation we zeroed out travel, why did we not do that with this organization?
 - b. Senator Fetherman: In another organization the travel was not occurring until much later next semester so they could come back for a different appropriation next semester
 3. Discussion
 - a. none
- xi. [Appropriation #36F](#) - Robotics Club
1. Senator Tomasheski: The last appropriation of the day, they are requesting funding for food meetings as they are preparing for a big competition.
 2. Questions
 - a. none
 3. Discussion
 - a. none
- xii. By roll call vote of 20-0-0-0 all these appropriations pass with one proxy vote in favor.
- xiii. Motion to recess until 8:10pm



1. Seconded and passed
- xiv. Chair calls the meeting back to order at 8:13 pm
 1. 19 senators present; 1 absent
- b. Steering and Rules Committee
 - i. Senator Schmitz: The legislation tonight is really good if you have any questions about legislation that you can propose let me know. Make sure you are reading all business before you show up.
 - ii. Motion to block vote bills 17, 18, 19
 1. Seconded and failed
 - iii. [Bill #17F](#) - Presents More Specific Restrictions on Using ASUNM Funds
 1. Motion to open bill 17F
 - a. seconded and passed
 2. Senator Tomasheski: This bill initially defines some definitions in the law book. Initially, under review, some definitions needed more explanation.
 3. Questions
 - a. none
 4. Discussion
 - a. none
 5. By roll call vote, 20-0-0-0 with one proxy vote in favor this bill passes.
 - iv. [Bill #18F](#) - Adds Finance-Related Definitions to Definitions Code
 1. Motion to open bill 18F
 - a. seconded and passed
 2. Senator Tomasheski: This bill defines some finance related words to the definitions of the law book.
 3. Questions
 - a. Senator Schmitz: Why did you add these words specifically?
 - b. Senator Tomasheski: I choose these specifically because in certain situations there could be unclarity of what is the rule without the definitions.
 4. Discussion
 - a. none
 5. By role call vote, this bill passes with a vote of 20-0-0-0 with one proxy vote in favor.
 - v. [Bill #19F](#) - Adds restrictions on ASUNM Officers submitting appropriations



1. Motion to open bill 19F
 - a. Seconded and passed
2. Senator Gurule: This bill makes it so that ASUNM Officers from submitting and presenting appropriations. They can help other members of their club write the appropriation but they can not submit it or present it.
3. Questions
 - a. Senator Schmitz: For the finance committee, let's say that you are the finance person for your club for budget requests does that mean I could still submit the budget?
 - b. Senator Tomasheski: For the budget process the person who attends the workshop and submits the appropriation traditionally has presented the budget at the budget hearing.
 - c. Senator Rutherford: Has this been an issue, what makes this bill important?
 - d. Senator Gurule: This was generated to decrease conflict of interests.
 - e. Senator Torrez: Would this restrict officers from holding higher positions within their student organizations.
 - f. Senator Gurule: So I don't think that this will restrict officers this just states that they need someone else in their organization to submit the appropriations.
 - g. Senator Casaus: They are small student organizations that only have ASUNM people in the leadership, what is the plan to address the issues posed by this case scenario?
 - h. Senator Gurule: That is something that needs to be taken into consideration.
4. Discussion
 - a. Senator Rutherford: I believe that it is important to have other leaders in positions in student organizations. But it needs to recognize that some organization leaders are represented in this room right now. And that's not to say that we should encourage other students to run and represent those leadership positions, but especially smaller for minority organizations, they just personal individuals, and there's not the manpower to actually

satisfy them. This is something that we need to be encouraging.

- b. Senator Moore: When will you get this bill of interest just specifically on the names and others? I personally see no reason why senators could not advise others on how to do the process. For trusting participants in their selves to go through this process, I realized that if I was just the appropriations and saw only senators' names on bills that get higher funding, even if we would process there was no bias. It can cause a conflict of interest.
- c. Senator Gurule: [indistinct chatter]
- d. Senator Fetherman: The part of the bill that I take issue with is the statement that no senator can be a contact person for appropriation because I do not feel like people should have to take a step back from their student organizations to be a senator and that is what this is asking.
- e. Senator Casaus: To make it so students in leadership positions in other organizations at UNM not able to do 100% of their job is not fair to the students who are trying to be involved.
- vi. Motion to recess until 8:40
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Rutherford: Why do we need this recess?
 - b. Senator Moore: We are actively writing a clause to address the concerns and we need more time.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. Senator Fetherman: It is already really late, do you think that this clause is really going to change people's minds because people seem to have already made up their minds what if we just tabled this and talked about it later?
 - 4. Failed
- vii. Motion to table bill number 19 F
 - 1. second and passed
- c. Outreach and Events Committee
 - i. Senator Moore: So far, so proud of everyone. Last week we went to the youth leadership conference on Saturday was fantastic. I want to give a



shout-out to Senator Lucero for her work. In February we are going to the state conference where there are over 1400 middle schools will be there. Keep an eye out for further emails about Student Success Week and tabling.

- ii. Senator Barba: My high school will be coming to visit UNM on November 8th, it would be great if you all would help sign up for tours to show off this place to people from my high school.
- iii. Senator Achusim For Halloween we are going to have coffee and donuts in Smith Plaza come and get something or help us a table.
- iv. Senator Lucero: As far as the community outreach that we were talking about i just wanted to share that it was a great opportunity to get people involved that have not been involved before.

4) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

- i. Senator Grado: Please take to the cooking I don't want leftovers! great work tonight.
- ii. Senator Schmitz: Please reach out to people before we come to the senate if you have ideas related to the bills we can fix a lot before coming here.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. Senator Gurule: Great work you all there was really good discussion tonight.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

- i. Vice President Chessman: So great job tonight. I'm really impressed with everyone, especially doing something like tabling a bill. I haven't seen that happen in a while. It's so exciting to see you guys really stepping up and having this wonderful discussion and doing your due diligence so great work tonight. I will have your goodie bags in the office in your lockers tomorrow. I promise I promise I promise. They're like little small things, but they'll be in your locker so just don't forget to check that. Next meeting we will have President Stokes and Provost Holloway as our guests as our guest speakers. So if you need help working on your questions, or you're not too sure how to phrase them I had a few senators ask me for help last time when Mayor Keller came so don't hesitate to ask. We'll work it together if you want some ideas, we can totally work on that just let me know if you have any questions just pop me a text, email, whatever.



d. Adjournment at 8:39 pm