



FINANCE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

6:00 PM

Student Union Building Fiesta A/B

A. Opening

a. Call To Order

The chair calls this meeting to order at 5:43 PM on 10/30/2024

6 Senators Present || 1 Absent

The chair motions to move out of parliamentary procedures at 5:48 PM

10/30/2024 - 6 Senators Present || 1 Absent

The chair motions to move into parliamentary procedures at 6:02 PM

10/30/2024 - 6 Senators Present || 1 Absent

b. Land Acknowledgement

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

7 Senators Present || 0 Absent

d. Approval of Agenda

Seconded and Passed

e. Approval of Minutes

Seconded and Passed

B. Preliminary Business

a. Chair Rutherford:

We have a lot of things to move through tonight so if you have questions let me know!



b. Members of the Committee:
None

c. Public Comment:
None

C. Old Business:
None

D. New Business

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 37F - [Seconded and passed](#)

a. [Appropriation 37E](#) - UNM Robotics

[DETAILED DESCRIPTION](#)

- 3 Minis Forum um 760 Slim Mini PC AMD Ryzen 5 7640HS 6C/12T Desktop Computer, DDR5 16G RAM+1TB SSD, HDMI/DP/USB4 8K@60Hz Output, 1X 2.5GRj45 Port, 4X USB Port, Dual Band WiFi, AMD Radeon 760M Graphics.
- Should be 7000 - Facilities, We had UNM recycling come and take away a bunch of trash and recyclable material. Total cost was \$150.
- HDMI Cables
- Food for the workshop, snacks and drinks.
- Each of our 4 robots require distinct materials that will specifically be used for each bot. Our cost estimation would be around \$250 for each robot. This spending category would be for equipment that will only be used for each robot and will most likely become a permanent part of the robot, i.e metal frame, wheels, styrofoam body, etc. The additional 2 units will be for the prototypes of the combat robot and the micromouse robot which will be made initially before the final robots are made for the NRC competition. This is a standard practice in robotics and engineering and is essential for us to be able to test a prototype bot before fully actualizing.
- Price spent to print out robotics club flyers, workshop door posters, and First general meeting flyers.
- One unit of Shirts will be made for our members under category 31N0 (not selectable in drop down) for the NRC competition. We'll make our team shirts strictly for club members attending the 2025 NRC competition. The other unit will be for promotional stickers and t-shirts we will have for general members not attending the competition, these will strictly be for members in the club.
- HDMI to VGA adapters
- Security camera to secure our supplies. We have recently had many instances where people have been coming in and stealing our supplies.

[DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING](#)



SEN GONZALES: Line Item 15's request for computers, would they remain on campus?

Representative of UNM Robotics: Yes, they would stay here and wouldn't be loaned out and remain in an office/storage space.

SEN GONZALES: Line Item 64, the HDMI cables are for the computers correct?

Representative of Robotics: Correct.

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: Funding for T Shirts we cannot fund for certain circumstances so my question is would the shirts be uniforms for students or given out?

Representative of Robotics: I would assume uniform based but i'll get clarification.

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: SGAO has flagged this appropriation with concern for items going missing due to your reports for an unsecure space. I recommend we table this appropriation to the next cycle while you make an appointment with SGAO and figure out a game plan.

Representative of Robotics: So when we schedule with SGAO, will the audit be able to convince them that our space is secure?

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: Correct, we hate to put your organization in a weird space but hopefully we can put this into a better plan.

The chair motions to table this appropriation indefinitely at 6:25 PM on 10/30/2024 - [Seconded and passed](#)

Appropriation 37F sits with a (0,0,0,0)

TABLED INDEFINITELY

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 38F - [Seconded and passed](#)

b. [Appropriation 38F](#) - American Choral Directors Association

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- As an organization we are requesting this money for printing services, including ink, paper, and printers.

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DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN GONZALES: This is the smallest appropriation we've received so I just want to make sure you aware that we can fund more if needed within different line items.

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: Are you looking to provide food for this event and can we have your permission to add a few line items.

SEN GONZALES: Motion to add Line Item for "Food for meetings"

SEN GONZALES: Motion to increase Line Item 15 to read 300\$

SEN GONZALES: Motion to have Line Item 22 read "Food for events"

SEN GONZALES: Motion to have Line item 22 to read 800\$

**All motions passed



Appropriation 38F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 38F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 1,181\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 39F - **Seconded and passed**

c. **Appropriation 39F** - United Greek Council

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- If we register before December 12th, the registration fee will be \$325 per member. As per the standing rules, we are requesting \$2000.
- We included quotes from Southwest, United, and American Airlines. Southwest currently has the lowest cost, which is \$380.96 for a round trip to Indianapolis, Indiana. For 10 flights at this price is \$3,810.00. We are requesting \$2,667, which is 70% of our total cost for airfare.
- Hotel Rooms for 10 people (will be 4 to a room, and we will split a room with other student leaders) for three nights. Rooms are \$216 per night (\$648 for 3 nights) plus tax for an estimated total cost of \$2000

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 8 to read 2,000\$

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 15 to read 2,667\$

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 22 to read 1,400\$

**All motions passed

Appropriation 39F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 39F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 6,098\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 40F - **Seconded and passed**

d. **Appropriation 40F** - Kiva Club

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- Native American Heritage month week-filled event 750
- Food for the Event taking place on November 15
- Advertisement through flyers, Lobo newspaper, department ads
- Educational Supplies (for event set up)
- Food (for Kiva Club meetings leading up to the Native American Heritage month event)
- Professional Speaker

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN GONZALES: Line Item 8, we would love to receive clarification on why it's blank?

Representative of Kiva Club: We left it blank because in our discussion it said



the Finance Committee would fill in.

SEN GONZALES: Is there a quote for your professional speaker?

Representative of Kiva Club: They haven't given us a clear one yet.

SEN PINGAL: Can you clarify Line Item 29's purpose.

Representative of Kiva Club: Prizes for Bingo night and the roller.

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: Under New Mexico State Law, we cannot fund items that can be given away for your Bingo Night (Anti-Donation Clause)

Provide a quote before the full senate next week and we can fix it.

SEN GONZALES: Motion to increase line time 15 to read 800\$

SEN GONZALES: Motion to have line time 29 to read 18\$

SEN GONZALES: Motion to increase line time 36 to read 300\$

SEN GONZALES: Motion to change line time 43 to read 0\$

**All motions passed

Appropriation 40F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 40F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 1,275X\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 41F - Seconded and passed

e. Appropriation 41F - Powerful Movement of Educated Sistas

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- Sticker Machine
- Epson EcoTank Printer
- Dell Computer Monitor
- Mouse for computer monitor
- Keyboard for computer monitor
- Chipotle for meeting
- Heat Press
- Cricut Machine
- Laminator Machine
- Flip Chart
- White Board
- Orange Cones for Field Day Event
- Tug of War Rope for Field Day Event
- Wagon
- Food Warmer
- Sewing Machine
- Cooler
- Decorations for Freaknik
- A-Frame Advertising Board
- Sound Bowl for Guided Meditation Event
- Fog Machine
- Red Carpet
- Polaroid Camera
- Polaroid Camera Refills



- First Aid Kit
- Yoga Mats
- Speaker
- Food for Events
- Microphones
- Loudspeaker
- Microwave
- Airfryer
- Stool
- Electric Hand Mixer for Bake Sales
- Storage Containers for Bake Sale Ingredients
- Pot Set for Bake Sales
- Board games
- Mixing Bowls and measuring cups for Bake Sales
- Baking Pan Set for Bake Sales
- Face Towels For Yoga/Guided Meditation

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN MITCHELL: The computer and computer supplies will remain on campus correct?

Representative from PMES: Correct.

SEN MITCHELL: We cannot fund for the Bake Sale, Air Fryer, Microwave.

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: The Heat press, cricut machine, and laminator can you give us more clarification on their purpose. We cannot fund these items if they are used to make T-shirts and other promotional items.

Representative from PMES: The laminator is for paper products only.

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: The sewing machine, can you provide clarification on its purpose.

Representative from PMES: We want to make blankets from donated clothing and we have members who know how to sew.

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: What is the difference between loudspeaker and speaker.

Representative from PMES: One is hand held and the other is an electronic device.

SEN MITCHELL: Sweeping motion to change line items 8, 22, 29, 36, 43, 50 to read 0\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 64 to read 19\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 72 to read 37\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 15 to read 126\$

SEN MITCHELL: Sweeping motion to change line items 36,43 on detail page 2 to read 0\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 8 to read 38\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 15 to read 28\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 22 to read 21\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 29 to read 56\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 50 to read 70\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 57 to read 172\$



SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 64 to read 84\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 72 to read 19\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 36 to read 126\$

SEN MITCHELL: Sweeping motion to change line items 22, 29, on detail page 3 to read 0\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 8 to read 33\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 15 to read 18\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 36 to read 35\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 43 to read 289\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 50 to read 98\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 57 to read 800\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 64 to read 70\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 72 to read 14\$

SEN MITCHELL: Sweeping motion to change line items 8, 15, on detail page 4 to read 0\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 22 to read 54\$
SEN MITCHELL: Sweeping motion to change line items 29, 36, 43, 64, on detail page 4 to read 0\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 72 to read 42\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change line item 50 to read 49\$

SEN MITCHELL: Sweeping motion to change line items 72, 64, 57, on detail page 1 to read 0\$

SEN MITCHELL: Motion to have line item 8 read 75\$
SEN MITCHELL: Motion to change description of line item 8 to read "general office supplies."

**All motions passed

Appropriation 41F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 41F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF (TO BE DETERMINED BY CHAIR RUTHERFORD AT A LATER DATE)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 42F - **Seconded and passed**

f. **Appropriation 42F - Lobo Lettuce Club**

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- This is for our general meetings to provide snacks and drinks to our students.
- This is for our big event of the semester, the Lettuce Eating Competition. This would bring awareness of healthy eating and habits to UNM Students.



DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: How many undergraduate students do you have within your organization?

Representative from Lobo Lettuce Club: Around 30.

**All motions passed

Appropriation 42F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 42F passes with a (4,0,1, 1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 1,106\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 43F - Seconded and passed

g. Appropriation 43F - MEChA

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- Book purchase for our lending library. The title of the book is *Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movement in the United States* by Rafael A Martinez. **This would be for educational supplies**
- The food will be for the general meetings to entice students to get involved with the student organization. We will be purchasing snacks, drinks, and sweet candy
- This will be for our Giveback Kickback in November, to support our Lobo Food Pantry and our students here on the UNM Campus.
- Construction paper, binders, and pens for general meetings

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN LONGORIA: Motion to change line item 29 to read 75\$

**All motions passed

Appropriation 43F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 43F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 1,332\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 44F - Seconded and passed

h. Appropriation 44F - American Institute of Architecture Students

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- From George Pearl Hall (School of Architecture and Planning Building - 2401 Central Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106) to Hyatt Place Austin Downtown (211 E 3rd Street, Austin, Texas 78701), the shortest distance route is 707 miles, avoiding tolls. Maps from Google Maps and Bing Maps are attached, both include routes that avoid tolls. From Hyatt Place Austin Downtown (211 E 3rd Street, Austin, Texas 78701) to George Pearl Hall (School of Architecture and Planning Building - 2401 Central Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106), the



shortest distance route is 707 miles, avoiding tolls. Maps from Google Maps and Bing Maps are attached, both include routes that avoid tolls. This equals a total gas mileage of 1,414 miles. Two cars will be used to transport the 8 undergraduate attendees. Thus, the total mileage of these two cars will be 1,414 miles x 2 = 2,828 miles. In accordance with ASUNM Finance Committee Stand Rules Fall 2024 Section 6 (a.c.ii), the Finance Committee funds auto mileage at 67 cents per mile at the maximum of two cars. For the table, the Unit Price will be \$0.67 and the # of Units will be 2,828 (miles).

- The conference lodging is at the Hyatt Place Austin Downtown (211 E 3rd Street, Austin, Texas 78701). From January 6th to January 12th, a Two Queen Beds (with Sofa Bed) is offered for \$169 per night excluding fees and taxes, refer to Price Summary in 'Hyatt _ Payment Details'. Two rooms will be purchased, each for 6 nights. This makes the total price \$2,028. For the table, the Unit Price will be \$338 (2 rooms at \$169) and # of Units will be 6 (days).
- Using the early bird registration combined with group bulk registration, the cost per member of the American Institute of Architecture Students is \$275. This listed price can be found in 'FORUM 2025_Austin - AIAS - Registration' and is outlined in the items and description in the invoice from American Institute of Architecture Students National Office's invoice, 'Estimate - FORUM25-UNewMexico'. For the table, # of Units will be 8 (University of New Mexico Undergraduate students attending).

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN LONGORIA: For clarification, line item 15, how many days will you be staying?

Representative: Roughly Five Days

SEN PINGAL: How many vehicles will be traveling to Austin

Representative: Two.

SEN LONGORIA: Motion to change line item 22 to read 1,540\$

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 15 to read 1,250\$

**All motions passed

Appropriation 44F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 44F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 4,709\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 45F - Seconded and passed

i. Appropriation 45F - Interfraternity Council

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- Registration for 8 IFC Members to attend AFLV
- 8 Round trip flights from ABQ, NM to IND, IN on 1/30 and 2/2 for the AFLV Conference
- Per diem for a four day trip for eight students.



DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN PINGAL: Who are the 8 attendees?

Representative: Executive Board

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: How many days?

Representative: 4 days total.

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 8 to read 1,820\$

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 15 to read 2,134\$

Appropriation 45F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 45F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 4,979\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 46F - **Seconded and passed**

j. **Appropriation 46F** - Panhellenic Council

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- Registration for 10 Panhellenic members to attend AFLV
- Per diem for four day trip for ten students
- 10 Round trip flights from ABQ, NM to IND, IN on 1/30 and 2/2 for the AFLV Conference.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 8 to read 2,000\$

SEN PINGAL: Motion to change line item 15 to read 2,667\$

Appropriation 46F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 46F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed (AT AN AMOUNT OF 6,098\$)

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

Chair entertains a motion to open APP 46F - **Seconded and passed**

k. **Appropriation 47F** - Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- Food for Alumni banquet
- Gas milage to recruitment event at ASU (UNM to ASU is 413 miles, and X2 = 826)
- Food for meetings
- We will be going to NLT1 at Texas A&M. The conference is 4 days
- Binders, notebooks, and pens
- [Educational Supply] We would like to purchase books for our new member education

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONING

CHAIR RUTHERFORD: This organization is considered a new organization and is capped at 1000\$



SEN REHMAN: Sweeping motion to change line items 8, 15, 36, 43 to read 0\$
SEN REHMAN: Motion to change line item 29 to read 1000\$

Appropriation 47F Roll CALL VOTE

Appropriation 47F passes with a (5,0,0,1)

Seconded and passed **(AT AN AMOUNT OF 1,005\$)**

Said organization will be able to attend and speak during the next full senate in the PUBLIC COMMENTS section.

E. Closing

a. Members of the Committee
None

b. SGAO
"Good Job tonight!!"

c. Vice Chair
"Well done tonight we got through it together! Thank you to the chair for being patient."

d. Chair
"We did real good. Just be mindful of your body language and be positive during meetings!"

F. Adjournment at 8:19 PM on 10/30/2024



STEERING & RULES AGENDA

Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

5:30 PM

Student Union Building Cherry/Silver

Jackson
Zinsmeyer
Chair

Mary Garcia
Member

Taylor Hedrick
Member

Shin Hlaing
Member

Josiah Ward
Member

Mia Dragone
Gutierrez
Member

A. Opening

- a. Call To Order
 - i. Called to order at 5:30pm
 - ii. Moved out of parliamentary procedure at 5:31pm
 - iii. Moved back into parliamentary procedure at 5:35pm
 - iv. Sen. Hlaing: Motion to recess till 6:00pm
 1. Seconded and passed
- b. Land Acknowledgement
- c. Roll Call
 - i. 4 senators present 1 absent
- d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Seconded and passed
- e. Approval of [Minutes](#)
 - i. Seconded and passed

B. Preliminary Business

- a. Chair
 - i. Yeah, I don't really have a lot for you guys right now. I do want to shout out Senator Hedrick. She's gonna be the new Kappa President next year or something. I don't know when it starts, but that was brought up, and so I said I'd give her a shout-out. So that's really cool. I think. Yeah, don't worry about it. I don't know. I think, as you know, is a great place where students can get involved, really improve on leadership abilities, learn from other people. And it's really cool to see people actually going on, doing other stuff outside of ASUNM that's in leadership positions. So being funny, shout me out. But seriously, congrats. I think that's really cool. But yeah, we got a couple bills tonight. Pre SNR was



really short but I think we talked about stuff, and it's pretty effective. We got a plan going on. If you guys are writing anything, please send it to me all that fun stuff. Yeah, that's pretty much all I have to say so now we can move into opening comments from the committee.

b. Members of the Committee

i. none

c. Public Comment

i. Ryan Linqvist: My sentiments with this is, I believe two bills is the best way to handle this as well. I'm 100% in support of the Student Advocate, because I think that evens the playing field a little bit more for somebody who files a case. I think many people file the case and just don't have knowledge of H, M law book and things like that, and that person could really help any just evens the playing field. I think, I think issue and M has a big advantage going into court cases, and this could help with any potential injustices that are out there, I will 100% say I'm completely against the cross-examination portion. As somebody in this room who has seen the most court cases and knows the emotion, the skill levels, both anybody that would be doing the cross-examination, as well as the Court justices that go into this process. I'm very much opposed to this. I don't believe this would help this process get any better. I think this would only turn court cases, which is already a spectacle, into a much larger spectacle, and that's not what court cases are about. They're about getting to the bottom of what the issue at hand is, and not about who can argue the best, who can be the most aggressive. There are options for people to ask questions. It allows the court to screen that and to try to take as much emotion out of the court case as possible. So 100% in support of the advocate 100% in opposition to the cross-examination portion.

ii. VP Mutazz: Okay, hi. I wanted to come speak about today, kind of similarly echoing the sentiments of the previous public speaker. I think having a student advocate is really important for ASUNM, I think it kind of keeps our student court transparent and keeps an even playing field. And I really think it's a great idea and an amazing step towards more inclusive ASun so I think particularly great idea. I would also like to echo my opposition for cross-examination. I think that cross-examination is just something that we've looked into so many times in the past that I've personally written a bill for cross-examination for the Asuna call book fall of 2023 and I, after speaking with the current chief justice



and President, Vice President and Senators, I eventually just learned that it would create for the court to be a spectacle, something that you know it shouldn't be, especially if tensions are high, emotions are high, having something that could be possibly like emotionally deteriorating for somebody getting cross examined, I think it's just something that you should avoid. As asunc, and I would also like to bring up that this bill, the previous bill, was written in the same way. And I would have loved to have seen this bill sent to all the Senate, all of the Senate, as well as me. I was not sent this bill before it was submitted. I would have loved to get my two cents before it was submitted in SNR

- iii. Alex: I do stand here as the author of this bill and am opposed to dividing the question. I've spoken individually to each and every one of you, gotten your feedback, and worked with each of you on making this a bill that we have all agreed is a bill that we can put through. I have had many members of the Senate, ex attorney generals, ex Chief Justices, current justices. I have many students talk to me and tell me they are in support of this bill in full. In fact, the cross examination portion is still keeping approved cross examination directions, which I got as an idea from Tazz when I sat down to work with him and ask him questions about this bill. I have sat down with senators. I have sat down with justices. I have sat down with people that aren't students anymore, to get as many perspectives as I can on this bill. And I can tell you that this bill not only makes our process more fair, it makes our process more equitable by introducing the student defender position. It gives all parties an opportunity to fully explore their case, and it does so in a way that we don't do currently. As it has been expressed to me, there has been frustration in previous court cases when in a student or representative can't fully elaborate on their argument, they can't ask follow up questions. They can't ask follow up directs. This allows for all of that. This isn't only introducing cross examinations, this is introducing redirects and cross examinations, allowing for a full exploration of the entire scope of the case. This is how we can make our trials even more fair and really push forward in doing that. So I do ask that, as we've all talked about and as you've all been able to add into it, that we do not divide the question, and that we can see this pushed out to the Senate so it can be further discussed there, as many of the senators who have expressed very strong support for this are in other committees and so cannot be here in public comment to speak on it today.

C. Old Business



D. New Business

- a. [Bill #12E](#) - Amends the current court procedures to allow for individuals to more properly question witnesses, and expands on the rules of evidence to reduce confusion and contradiction.

- i. Chair Zinesmeyer : motion to open bill 12F

1. Seconded and passed

- a. Discussion

- b. Authorship speech: Sen. Hlaing: the author of this bill themselves have has commented on it, but I would like to note, I would like to address some of the points that were made in public comment on opposition to this bill. So one of the main concerns that has been brought up is that cross examination would turn court cases into a spectacle. The way that this bill has written has been written makes, I believe, kind of addresses that concern a lot, because there is a lot of in subclass F and subclass B. There's a lot of wording to make sure that questions asked in cross examination remain within the scope of the case and and I would also like to briefly note that the history of this bill, when this first, when it first came to SNR as Bill 9f before the student defended position, okay, when the when the student defended position was added as like an amendment, instead of in being in the bill itself. I think that the whole concern about different skill levels amongst a student versus an asunm Attorney General and attorney or an ASUNM person is resolved by the creation of a student defendant position. And I also believe that the bill can should at least get the full Senate in its entirety.

- i. Questions:

1. None

- ii. Further discussion:

- c. Sen. Garcia: I agree the bill is necessary. I did not see initially how the cross examination would affect the student in the case. I was under the impression that although there would be cross examination, it would be in the scope of the court decided. However, I was also under the impression that it would be facilitated and performed by the student advocate. So now I'm not too sure. I now see that this could create an issue for the court. And although I am still supportive of

this bill and that the advocate position is important, I think separating it would get the very essential, important part of the advocate position to the full Senate, so we can use it as soon as necessary, but we can keep working on the cross examination if we believe it could still go through. It's just not ready yet. The only other thing I would like to mention here other discussion points is that some of the definitions in the bill, there are definitions put into the actual section. And as the following, Bill is also about definitions. We have learned that to keep up with consistency of the law book, it might be better to make a bill specifically putting those into the definitions code. So I'd like to hear what other senators have to say about that

- d. Sen. Hederick: I think the like the cross-examination questions would only work if every individual question was approved by the court, and that a scope doesn't protect student being cross cross examined because it gives the opportunity to take it out of this scope and offend students.
- e. Sen. Hlaing:
 - i. Motion to strike subclause F, the entire thing
 - 1. Seconded and passed
- f. Sen. Garcia: Motion to strike sub-section A of 4502 "irrelevant questions"
 - 1. Seconded and passed
- g. Sen. Garcia: open the floor to discussion to the author as to why subsection B is not a definition
- h. Alex: Yes. So in the same way that if you look at our other definitions for instance the Open Meetings Act, we define the opens meaning act by saying, refer to the real one is doing the same thing here because it's such a long definition that we're saying, look at the real one in the same way we do with the Open Meetings Act.
- i. Sen. Garcia: I would like to open up to the chair if we have gone over the cross-examination part yet
- j. Chair: not yet
- k. Sen. Hlaing: while we have I do not think that our discussion was as in-depth as it could have been in regarding cross examination. I believe we made a

couple of statements regarding that, and it does not feel like the committee is ready, is ready to either completely strike it, or do it, or include it, or pass this bill, including the cross examination part. And so I so would the issue that current committee members might have with the cross examination part have to do with the wording of scope, or what, what what is, yeah.

- l. Sen. Garcia: I believe I've come to is that cross examination could emotionally harm the defendant, as well as make an issue that is more performative than it needs to be when it comes to a court case. The other parts of the bill are very necessary. However, the cross examination aspect of it, if we are to have this in the ASUNM court in general, I believe it still needs to be gone over so that it doesn't harm a other students. So I believe it is not something that we need right now.
- m. Sen. Hlaing: I believe that the action of cross examination, rather than intending to create a spectacle or intending to harm the defendant, is it's when like a defendant or student makes a claim that you're able to immediately follow up on it and ask for clarification and ask for elaboration from their part. And I think it just it serves to make sometimes we say a lot of things and we don't necessarily, and it's not necessarily clear to other people what we mean by them, and cross examination gives us the opportunity to elaborate on these things. And basically, it also helps hold both parties accountable, because so that we don't say anything that's like, very obviously untrue. Also, I would note that when people come into a court case, they are aware that there's going to be some level of confrontation involved. And I also believe that many of the court cases that ASun M deals with don't don't really involved situations that are like, extremely sensitive or extremely traumatic, or the like, at least most of them, not all of them, but, and I think that cross examination is perfectly within bounds for students that are coming into the court, especially given the fact that we now also have a student defendant that's going to defend the

- student, what that I use. Is there any other discussion?
- n. Sen. Garcia: Motion to strike subsection F of 4501
 - i. Seconded and passed
 - ii. Motion to strike subsection G of 4501
 - 1. Seconded and passed
 - iii. Motion to strike subsection H of 4501
 - 1. Seconded and passed
 - o. Sen. Hlaing: I would like to note that when this bill failed previously, the one common criticism was that the author of the bill did not speak to enough people, did not get enough perspectives. And I believe that from the authorities, from the authorship speech given in public comment, there has been a lot more substantial research, research done on this bill again, and this has also and then, not only did the author of the bill speak to people who are currently holding positions. The author of the bill also spoke to people who previously held positions that are no longer students. And in that regard, I do believe that we should maybe reconsider the striking of F, G, and H, and at least give it a chance to get this full senate with that I do.
 - p. Sen. Garcia: While I believe the author did do quite a lot of substantial research, and I believe they've done a great job in doing so, in my case, I just did not see the issue when it comes to the emotional aspect of it, I was looking at it from a more clerical standpoint, I believe, and as these things have come to my attention, I do understand where it might not be necessary to send it through. Now I believe other parts of this bill are important, and I believe the author has done very well in working on it. When it comes to things like this, it is important that we don't push things through just for the sake of pushing them through.
 - q. AG Barragan: Okay, so you have struck out h, and because of that, you will need to reinstate what H with the already age that you've already struck out, so that it can be reinstated, or else that whole thing which is going to be gone, and the court needs that if you're not going to do anything. So I suppose you



- reinstate the already crossed out h could be crossed out, the H that was already added. And as well in E you, you struck out the direct examination,
- r. Sen. Hlaing: Motion to strike out subsection E from 4501
 - i. Seconded and passed
 - ii. Motion to reinstate lines from 108-120
 - 1. Seconded and passed
 - 2. Bill passed 4-0-0-1
 - b. [Bill #13E](#) - Defining the words "substantial" and "Insufficient" in section 4302.
 - i. Chair: motion to open bill 13F
 - 1. Seconded and passed
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Authorship Speech Sen. Hedrick: this bill is defining the.. Moved from the previous section to the definition code.
 - iii. Questions
 - 1. None
 - iv. Discussion:
 - 1. Sen. Hlaing:
 - 2. Sen. Garcia: motion to change "of" in insufficient evidence between complaints and replace with "or"
 - a. Second and passed
 - c. Passed 4-0-0-1
- E. Closing
 - a. Members of the Committee
 - i. Sen. Garica: Thank a member of the public who authorised the bill. It is an important bill that is good in nature. That is on me for not seeing the emotional aspect of it.
 - b. Vice Chair
 - i. None - think about Josiah
 - c. Chair
 - i. Yeah, guys, I am pretty tired today, and sorry about that. Please do send bills in because we don't have much time left.
- F. Adjournment
 - a. The chair adjourns at 6:31pm



OUTREACH & EVENTS AGENDA

Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

6:00 PM

Student Union Building Jemez

1) Opening

a. Call to Order

Call to order at 6.02pm

b. Roll Call

4 present

c. Approval of Agenda

Seconded and approved

d. Approval of Minutes

Seconded and approved

2) Preliminary Business

a. Chair

Chair Doyle: Final weeks of Senate, next committee will be important to set Student Success Week. Keep in touch about it please.

b. Vice Chair

Vice Chair Lucero: Make sure you have an idea for budget and start planning now.

c. Members of the Committee

No Comment

d. Public Comment

No comment

e. Media

No comment

3) Old Business

None

4) New Business

a. Student Success Week Budgeting

Yoga – in question - \$100

Resource Center Event - \$500 from Lillian?

Breakfast burritos about \$400

Art day - \$100

Therapy dogs \$100

b. Plan November Event

Whatever isn't used for budget can go to November event.

Trivia aspect for event

November 18th. Week of craft fair. 12.30-2.30pm.

Get Lobo from bookstore? Turkey hat?

Mini lobos-general UNM merch as prizes.

\$100

5) Closing

a. Members of the Committee

No comment

b. Vice Chair

Vice chair Lucero: be on top of the group chat

c. Chair

Chair Doyle: Please stay in contact. I'm really nervous about meeting time. I want Student Success Week to go well.

6) Adjournment

Adjourned at 6.57

Pro Tempore Montoya: Call for catering order, read the excel spreadsheet. \$391.

Megan: Separate IRs for different days

Paint from Arts and Crafts – event in the atrium

Text group chat to stay updated on budgeting