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1) Opening

- a. Call to Order at 6:01 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment

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. 17 present; 2 absent.
- d. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Seconded and passed
- e. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Seconded and passed

2) Preliminary Business

- a. Guest Speaker
 - i. President Garnett Stokes & Provost James Holloway: Good evening everyone, I know better than to take up 15 minutes for everyone to make a presentation. I did want to share a couple of things that are going on. First, probably one of the happiest things going on. I am not sure how many of you participated but we got a UNM balloon. We were going to do tethered launches on Johnson Field, but the weather didn't cooperate. Well actually it did, but it had already been canceled. Anyways it was the featured balloon on the second day of balloon fiesta and it got to go up with the American flag. And now that it will be seen

as an alumni-owned organization that is partnered with Rainbow Riders. I hope you will feel the happiness that we all feel. I wanted to mention that we created a sustainability department inside of our institutional support services. Some of you may know about our 2040 plan and one of our goals is sustainability. Within that sustainability is broadly defined, but it mostly describes our footprint, our impact on the world around us, and our environment. There is currently a search for a director of that new department. I will continue to host traveling office hours. The next couple is with housing and facilities in November. I had one yesterday at El Centro and had a great conversation with a group of students. I am always grateful for the opportunity to speak with various community members. If you didn't know, I started traveling during office hours in 2018 as a way for me to speak to any department, group, organization, or office. These groups invite me, usually on a Wednesday but we are being more flexible. The office hours are always advertised, and anyone can come and ask me questions or raise any concerns. They usually bring to me what is on the department's mind. I met with biology earlier this year and heard a lot of things there. But it is a great opportunity. Another great piece of good news, and I am curious what others have to say. We have been grappling for some time with how we better support students' physical and mental health. We chose a vendor, Timely Care, and launched the service at the beginning of the semester. I've asked for some information. So far since the end of October, we have had a little over 400 students register for Timely Care. There is some information that is needed to register. The benefit of registering is that when you decide that you need the care all your information is already uploaded into the system. From the data that we have gotten, we have had 163 total visits recorded and that is just in October. Close to 51 percent were office hours. The average waiting time was 6.7 minutes. The days until the next available counseling visit was 2.3 days. The average length of visit for counseling was 45.6 minutes. This is a substantial service being offered to students. There is an option to talk on the phone or videovists but $\frac{2}{3}$ of people are electing to use the video. This service is not at all replacing what SHAQ does. The reasoning for this is to give students more options and more 24/7 care. We signed up for this in partnership with New Mexico State to better serve our students. If anyone has a comment I would love to hear it later. You may have heard about of tax

increment district called the TID. You may have not heard about it. It is something that we have gotten through the legislature to partner with the city and the state to develop mostly the south campus but coming up University to Central to develop that entryway to the city. We will be adding retail. One of the selling points was that the area is a real food desert, and we agreed to help promote and work on that issue. We would also be developing a safe environment that promotes safety. There is also funding for new science facilities. This partnership is something that many other states form, although it takes many forms. I bring this up to you all because there has been some activity and some popular fast food restaurants. Most of the development will take place after you all have graduated but it will make the life for the students so much better over the next few years in this area of the campus. We have a partnership with the city to add a police facility there as well. They are trying to ramp up safety there as well. We hope that this will transform this part of the city. You know we are also working on legislative priorities, and we are interested to hear the student priorities. We are working on a capital outlay project. He heard from the higher education department one of the big projects related to the GO bond, the general obligation bond. You may be aware that our Center for Arts and Technology is already planning and designing related to that facility that will be over off of Redondo. That was funded by a GO bond. Well the next GO bond is for Humanities and social sciences and is probably the largest requested GO bond that the state has ever seen. 110 million dollars is the request. If you have ever gone to a regents meeting where we are presenting these projects you would have seen Provost Holloway describing the importance of this project by taking parts of the building and throwing it on the table. That showed the significant issues that these buildings are experiencing. We are working toward modernization and fixing these issues up to what we would expect from a university like ours. I want to be clear that when I say modernize, I want to be clear that there is a lot of conversation about what these buildings should look like, especially what the central campus should look like. There is a lot of conversation going on with the regents about this topic. I guess that many of you probably participated in the integrated campus plan design discussions. If you did, you had the chance to talk about what kind of facilities we need, how they should look and other aspects of the design.

The board of regents is taking it very seriously how the build should look. And so, there will be ongoing conversations about that. You already know that we had the largest freshman class the university has ever seen. And I am willing to bet that is because of you all. There is nothing that sells a university more than the students who are already here. So to whatever extent you were helpful, Thank you! I have a lot more I could say and I am not sure how much time I have

- ii. Vice President Chessman: You have two minutes left
- iii. President Stokes: You mean I talked for 13 minutes?! Sorry, I had no idea. Then let's turn it over to questions.
- iv. Questions
 - 1. Senator Schultz: How do you define success in your roles?
 - 2. President Stokes: The regents help me define success in my role. That is part of being the President. Doing that work with the board to design what we should be working on. It is not just one thing. When looking at the goals that the regents and I are working on right now, success is defined by how the students are doing. We are focused on student success and completed degrees. With looking at our 2040 plan we are looking at our student engagement. And down the road, not immediately, we are looking at how successfully we can guide students into life after college, whatever that might look like. These are among some of the things that are on our radar. Serving our student's mental health needs is also important. With timely care, we were looking hard into it. To the extent that we can promote and influence that aspect, we are invested in that. Faculty retention and research are other huge aspects of success. To the extent that the educational programs are attracting students that is important. I have a sheet that defines this. These are the things that we are focusing on. Legislative success and diversifying finances are successes. I would tell you that failure is blowing our budget, not working in our budget, not... Well, there are a lot of ways to fail too.
 - 3. Provost Holloway: The goals that are established by the regents and the president largely make up the goals of the leadership team as well. That's no surprise. To put my opinion on this, I think about\ several ways of success as aligned with the mission of the

university. Student success is one. Student success is upon graduation students can pursue their passions. If they want to go to med school they can do that, or if they want a career in real estate then they can have that. That is one piece of our mission. While students are at the university we need to educate the students so that they can go onto their lives prepared for success as they have defined it for themselves. And then a lot of things we do are strategies to support these goals. Some of that is supporting students' basic needs. The research mission of the university is important. Being a flagship research university is different than other universities. What that means is a couple of things. One is that education is in an environment where knowledge is being created. To compare that, learning math from someone who knows math is very different than learning math from someone who creates math. The creation of knowledge is also part of our mission in part because that is how we as humans advance as a society. But related to that are things that are taken from the newly created knowledge. How do we better heal the sick, and build technology? And related to that there is the service part of our mission. Remember 2/3 of this campus is focused on patient care. But we are also part of the communities with economic development. Yes, there are a lot of ways to fail.

4. Senator Barba: Last full senate we had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Eric Scott who addressed long-term plans and the student emergency fund. What short-term goals or plans to address student food insecurity?
5. Provost Holloway: Let me address this in a number of ways. The emergency relief fund is something that the university has already established. There are a number of other things that are available for the acute address of these needs. The relief fund is one, the food pantry is another. Equally in the short term, getting information about the resources that are available. Not long term, Dr. Eric Scoott will be presenting about student basic needs at the December meeting of Regents, Students Success, and the research committee. There is a full set of activities related to basic needs such as food and housing. It is important to discuss while the food pantry is a really useful tool it does not address the root

cause but rather just addresses the symptom. We need to be addressing the root causes. One of the root cause is financial stability. The student almost always has financial instability. So one thing that can be done is connecting more students to the center for Financial Capability. Additionally, we can do a few things to help students such as if they owe a few hundred dollars on their bursar account that does not prevent them from registering for classes. We are also looking into scholarship retention as a metric. It is really important to us. As it turns out that a lot of first year, first semester students don't end up qualifying for lottery or opportunity in their second semester and the leading cause is falling below the number of credit hours that a student needs. The students are losing their ability to retain their scholarships in the second term and that is really important to us looking at how to retain more scholarships for students. That is just one scenario student we saw. Let's say you have a low income student, they have opportunity, lottery and a pell grant. Which is great because their tuition is covered and the pell grant is helping with basic needs. Now if they lose their scholarship, the Pell grant is not enough to cover the tuition and the basic needs. Scholarship retention is a whole set of strategies that we have never looked at before, and we are looking into now. Additionally we are hoping to provide more parachute courses and the second half of term 3 credit hour courses. We are looking for ways to keep students at 3 credit hours, and have the classes be usefully. Because if the credits are not useful then the student will not graduate in 4 years and after 4 years they are ineligible for these scholarships.

6. Senator Achusim: Considering the design aesthetic of the new building what have you taken about?
7. President Stokes: I don't really know at this time. The regents have had a policy in place for decades that states that the building in central campus must be what we call pueblo-style. There have been subsequent plans for the university that has tweeted that style. But the view of some is that there really isn't a design standard that has been written in Regent policy. They are actually having active conversations about what it should be. It

turns out there are lots of ideas of what it means. But I can't really say what it means. There is active conversation about what it means and you might have an idea about that. The C-Cat facility is being designed now. The next facility that is being designed is for the UNM foundation which will be on the corner of Yale and Lomas. This is going to be another gateway to the campus. There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss these design elements and there will be ongoing discussion. We already have an architect for the c-cat facility. There are those who think that some of the newer buildings have strayed too far from central campus style. The first place that people point out are the renovations to Johnson gym. Some don't really like the McKinnon center, but this is not a matter of personal taste. This is a matter of meeting some definition. And for the members of our board that feel most strongly about this they associate strongly and from what I can tell there is evidence from architecture literature that Pueblo Revival design is uniquely a design of New Mexico. People do not want to stray too far from the design of the heart of New Mexico. From what I can tell there is going to be a lot of discussions about this. Before COVID, I received multiple letters, one from the architect who built Hotel Chaco, that stated that they felt the university had strayed too far over the last 10 years of maintaining some continuity. I feel like it is good for people to know that it is taking place.

8. Provost Holloway: Sure I will jump in for a bit, and it will be up to Mikenzie how far she lets us derail this. It is difficult to come up for a design of campus. People feel as though there is a sense of place here at UNM and New Mexico is a state about place. The culture is here and it is about the place. We want to capture that sense of place. While there is no argument about that statement, that statement is really hard to turn into something that an architect can work with and design. On our campus we have the anthropology building which is a very classic Pueblo Revival style all the way to the Farris Engineering Center that is made of steel and glass, which is a perfectly nice building but it could be anywhere. There is a sense that currently there is too much range. This is where Mikenzie will have to decide if we can derail this,

and you don't have to answer but I would be curious what you all think about what the campus looks like. There is a real argument between having the campus look like the place that we represent and we are a modern university for modern students. And we don't really have a solution for that argument right now, but it is being discussed.

9. Senator Achusim: I think that as a university, having a cohesive set of buildings and with that being the unique style of New Mexico, it would be important when we set on campus you know that you are on campus and the design standard stays the same throughout the campus.
10. Senator Schmitz: As we move forward into the next generation of students, what is something that you would like to see from the student body at large?
11. President Stokes: I'm gonna paraphrase, and badly paraphrase that famous quote, If you think education is an issue, try ignorance. You know, ignorance is terrifying. What it can lead to is terrifying in many ways. And so when I think about a person who popped in my mind when I thought about the student in the future, and I think about the current challenges we have with what exactly is going to happen with AI and how is it going to be incorporated in our society? I think, you know, is the students of today and the students of tomorrow there's going to be figuring out, you know what it means to be human at a time when we have artificial intelligence, and it is able to do our project to be able to do a number of things that we've counted on humans to do for a long time. And so, you know, finding that balance having people who are truly committed to humanity and committed to ethical behavior and ethical use of technology, you know, those are things that you know that I hope for our students
12. Provost Holloway: I think that I have answers on multiple levels. On one level is engagement by the student body. And maybe it is because of my white hair, but I am worried that we are allowing ourselves to become too separated by technology. Communication is separated by social media communication. And I think that we lose something when we do that. This meeting is very different from when we do it through little boxes.

There is a lot of research that shows that students who engage in college are more successful in college. The more engagement that we see the better we are as an institution. Engagement can be a lot of things. It could be going to see the barbie movie and engaging with other students. And the students are all laughing at the same jokes and that sort of thing. It can be in the student senate or even working together on homework. It is the building of social capital that is important. At a different level one of the other things that poll after poll shows is the decrease in confidence in higher ed.

13. Senator Barragan: How would you encourage out-of-state students to feel at home at UNM?
14. President Stokes: I was at a meeting, but I did have someone come up to me and say that, you know, he was struggling to figure out how as someone from out of state, you know what to do to, especially in times when, you know, many students who are local actually head home for weekends they don't have a bunch of relationships and feel good and I really think that, that we actually have the groups on campus that people can engage with, but it really is about exploring what those options are. Because, you know, to me, it's about finding the various communities where you can feel, you know, feel like you're part of something bigger than yourself or really, maybe just part of something else. And so, you know, I just think that it's talking to the, you know, folks, especially in student affairs, but perhaps, you know, even if you have an area of interest, you know, getting engaged with those students who are interested in those things, disciplines, there are just so many avenues and that it depends on what you know, brings comfort and joy to an individual, what kinds of engagement what kinds of orders will be beneficial, but when I noticed they're actually out there are various challenges finding a way to describe or to give people all the information about what's possible. And I know Student Affairs is working on it.
15. Motion to extend the time for questions by 10 minutes.
 - a. Seconded and passed
16. Senator Rutherford: What is your favorite tradition at UNM?

17. Provost Holloway: Hanging of the greens. That is just an amazing amazing event.
18. President Stokes: I agree, I have never been at a university that has ever done anything like the hanging of the greens. I like Silent lights. I don't know if you call that tradition. I like to dance. I don't necessarily hear things I recognize since I am of that age. Okay, but you know that I like exposure to other things and I can see that everybody else is having a great time too. So you know there are so many traditions that seem special to place. But I guess in terms of how much time I spend at it and how much I move around, I just have to because my husband has too many pictures of the dance in the middle.
19. Senator Angel: Thank you for coming to talk to us today. This is my third term here at ASUNM. As a first gen student, I wanted to get that into my introduction. I attended your office hour yesterday with MeCha, and my question is how do you plan to interact with student organizations that are not ASUNM or ASUNM related?
20. President Stokes: So I will say that I often am asked to have opportunities to meet with students and so this is by far not the only place that there are opportunities to have conversations. You know, I'm often brought in by various leaders. The African American student services, El Centro, and American Indian Student Services are often sometimes tied to them. I'll be brought into specific places where I'm speaking of either students or faculty and sometimes staff. So, you know, I think one of the things that we have also done, which is perhaps an opportunity to pursue is traveling office hours that was associated with the SUB and having done that for a little while, but something that was so obviously intended to bring students from any place on here first, to kind of speak about things and the last time I did that I had a lot of individual conversation. So when we did our traveling office hours yesterday, I mentioned that it wasn't like all of them. I will say they're all very different. One of the ways they seem to have changed that was that you know, I would, I would typically go into a room with lots of little groups and I would go spend time with each one of the groups, but lately, a lot of them have been, you

know, with a broader group like yesterday and sometimes when i went to biology, it was always the auditorium full of people. So I think that, you know, my office has been reaching out to various parts of campus because our goal my goal is to be intentional in finding ways to have interactions, but as I recognize, and this is a fantastic way I want to say I think student government here at the university has its challenges like student government groups at any university in the United States, you know, as managing, you know, lots of diverse perspectives and experiences and viewpoints. And so it's a challenge to incorporate everything so I don't pretend to think that, you know, you learn everything here, but if you think this is important and so, but I welcome any thoughts about how best to accomplish that, you know, there are many voices with varying perspectives and, you know, trying to be sure to understand those is an important part of building a culture that monitors their student groups.

b. Public Comment

- i. Heidi Garcia, Executive Director of ASUNM Elections Commission: As you know, elections are taking place today and tomorrow. Previously you have asked me to partake in more outreach to increase voter turnout as a result of we had information stations to supplement the polling location at the Student Union in the following locations, Zimmerman library, Dane Smith, Anderson Courtyard, and the Duck Pond. Last week, I sent an email asking for your support yet the senate's response has been overwhelming. I want to make sure student voices are heard and represented but I can't be successful without your support. So I asked again if you could allocate your time to volunteer for that information session tomorrow. Well, I can't offer any numbers. I can tell you as of now, literally. This is why I hope tomorrow, we can come together and bring the numbers up. I understand that we all have personal lives and we all have responsibilities of our own. But I think it's important to take time for the students of this campus. A lot to do with your position. So I think it's important to do the job. Thank you.
- ii. Lana: I am here to speak in support of appropriation 38F. This will allow our members to go to a national conference and some supplies.

c. ASUNM President's Report

- i. President Pacheco: But hope y'all are doing well. So I think before I go into official business, just some things we're nearing the end of the semester. So I think just kind of from my perspective, as I'm nearing my undergraduate career, please take care of yourselves. Please make sure you're keeping your schoolwork, start getting ready for finals, keep your grades up, keep your GPA up, and register for classes if you haven't. So I think that's just like advice outside of the ASUNM and just to keep in mind that yeah, and then also student success week is coming up. So as you're getting into that, just kind of consider that with all the other events that are going on. But yeah, to kind of go into my report. As Executive Director Garcia mentioned elections are underway right now until tomorrow at 5pm. So what if you haven't voted please do it takes less than two minutes. Also share it out with your friends, tell your student orgs tell anybody else to vote as well. For those of you that I've been helping with polling stations and tabling, Thank you very much. If you haven't signed up for tomorrow and you have some time throughout the day, please just kind of go to a table to help out even if it's, you know, 45 minutes an hour, two hours any little bit really helps. And just add on to executive director Garcia said this can't be done alone. So every little bit that you want can help really matters. And even if you can't Table feature the graphics that are posted on the elections, Instagram, please send out an email to your orgs if you haven't already, just to notify them of the election. I mean, it's really important that we band together for students, not just now for elections and all the other work that we do. Moving on, I want to highlight the student fee review board deliberations that happened on October 28. And so we're working on the official recommendation to the budget leadership team right now. But just for an update for you all, all the units that requested money, were funded at requested amount and some even got an additional increase. So I'm really excited and kind of elaborate on why we did not have to increase the mandatory students. So big snaps. So I'm really excited for this recommendation. I will say it's not final. We still have to get approval from the budget leadership team, president Stokes, and the border regents, but I'm really happy with the recommendation just to kind of touch on some things. We did increase some recurring funding requests and we're also proposing \$1.7 million. In one time funding units have been really large projects that need to be done for recreational services.

And then also help with programming within student activity centers, lobo respect, the Women's Resource Center, and a motor pool in African American student services to be used by other resource centers that don't have vehicles and so much more. So I'm really excited. Yeah, huge snaps. Thank you, Senator Schultz. But yeah, if you want full details, please let me know. But also as we did the official recommendation we did I will send that out to you all just the awesome knowledge. And you can also work with your, you know, resource centers or other units and kind of get that information disseminated to them. And Governmental Affairs updates. So we had a meeting today to discuss capital outlay. So right now our plan is to kind of improve Cornell mall, we really want to reimagine the natural landscape but also combine that area just to increase the ambiance into space t so that we can use it for programming. Right now because we really want to put some more investment into that space, especially as you know, we have a sub near there Mesa Vista hall, all the resources ethnic centers, so I know we want to put some investment there and we also want to look into more sleep pods. So as you start working with planning, design and construction in the units associated with these projects, I'll leave you in on the final request amounts, the details and then opportunities to advocate for these projects. So what are these opportunities be the legislative outreach event that's happening on December 1 before hanging off the greens, so more information will be sent out to you by Executive Director Adams and his team with GA. So if you really want to get involved in networking and talking to your state legislators, please consider doing so. We're still working on the start time so I don't have that yet. But it'll be in the afternoon around four o'clock. But the specifics will be set up for all of them at a later time. And I will stand for questions.

d. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks

- i. Vice President Chessman: I really don't have a lot to say, But I will go ahead and remind you since President Pro Tempore Gurule is not here, outreach hours are due Friday. If you are having a hard time, reach out to us. If you are wondering how many you have please reach out to us. That is all I have.

e. Joint Council

- i. Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Castaneda: Again we really had another successful meeting and full house. We were only missing two

representatives. So that means we had 18 different senators, colleges or schools at the Joint Council, which is really, really cool. There are tons of people. The event list should be coming to your emails either tomorrow morning or tonight. I have just finished it because we had a ton of updates on just the college and college centers and schools as well and events. A couple of exciting things the College of Fine Arts, expressed to us with a new building will be riding around in spring 24, which is what President Stokes talked about. In her speech today. And then the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center is going to be moving to their new space in the fall. I believe they're coming down to one stop, which is relatively new in this area. So we're excited for them. And then for the business that's being presented today, the Joint Council voted in favor.

f. Boards & Committees Report

- i. Boards and Committees Coordinator Nelson: So over the past two weeks, two committees met. One of them was the admissions and registration committee. During our recent meeting held on November 1, we had a comprehensive discussion about the various requests made by students to add or drop courses. As a committee, we were particularly impressed with the insights here by one of our members who was our student representative. She offered a fresh perspective on the situation that we may have missed otherwise. By drawing on her own experiences, she was able to provide us with unique insight into the challenges that students face when it comes to post-selection. We had a productive discussion where we are able to appreciate the importance of listening to the students and our committee members' contributions highlighting how particular courses may or may not work for students and how their needs and concerns should be taken into account. The meeting provided us with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the issues students face and how our votes can have a significant impact and address. Overall, it was an informative and productive meeting. And then next, we had our campus development and advisory committee that met for the first time on October 31. So we had a discussion on campus development advice and our objectives. The intended use of Attendees included our student representative Alex, and the meeting was chaired by Stephen Bishop. We all agreed that to make a real difference in the development of our campus we need to bring more people on board. Our student representative Alex could pose trying to evolve asunm

projects related to the campus. The idea was well received and we agreed. Although we strive to have oversight on all campus development matters, the fact is that we have only existed for six years. So we discussed the topic of capital outlay, but we did not come up with a definitive answer. Lastly, we considered the idea of inviting someone from the school of architecture to the next meeting to get ideas on how to improve on campus and advice. We all agree that this would be a great opportunity to gain valuable insight from the experts in the field and look forward to discussing this in the next meeting, which is going on pretty soon.

g. ASUNM Senators

- i. Senator Schultz: I just have a couple of things, to reiterate what executive director Garcia mentioned earlier. Please sign up if you have availability. We have been looking at voter turnout a lot this year and it is important that we help. Also, I am the Student Director for the Center for Financial Capability and we have a workshop coming up next week on Wednesday at 2 pm on taxes. We have been working really hard to make the information useful and relevant so I think you will like what we have. This is a really good resource. Also, If you all don't want me to do your consultations that is totally fine just put that on the notes.
- ii. Senator Grado: Slope is having their metamorphosis show, it is a free show. El Centro is hosting a bunch of events, definitely check it out. Southwest Film will also be hosting a show so go check out the events.
- iii. Senator Schmitz: I don't know how many are involved in Greek life but they are having their huge philanthropy event right now. If you would like to donate, talk to Josiah. They are raising money for women's cancer
- iv. Senator Rutherford: The LGBTQ+ resource center will be hosting a Friendsgiving with many options for different dietary needs on November 22nd from 12-3.
- v. Senator Gutierrez: Applications for the hanging of the greens close on the 17 of this month so let your student organizations know there are 11 spots open.
- vi. Senator Achusim: This presentation is just to address some of the inconsistencies that we've seen this semester regarding appropriations for orgs so since September 13th , which is the last full senate we were able to provide the orgs at the amount they requested. We have seen nine appropriations from that period of time that have received no

appropriations in that time and have received way more funding than 27 since, combined. If that makes sense. So just to highlight the fact that in the beginning of the semester, we were able to fund the student orgs at a much higher rate than we were at the end of the semester. Student orgs on average requested \$10,990 and they received 81% of that which is roughly \$8,980. And in the second half of the semester, org the request went down, but we also funded them last so in the second half of this semester boards requested \$4,114. And they were funded at \$1,761 which is 43% of already less amount requested. So attempting to identify a cause we've kind of my fellow senators and I've collaborated on this have, have thought that it's been the increasing standing rules and just understanding that we did have money and then we did not have money and it was a very fast and unexpected turnaround. So for your viewing pleasure, we have a pie chart for you. And combined with airfare, conference, fees, and per diem that made up 71% of the money funded and all of that is pretty much for travel. So airfare was 48,000 \$40,125 conference fees was \$24,645 and per diem was \$17,650 for a total of \$90,420 and that is out of \$100 28,578 we have for appropriations in total. So just to highlight some specific cases, an org like IEEE, had requested \$2,500 in conference fees and they were funded twice for that. They have requested that at the beginning of the semester. We'll have another organization like IAA capped at \$1,500 for money they had requested for the same category, which was conference fees. Another case, the Bengali United Sports Club, had requested funding and was approved for it. It was for food. Another organization, undergrad anthropology society, in that same category food were denied and not only denied but decreased their line item by \$100. This isn't the only issue organizations this has happened to many student organizations since our money crisis have had their food zeroed out. In another case, cutting off food, Dental Society has their food cut. And our reasoning for that happened time info senators said they hadn't received the money in their budget request in the spring for 2023. And if we take a look at another board, the Korean language culture clubs had received funding for their food. And this was made after we had already identified that we were having monetary issues and that is just a kind of disregard on our behalf. Know the situation that we put ourselves in is not having the money necessary for student orgs. And just for lack of a better for

lack of a better word. It's almost negligent to deny an org like the Dental Society and then turn around in the same meeting and then fund Korean Language and Culture Club in the same line. Even though we have all agreed that we don't have the money to do something like that. And really it's unfortunate because it's not really our problem. We don't really bear the brunt once we approve funding and kind of just goes to whoever it's going to go to and it ends up falling on the student orgs who have already paid into this system and tasked us with being responsible for allocating the money. So it's just something to think about that the decisions that we do make decide to fund matters because these are people trying to put on events for other students who had paid into a system. They were told that if you do this, if you pay this you will see the benefits from that and we haven't been able to haven't been diligent on behalf of the students.

- vii. Senator Tomaziefski: So I want to include this list of precedents that we had since the start of the semester. Look at item one funding for food for student organizations with a maximum of standing rules allowed. For example, we're increasing the organization 's food, there's a precedent that was set so that all funding for all organizations in categories such as food was equal across the board. Then the new precedents were set was funding food for events and 500 and 200 dollars respectively. So select few organizations this semester received \$1,000 and allocated money for food whilst most received just \$500. And as you can see, I could go on and on about the precedent set this semester but the new precedents share a common narrative, we established precedents, then we established precedent that rules against them. This inconsistency underlines a significant variation in our decision-making process from week to week, reflecting our uncertainty as the Senate when we set a precedent as it will. The Senate shouldn't be the result of thoughtful consideration and unwavering competence. Such decisions should stand throughout the semester because they're meant to represent the collective opinion of the Senate. This inconsistency not only undermines our credibility, but also creates confusion. And uncertainty within ASUNM is enough to better serve our community. We must strive for a more unified and well-considered approach when setting precedents, ensuring that they stand and truly represent the collective will vision of the senate.

So equity has been a concern that has been mentioned in the Senate. One of my concerns is that I've noticed that organizations that are affiliated with senators or asunm representatives tend to request more money. When I looked at the data, I saw an interesting suggestion. On the graph to the left, we see that non senator-affiliated organizations will make up \$50,000 worth of allocations. We also see that Senator-affiliated student organizations make up the remaining \$78,000 of allocated funds. On the graph to the right, I looked at the average appropriation size. We see that non-Senator-affiliated student organizations have an average appropriation size of \$2,400. On the other hand, Senator, it really is two organizations that have an average appropriation size of just \$6,000. Just a point of reference there were 13 Senator-affiliated appropriations and 21 non-senator affiliated appropriations. Even with eight more appropriations, non-Senator affiliates student organizations received a little over 1/3 of what Senator affiliates organizations received. This shows that there are disparities and how funding is allocated for student organizations without senator affiliations. I've spoken to senators about this. I've heard the same thing multiple times. Quote, "all student organizations have the chance to speak to Senators or contact ASUNM ". But the truth is because of their connections, Senator affiliate organizations find it easier to make appropriations and are more comfortable asking senators questions, and are more prepared for the appropriations process. So our question to the Senate is, how do we help students or organizations to help them obtain adequate funding? How do we break down the barrier for requesting funding between student organizations and Asunm? And how do we better facilitate open communication between ASUNM and student organizations? My personal belief is that we assume student government representatives shall not ask what student organizations can do but what we can do for our student organizations.

- viii. Senator Montoya: So one of the points of contention that we had last week was merit arguments and our funding decisions. When funding issues for organizations we can't just consider that a merit. What we do is weigh the importance of student organizations that may serve different communities when we consider merit. It shows the other organizations that asunm holds certain organizations above others in priority. Senators are to be objective and impartial when making decisions regarding

funding; it is even stated in our law book. We cannot let personal bias get in the way of communication. But just re-emphasizing merit based arguments argues the arguments are based on what the Senate feels is the most important. All student organizations have missions that they feel are significant. They provide a community for our students, whether it's cultural, academic, especially community or a mixture of all three, when the student organizations request funding they are showing us what items they think are important. So who are we to say their items are not? Funding based on merit sends a message to student organizations that if they don't have what other student organizations have that they don't deserve that same level of funding, insinuate that we as a Senate hold certain organizations over others. So here's some recommendations that we came up with, to prevent this from happening. So be mindful of other past precedents that have been set and try to follow the past precedents as well as possible in every single organization. Always refer to the lawbook and Finance Committee standing rules during a conflicting finance opinion, and then brainstorm future standing rules to be implemented. And then also talking with SGAO and all the accountants, Ryan Linquist and the Finance Chair as well.

- ix. Senator Angel: I just want to comment on a pretty big piece of our business tonight which is restrictions on ASUNM officers submitting appropriations. This presentation did highlight a lot of disparities, talking about senators. I want to talk about how these usually have more than 20 individuals in them. I submitted an appropriation from MeCha. I want to say we were treated pretty horrendously through that process, but as someone who couldn't speak, since my name was on there. I just had to pass by. So there is a precedent and I think we're breaking a lot of it. But I do think we are missing a really important factor, which is that marginalized underrepresented students are going to be really, really hard. If you think these fan base individuals are having difficulty supporting or getting care, then think about those who don't have that power. It's a disservice to our students. I do think that this is impacting our support, but yet again, I can't say that. So just to add that to the fire to really look at how we're really utilizing our way of securing the spaces and whatever. Because we do have impacts and they do affect most programs. And just with that, I want to say that I am not in favor of adding restrictions to asunm officers and appropriations. I don't think it

will do anything. I am pretty much proof that it won't. We need to have a better community and here it starts with us. These restrictions are just going to be harder for anybody who's going to be a leader. Having these conversations is going to make people want to do things added restriction doesn't.

- x. Senator Rutherford: I would like to first begin by saying that there was a comment made on this presentation in regards to referring to the law book in the standing rules. I was a senator who came in at the beginning of the term and there were specific standing rules already set in place. And then the standing rules were shifted. And I was not a senator in those conversations. So I do think there was some failure on that part to have the discussion. See why because maybe lessen the spread of maybe allocating more money in the beginning and not in the end. But I do want to bring forward the idea that we did change the standard rules. So we went back and allocated more money so that we could create that equitable framework. But I do want to mention the word precedent. I looked it up as an earlier event or action in regard to an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances, proceeding in time, order, or importance. And a lot of the precedents that were set were what we originally stated. And then we set a new precedent so that we can create a better environment for our student organization. I understand that yes senators who are allocated to specific organizations might have more knowledge and how to submit this appropriation process. I agree that we should be reaching out and promoting to organizations on how senators present in their organizations, I think that is a very good solution to helping to bridge that gap. But my thing in a sense I would like to get late the last few years. There were some of the Dental Group getting money cut while the Korean language group had more money allocated. Their name of the word culture in it and culture incorporates music as a music educator, that is something that is a huge part of culture, and food is also a huge part. And I think us fighting over something about giving a cultural group food is something that really can be seen as immature and just we're going beyond the idea of helping people and trying to just stir the pot. And yes, we are lacking, we might be losing money. You might have allocated more money in the beginning and yes, we can take steps to do that. But I think we did what was right in the moment, and we set the precedent and we are going to

continue fighting for equity. Equity is not equality. Equality is giving everyone a shoe and equity is giving a shoe that fits. So I am going to leave it at that.

- xi. Senator Grado: Senators, we are all here to support student orgs and make students lives a little more manageable while university can be very hard. I don't want there to be science but they probably will be. I think dividing is not the way that it's done. It's coming together in collaboration and being able to understand where everyone's perspective is coming from. With that. I also want to say that while it is important that student orgs get the funding that they need and we are able to support them. We also have to realize that we have to acknowledge the fact that yes, there are some orcs who have more names to themselves, they are able to get out there more frequently, they have larger members, therefore they're gonna get more funding, that's just the way the standing rules are. We can work together to kind of change the standard rules and say, Okay, this is like, based on the category now based on what you're planning to change that based on intuition. So we have that as well. I also want to say that we are working with a larger budget than we have previously. It's been a larger budget and a lot of us have been working with in the past. So we're still trying to figure it out. This is our first like semester of like, hey, we have so much money let's give everybody the money that they deserve. Now to kind of like fit ourselves in the back and we are trying to work through it. But it's not to say that we did it with any kind of prejudice or any kind of hate. We're doing the best we can we just have to learn and grow on if we're trying to work with our budget that's brand new and larger than we've ever had before while still managing. We're all trying to figure it out. A lot of us had a thought that we were going to be able to have more money if it didn't work out that way. We're doing the best we can. It's just important that we maintain a solid sense of equity.
- xii. Point of order, Senator Schmitz: Discussion of the bill is used for discussion during the time of the bill. This is opening comments from senators so can we wait to discuss the bill, please?
- xiii. Vice President Chessman: AG is that correct?
- xiv. Point of order, Senator Angel: Aren't we just saying our comments without a preconceived notion of a bill?
- xv. Vice president Chessman: I am just going to refer to the AG on this.

- xvi. Attorney General Peacock: Any specific mention to a bill stands on any motion, which includes building preparation that should be stayed for discussion of that notion, once it's been opened by the body. So comments about bills are not accepted at this time.
- xvii. Senator Barragan: Personal and say in regards to senators comments we're all still equal here. So learning how to do this. We don't have all the answers and that's okay. Sometimes some things slip, something there has to be hard decisions as the Senate isn't our decision. Sometimes we have to have our debates. And that is completely prepared as the point of it. And I understand that. We're all just trying to do our job here. And even though I'm answering rules about finance I know how hard I was thrown by people in finance, to understand that the decisions that it takes to make the decisions and how they could cause some strife, but this is what this is kind of the fine print that all agreed to
- xviii. Senator Barba: I just would like to comment, I love the presentation and I love that information as someone who's not a finance senator and doesn't actively go to the meetings. I wish that there was more education materials or even me putting myself out there talking to more finance editors. About the precedents that we had said. I think if we move forward, we can be a little bit more honest and have an honest conversation about how much money we had. I was under the assumption that a little bit more money And I just wish we had more of an open conversation with another but love that we're having a conversation now.
- xix. Motion to recess until 7:39 PM.
 - 1. Seconded and passed.
- xx. Chair calls the meeting back to order at 7:44 PM.
 - 1. 18 Senators present; 2 absent.
- h. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. Attorney General Peacock: First off, I want you to commend the use of the JFK quote, although slightly modified. So to drop about one second thing as a third thing, as I just mentioned earlier, again, I'm just gonna repeat that we do not discuss business when said businesses are not in order to be discussed. And now, I would like to disseminate some information about the statements that have just been created which have been vetted by multiple people in trying to make this like, non-partisan or anything is possible. I first want to just go over the fact that for such,

for example, the Senate is not beholden to finance standing rules. Both of these are just reminders of stuff in the law, but things like that, so the senate is not technically willing to finance any rules and can do whatever the Senate chooses to do. Concerning staying rule stating rules are changeable by two thirds of the majority of whichever party so finance their standing rules if they still want the two thirds, same thing with SNR. Same thing with the full Senate. However, to my knowledge, there's no way that a superior body like the Senate could modify the standing rules of the committee that is up to the committee. I also want to quickly go over the law of definitions of what can be used for an appropriation so everybody is informed about what exactly appropriation should and is used for, especially if you're not the finance senator. The three things appropriations can use for our unforeseen one-time expenditures, one time capital, outlays and travel costs, are the only three things listed in the law book as usable for appropriations. I also want to go over the fact that a lot of comments discussed such as the use of the word culture equity, things like that are not defined in the law book. They are purely political terms. Although neither of us have a party we don't think about us as I mean, sure we think about ourselves as politics. We are doing politics to some degree. However, the definition of politics is just an authoritative allocation of values and a limited resource society. This is a political body. We admit we are allocating the resources and the money that this body has to other groups that need it. So therefore, certain terms like culture, equity equality, are not legally defined in our own way in the definitions code, although they are purely political terms to be interpreted by this body as they see fit. However, also I wanted to very strongly discuss the terms of specifically culture used and statement from a concerning why certain certain student orgs were granted the funding they were some type of work culture and then some did not to that and to that extent, I want to talk about something that goes far, far beyond us, because we are quickly reaching territory that has been covered by the Supreme Court of the United States that we necessarily bound to and that every single senator swears an oath to obey when you all take office.. This was the 1999 Supreme Court case that has to do with the terms of content neutrality. Under this it was a unanimous decision nine-zero by the court. It also ensures that student organizations within universities must be funded without regard to the message they

propound. In other words, that funding decision should adhere to the principle of content neutrality. If this body or any other body in any university across the country decides to give more or less money to a student organization just because they are a culture group, they're not a culture group. They represent one minority or majority population, any part of the country, all that is a violation of federal law. That cannot happen, period. That supersedes anything else we do by a country mile if anyone here knows how to supersede the Supreme Court, please tell me I'd love to know. Side from that. I believe that is all I have. And at that time, I will stay in for questions..

ii. Question

1. Senator Angel: I don't think that you even mentioning culture has any relevance or our political use of that. We are not saying that it is because they are culturally relevant. We are just saying that if we have a position called Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion looking at groups that have systematically underrepresented that is political. And I get it in a sense, but I just don't think that you are the right person to be talking to this body about equity or inclusion and it is disappointing.
2. Attorney General Peacock: So that will say most of those comments are passed on to me by the director of diversity, equity inclusion, she does not have speaking rights in this body. We've actually just now been discussing a bill to give her ex officio status like myself that she may speak on these matters, but I have given some of this information in her stead because she cannot under the law. So for what that worth.
3. Senator Schultz: Does old business have an authorship speech when reopened?
4. AttorneyGeneral Peacock: I do not see why not.
5. Senator Barba: Going back to DEI is that something that is going to be talked about at training next week? I feel like this is really important.
6. Attorney General Peacock: Yes, I believe that this will be a topic.

3) New Business

a. Finance Committee

- i. Senator Schultz:
- ii. [Appropriation #37F](#) - You Are Not Alone

1. Motion to open appropriation 37F
 - a. Seconded and passed
2. Senator Angel: This is a pretty standard appropriation. The only thing we cut was advertising in full.
3. Appropriation #37F passes 17-1-0-2 with total \$352.0
- iii. [Appropriation #38F](#) - Assoc. of Joteria Arts, Activism and Scholarship
 1. Motion to open appropriation is 38F
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Senator Fetherman: This appropriation is for the Association for the Association of Joteria Arts, Activism, and Scholarship whose representative we heard from earlier tonight during public comment. It's a small appropriation primarily for their conference in Los Angeles
 3. Questions
 - a. none
 4. Discussion
 - a. Senator Schultz: Just bring forward the idea of funding the requesting goal rather than increasing their dollar now. Again, just given the precedent that we've set we can find them in full as they requested last time we gave them essentially during committee just to shed light on the discussion if we funded them for our max in standing rules. And what we've been doing for casebook so far this semester, or so far since kind of our change this semester, has been funding clubs to their requests, even if it's not your standing rules with that, I'm going to yield then make the motion.
 - b. Thank you, Senator Schultz
 - c. Sen. Schultz: Motion to make line item 1 read \$874
 - i. Seconded and passed.
 5. 14-0-4-0 passed
- iv. [Appropriation #39F](#) - Health Professions Symposium
 1. Motion to open appropriation 39F
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Senator Grado: This is for a health professionals symposium. They just requesting their conference

3. we cut their advertising like for other orgs we also cut their promotional expenses.
 4. By roll call vote with a vote of 16-0-2-0 this appropriation passes
- v. [Appropriation #40F](#) - College Democrats
1. Motion to open appropriation 40F
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Senator Angel: They do a lot of policy advocacy as well. So we cut their advertising. So that's and then we cut their food to 300 and they got their office supplies. Yeah, and with that, I yield.
 3. Questions
 4. Discussion
 - a. Senator Schultz: I want to bring it to the senators to look at this appropriation initially, like some of the precedent that we've been following lately is we haven't been funding advertising. We've been funding food at 200 dollars and probably putting in office supplies. Given that there was discussion within the finance committee that this would cut their request very to very little. However, I'd like to bring it to other senators to discuss what you'd like to do with this appropriation given that it's not what we've been following as of late. With that I yield.
 - b. Point of clarification: Was it advertising or t-shirts for their line item one?
 - c. Senator Schultz: That is correct
 - d. Point of information for the attorney general: Since it is a clerical error, do we need to motion to change it?
 - e. Attorney general: You can just change it.
 - f. Point of information: I believe the finance committee recommended \$0, not \$250.
 - g. Senator Schultz: That is correct
 - h. Point of information for the attorney general: Since it is a clerical error, do we need to motion to change it?
 - i. Senator Baraba: I was just wanting to discuss further. I know, the Finance Chair had talked about how we had lowered the number for the recommendation from their original request. So I just wanted to see what other

senators thought, maybe for line item two, maybe \$300.

So it's a third of their original request.

5. By roll call vote with a vote of 13-1-4-2, this appropriation passes

vi. [Appropriation #41F](#) - Student Health and Leadership Council

1. Motion to open appropriation 41F

a. Seconded and passed

2. Senator Schultz: This is going to be for the Student Health and Leadership Council. They're looking for general supplies. This includes conference fees. Office supplies and then food for events and meetings.

3. Discussion

a. Senator Schultz: We are going to increase the dollar amount on line item one for conference fees for up to \$684. I would be interested in increasing it to the request for the full amount we're able to fund that I'm going to do the exact same things I did before and yield.

b. Senator Angel: I want to point out that I want to give it to the attention of the Senate that we cut line item two. They wanted to have an event with the director of student health and wellness with ASUNM and this would be a tote bag. Essentially it's a food bag to get booted to Lobo respect we did have the funding because it is antidonation or whatever. But I just don't think it's fair for ASUNM to have these resources to go to Student orgs to ask them to provide funding and then not allow them to do funding what they already planned when they already did these things. It's actually very irresponsible to create conditions to go into an organization already affiliated with such resources. And we had such high regard to the Senate cut it like this. So I would love to hear how we can get this funded. in any capacity. I would love to do it not only for the sake of the Senate, but also to better boost the position that is the Director of Student Wellness. And I would not be in favor of cutting the conference fees. I just don't think after hearing that we should be in this precedent that cutting what? Somebody does math, I'm not good at math. I just think leaving it

would be best. I mean, I don't think it causes any disparities overall. So with that, I yield. Thank you.

- c. Point of information: Can we get clarification on anti donation?
- d. Ryan Lindquist: The state of New Mexico is a state law you often look up New Mexico State anti donation clause State resources that would include staff. Any money that's in the UNM account is considered a state resource, except for self generated student organization money. That's the only exception that may not be used for personal gain.
- e. Point of Information: Isn't antidonation defined in the lawbook?
- f. Ryan Linquist: So basically, even scholarships and things like that have to be worded very carefully to make sure that scholarships are given to provide academic success. So like you can't use somebody's scholarship money to go fix a car because their car broke state money, but if you give somebody resource money to remain in school when they advance their academic progress, that's something you can do. This computer right here cannot be given to me as a staff member, state property, things like that. This will be gained for me personally. So you also can't use money to generate funds. Because that money can be for... So I guess what was this framed in?
- g. Senator Angel: So basically it is to promote people to donate to the Food Pantry, they get a tote, they design the tote.
- h. Point of information: SGAO said this could not be funded because of the anti donation clause.
- i. Ryan Linquist: Since this is purchased as a takeaway, the food pantry is a good example of how the University can't give directly because it is consumed individually. That's why the food pantry is primarily funded through donations because UNM is bound to the anti donation clause.
- j. Attorney General Peacock: Also to expound on that really quick apologies for like doing actual law and anti donation

law, he's been doing this way longer than me and has far better ideas than I do. But per the ASUNM law book which did a good job, saw this one coming, just recently put it in a definition for the anti donation law under the law book. So the students definition says, a quote prohibits the university and by extension, the ASUNM finance committee from spending giving away or allowing free use of university resources to benefit other organizations or individuals these resources include banking, financial assets or cash property could be supplies, equipment or furniture, providing services and employee paid work time. So that is our thing. So as of right now, I would hazard a guess and say that yes that this violates the anti donation law. I am not a lawyer. I'm not your lawyer. This is not legal advice. Please. Go consult a lawyer for any legal action. All right. Thank you.

- k. Senator Angel: So then with that being said, Don't fund this, but I do think that I urgently stressed the issue and leadership to see how they can find this at capacity. Am I talking? Why are you looking like this? Okay, so I would urgently add to see where the funds can come so that this can happen. I think it is very irresponsible to go too soon or promise something and ultimately, here we are. Can't fund it. So that's very disrespectful. And honestly just a little embarrassing on part of ASUNM as a whole.
- l. Senator Schultz: Thank you. I just want to get one more quick clarification just for Senators. We did read out the anti donation law. I do want to stress as well if something was a promotional item, which means it is given to people as a way to get people to join the club as a recruitment method. That's one thing we can fund that doesn't violate anti donation. This in this case is given to current attendees, people in the club to something else that would be antidonation but I just wanted to give clarification on what promotional versus what anti donation would be.

- m. Senator Rutherford: Thank you. I just want to get one more quick clarification just for Senators. We did read out the anti donation law. I do want to stress as well if something was a promotional item, which means it is given to people as a way to get people to join the club as a recruitment method. That's one thing we can fund that doesn't violate anti donation. This in this case is given to current attendees, people in the club to something else that would be antidonation but I just wanted to give clarification on what promotional versus what antidonation would be.
- n. Motion to change line item one to read \$684
 - i. Seconded and passed
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Point of information Senator Grado: Didn't we give them more because they had put the wrog line number in there?
 - 2. Point of clarification Senator Angel: That is what happened. The original amount was the amount that we were working with us and we were trying to Fund it less. Some senators really get that because the original amount that we have right now is 731 is 70% of three individuals watch this conference.
 - 3. Senator Schultz: The unit price listed was \$684 when they submitted this appropriation and I understand what they're saying why the increase was made. But we've been following the precedent that we're funding at the request. And that's what my motion was.
 - iii. Roll call vote on the motion 11-4-3-2 this motion passes
 - 4. By roll call vote with a vote of 18-0-0-2, this appropriation passes.
- vii. [Appropriation #43F](#) - Pre-Pharmacy Society
 - 1. Motion to open appropriation 43F

- a. Seconded and passed
- 2. Senator Tomazeifski: This is for pre-Pharmacy society and they are requesting funding for advertising, food for meeting and office supplies.
- 3. Questions
 - a. Senator Torrez: Why are we funding advertising and office supplies?
 - b. Senator Tomaziefski: So this was a new student organization. So we as the finance committee felt it was somewhat reasonable to fund smaller items given that they didn't have the opportunity to attend the budget process to receive some of these items. And we also agreed on the fact that it's marginally not as expensive as a lot of other requests. It says advertising, but from my recollection, they're discussing using that money to print flyers and wiring. It's really important for letting people know about the organization.
- 4. Discussion
 - a. Senator Schultz: On the conversation we've had in finance, this is one of the rare times in the finance committee where this was a discretionary cut made not based on standing rules. If y'all have any questions discussion about it, this is one of the things we kind of talked about with the authority to make discretionary cuts and changes. If y'all have questions or concerns, this is your chance to raise them. With that. I yield.
 - b. Senator Tomaziefski: I just wanted to point out that we also had a slight precedent with this for another appropriation for Arnold Air Society, a new student organization. We also witnessed moving funds around for different categories just to fund them out. That would be reasonable.
 - c. Senator Achusim: I understand that their work is very important. The precedent we've set, we have a money problem for a reason. And I think this is one of those reasons. And then we know what the semester wrapping up pretty soon and they will get the opportunity to submit

a budget request. Every other organization regardless of who they were had their office supplies and their advertising cut. So I think it's important that we maintain that standard.

d. Motion to decrease line 2 to read \$0

i. Discussion

1. Senator Angel: I wouldn't vote for this. I would leave at the \$75. I just think it's less than \$100 and cutting it won't do anything. The real issue is that we failed. We failed, we funded WAD at like \$20,000. We failed. So doing this now just shows that we don't have any reason or any morals. Beyond this precedent. I'm tired of this precedent. If I hear that word one more time, might, might, just might zone out. But I just think we should leave it. It just doesn't make sense. We messed up. From here on out we had a really great conversation that our precedent does it really doesn't matter in a lot of sense. We have failed in a sense. So just failing them even more by like cutting \$75 from a small student org doesn't really shed good light on ASUNM.

2. Senator Achusim: Well, really just I think...I agree we have failed that this is a show of faith that we have now learned. The reason we failed is because we strayed from the standard we set and that's why we failed. So we're gonna set a standard now, it's important that we stick with it. And we go through we carry it through the rest of the semester, and in the spring semester, when we get the money back, you know, we set better standing rules, we set better precedent. I know that you don't like that word, but as long as if we create the

structure necessary, we will run into this problem but right now we do have a problem. And we have to make I don't know, five grand last however many months and \$75 when you start pinching pennies, that's a lot of money. So I think it is important that we continue with the precedent we do have.

- ii. By roll call vote this motion passes with a vote of 8-7-2-2.

- 1. Vice president Chessman Point of information for the attorney general: What impact do abstentions have on a motion passing or failing by roll call vote?
- 2. Attorney General: Can you ask that again
- 3. Vice President Chessman: Actually, it is not issue, we had miscounted.

- e. Motion to reduce line item 3 to \$0

- i. Questions

- 1. none

- ii. Discussion

- 1. None

- iii. Senator Angel point of information: What validity does the ears of the chair have because sometimes I feel like the nays have been louder than the ayes. So, I am just asking when does it matter that you intervene?

- iv. Attorney General Peacock: Whenever a member doubts the result of a voice vote or vote by show of hands result appears close or because he doubts that a representative number of the members voted. He can call for a division of the assembly, therefore requiring the vote to be taken again by voice vote in a very small setting where all members can be seen instead of calling for division and for a show of hands can be called for. This is in the nature of requesting the chair to

retake the vote by this method unless the call for division is also so basically if you question it, you can call for a division of the assembly and then that forces like person by person vote. So that's a motion you have to bring it into action. Yes. Basically that is what vice president chessman president has been doing 1

- v. Point of information: If we were not here do to point of personal privilege, do we still have a chance to vote?
- vi. Attorney General Peacock: Has the vote been announced?
- vii. Vice President Chessman: No, not yet
- viii. Attorney General Peacock: Yes, then you are entitled to vote
- ix. By a roll call vote with a vote 8-8-2-2 this motion is a tie.
 - 1. Vice President Chessman: As the Vice President I have to break the tie I vote aye so this motion passes with a vote of 9-8-2-2.

- f. This appropriation passes by roll call vote, with a vote of 18-0-0-2.

viii. [Appropriation #44F](#) - Camperinos

- 1. Motion to open appropriation #44F
 - a. Seconded and passes
 - 2. Senator Gutierrez: They are requesting money for an event that they are holding, as well food for meeting and some office supplies that includes bandanas.
 - 3. Questions
 - a. none
 - 4. Discussion
 - a. none
 - 5. By roll call vote with a vote of 16-0-1-2 this passes.
- b. Steering and Rules Committee
- i. Chair Schmitz: We have just two pieces of business right. We have one piece of new business which is all piece of business people last time at

full Senate. Please have your discussion sparingly. What you mean is taken into great consideration when you're talking about there's a lot of pros to this bill. There's a lot of things that it can offer. Chair Schultz is going to elaborate a little bit more on please listen to what she has to say. She's not just saying them to say them. I know discussion is needed at a time but it's also almost nine o'clock and it's easier to use your voice sparingly. I mean, what you have to say it does need to be a ball off and talk was just understand that and as you guys move forward. Senate if you have any questions about running positions, like within Senate like chair vice chair like Chai Shultz said, you guys can come talk to me in the chair more there's a ton that it offers. There's a lot that it can do. For you. So just keep that in mind.

- ii. [Bill #20F](#) - Increases Specificity of 'Retreat' Definition
 - 1. Motion to open bill 20F
 - a. Seconded and passed
 - 2. Attorney General Peacock: This is an incredibly simple bill. It just increases the sophistication of the language and certain parts of the lawbook based on some advice I was given. This is important part of doing any sort of lawbook but frankly, putting it in the kind of stuffy legalese language is important it shows respect for the body. It shows respect for the like laws and the gratitude that they have. We are like giving out over \$100,000 worth of money, that's an important thing. So writing your bills, like currently proper hightailed manner is important because it just keeps everything equal. And also it helps make the lawbook look and sound a lot more cohesive as opposed to one section is written in an informal language and the other written in a very informal tone. It makes it hard to read.
 - 3. By a roll call vote this bill passes with a vote of 18-0-0-0
- c. Senator Angel Point of Information: Don't we need to go into old business?
- d. Vice President Chessman: We go in the order of the agenda. Thanks for asking though.
- e. Outreach and Events Committee
 - i. Senator Moore: Happy Wednesday everyone. So halloween donuts with coffee was a huge success. Thank you all to hell to showed up. So the rest of the business we have for outreach and event for the semester is going to be student success week. So I'll just give you a quick rundown.

So Monday, Monday or Tuesday, we're gonna have a resource center like study pizza night. That's also going to local businesses are gonna bring out food. Wednesday, we're gonna have therapy dogs in the sub ballroom Thursday. We're gonna have a little like part day like this is in a possible partnership, possible collaboration with a cinematic studio. And then finally we're gonna have a little like carnival at the dead week celebration. And my request is that please help if you do have the time I understand that it's dead we'd like even like a half hour would be much appreciated. Even if you come for setup that you could get the buildings before everybody else does. If you have any questions reach out.

4) Old Business

- a. [Bill #19F](#) - Adds restrictions on ASUNM Officers submitting appropriations
 - i. Motion to open Bill #19 F
 1. Chair Schultz Point of information: Don't you have to reopen the tabled bill not open it?
 2. Failed
 - ii. Motion to pick up bill #19 F off the table
 1. Seconded and passed
 - iii. Senator Schultz: The law currently states the officers cannot present appropriations unless it's ASUNM requesting. So for example if like lobo spirit came obviously the officers would be an asunm representative because lobo spirit is part of ASUNM. Otherwise ASUN officers cannot present appropriations. This just this bill just adds that a ASUNM officer can not be listed as a contact on the questionnaire page. So to the one person that i got a question from, I did that I want to clarify is that this does not change the way that you are affiliated with student activity center or any of that or your contact information there. This is simply only when you're submitting appropriations or budgets. So I just wanted to clarify that. And then my idea of writing this is that we already need one non- ASUNM office presenting and in theory that would be the person that is listed as a contact for the appropriation. It says nowhere that you're required to have two contacts so if it's hard for an organization to come up with two non-ASUNM contacts, they dont need that. They already need one that is not affiliated so that it just fine to only have the one. We only need one technically listed on the questionnaire nothing is saying that we require two contracts. So if you already need one non-asunm officer that can be the person that is listed as the contact too. So I want to just make that clear. Given that this bill is really just to prevent conflict of interest for senators or just in general, having their name on bills and then that bill gets passed through a body that you actively

participate in. And then the other last thing I wanted to mention is you do not need to be an officer to have your name on an appropriation or be the contact person. Any member of the organization can present an appropriation or be a contact. You don't have to be an officer. There's no restrictions on who can be listed as the contact or anything like that.

iv. Questions

1. Senator Tomaziefski: Can you explain the purpose of the contact on the appropriation?
2. Senator Schultz: So the contract is essentially meant for the Finance Committee when they come in. It's meant to be listed as who were expecting come in present. There's a phone number listed as well. If someone's late or running late or for whatever reason they don't show up. We use the numbers listed on the questionnaire contact sheet to call them and be like, Hey, by the way, we need you to like come in. Like this is who we have listed as who's supposed to come in. That's what that is for. So I hypothetically, if a ASUNM person was listed on there, we couldn't call them and ask them to come because they couldn't present.

v. Discussion

1. Senator Angel: Thank you. I would just like to sum up what was said today. I think there's body more than a lot of bodies within the Senate there's a lot of diversity in here. It's not as diverse as we could be, but it is diverse. I think the lack of individuals that are on this bill is telling us how much work is put into this bill. I personally submitted an appropriation this semester. I wasn't asked to look at this bill. I wasn't asked to talk about this bill. And I think my experience in making an appropriation my first time making appropriation was pretty traumatizing, honestly. To look at institutions that I gave two semesters of my time here and to think that they wouldn't even work with me. They tabled my appropriation and to think that I had some influence or that I have some power because I'm in this body. Mostly this just goes to show that I'm fearful that this would happen to other students of color other students who dedicate their time to public service who dedicate themselves to things because they love to do these things. I'm scared that that will foster an environment that isn't inclusive. I don't think this is productive. I think tabling it says a lot about it. I think we should actually have a conversation of what this will actually do and

what this would do for future generations. It is my last term and I don't want to think...I don't want or more restrictive ASUNM than when I came.

2. Senator Schmitz: I want you guys all to really consider like what this bill is doing. I know I have to sit down have a conversation about the legalities of the bill. As someone. There's two officers in the club. It's me and some other person of contact. But guess what, you all have members of clubs who can come support it doesn't have to be an officer that isn't defined within the rules. I know last semester, I helped one of my student orgs submitted thing. They didn't have defined officers. It was just people within their body. So this is just to protect ASUNM on another level. There's a lot of people who like have support for this bill, different things and I don't think that bills need to go down to the race and color people. That's not what this student body is about. This body is about including everything–
3. –Point of clarification Senator Angel: I don't think anybody mentioned color. I just wanted so that.
4. Point of order Attorney General Peacock: Please do not interrupt anyone while they are speaking on a bill. Please wait to yield until they are done speaking and you are recognized by the chair.
5. Vice President Chessman: Senator Schmitz, you still have the floor you may continue speaking.
6. Senator Schmitz: It's not about where you come from and where you're at in life. And I I'm leaving Senate after this semester, like I am doing other things but leaving this semester has been just really disheartening. With the support of everybody, everyone sitting in this room has a voice. Everyone sitting in this room comes from a different background. So just don't it doesn't matter where you come from and where you're at when you take into consideration the bill. The bill is to help the student body, not to help who's sitting in this room. The student body is a better representation than the people sitting in this room. I know like sitting here like I come from a place of my like majority and then you come to a place of minorities very different and it's very different to have to express yourself in there. People sitting in this room have all different lifestyles, but don't take into consideration for a bill. That's not what you're sitting in this room for. And I hope everyone understands that as we move forward in Senate because that's not what senate is about. So please take

that into consideration. Move forward with what's best for the student body, not where you come from and who you are.

7. Senator Jaber: So I want to voice my support for this bill. Senators, and everything. It kind of just makes sense. For like the flow of just how finance works. And then also, I think just how we talked in passing this talk to senators is like, our job as senators is to kind of bring the student body to doing things that they're not informed about, and appropriations are one of those things I sit on multiple boards, firstly, the arts here and a lot of orgs that are submitting appropriations, and I push them to learn about what an appropriation is to learn about the funding that they can get from ASUNM so learn about everything we offer, rather than just doing it myself, which I think is really important because at the end of the day, like it's our job as senators to voice that to the student body.
8. Senator Barba: I would like for one of the authors to go into more depth about the changes that were made to be more inclusive of the concerns between the last full senate and now that would be great.
9. Senator Tomaziefski: I would like to express my support for this bill. We have a moral obligation to abstain from any discussion relating to organization we're a part of interpreting that to what we're doing now. This is an example I'm treasurer for one of my clubs. I told my committee members that they have to do everything finance related essentially with that organization, because just morally it's not right that I might give them an advantage over every other student organization. So I think that this bill helps reflect kind of the idea of Senate itself wanting to get away from conflicts of interests and more transparent voice and deciding where things are at.
10. Senator Montoya: This does not present an ASUNM officer from helping a group fill out the appropriation. It just prevents the officer name from being on it. So it's not saying that senators who are involved in organization can't assist and help fill out those appropriations.
11. Senator Schultz: Just to give presentation Yes, you still can help and assist on the appropriation process. But that means you guys have a greater depth of what appropriation is than like the average student here at UNM. All this bill is saying is that you can't have your name directly listed as a contract. So you can still

participate in making of it. The other thing I do want to point out is that there's nothing saying that there's like there's a moral obligation that most senators follow to not participate discussions pertaining to a club that you are in there's nothing saying you can't do that. You have freedom of speech. This is a body where you have freedom of speech. What this does is remove your name from the appropriation.

12. Point of information: Why is there a section of the lawbook that talks about us not writing into the lawbook any conflicts of interest?
13. Attorney General: Can you identify the section that you are discussing?
14. Point of information: Article 2 judicial code section 1.
15. Attorney General: Can you repeat the subsections of the law code?
16. Point of information: Subsection 1 and 2 but also entire article
17. Attorney General: I see what you are talking about can you repeat the question.
18. Point of information: So there has been discussion that conflicts of interest can not be encoded for senators because it is a violation of free speech, but there is information about conflicts of interest for the judges in student court. So where is the distinction?
19. Attorney General: For the best explanation, I would recommend having a President, Vice President or getting $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Senate as for a full on AG opinion. My initial impression at the moment is just that again, as I've repeated multiple times, this isn't inherently political body. Yes there will be conflicts of interest. You all as representatives have to have your voices heard and our constituents represent to have their voices heard, whereas the judicial branch of any government, including this one is meant to be is meant to remain impartial. Because the same reason that member despite what you think about certain members of the Supreme Court this time, there is no official ethics code for the Supreme Court. At this time, however, the news articles and questions by members of the Supreme Court accept gifts or do certain things however, members of Congress are not held at the same reproach because judges are expected to be impartial and

not disclose did not have any real such conflicts, whereas being members of your community and representing your constituency, necessarily.

20. Point of information: Regarding section 2 of the finance code that states that senators must be impartial to disbursement decisions. Doesn't that mean senators must be impartial?

21. Attorney general Peacock: Based on my initial reading this is referring to contract neutrality which has to be maintained for federal law. Therefore we have to obey it.

22. Point of information: What is the difference between neutrality and partialness be?

23. Attorney General Peacock: I would say nothing, but at this point it would be best to get a full AG opinion on this issue.

24. Senator Rutherford: I'm an education major I am taught to give students a choice in how they want to present something because at the end of the day everyone comes from different backgrounds. Some people have intellectual abilities that limit how they present in the classroom. And to answer the question of Senator, nothing was added to this bill after it was tabled. Not a single word but there were people that came forward who voiced their opinion and sat down and did have a discussion. At the end of the day. We were discouraged from adding anything to this bill because of the agreement, and I heard no points and I validated their points. But my points were never validated. And to quote the Attorney General there we are representatives who represent our student body. And I was voicing your opinion of the student body, people I represent and what I had to say was invalidated and was discouraged. And so to answer the question, no, nothing was added. Even though there was conversations to do that, and so, to help be more inclusive, based on the conversations happened, the previous Senate and so I would just like bring that up.

25. Motion to call to question

a. By a roll call vote, this motion 12-4-2-2 got the $\frac{2}{3}$ that it needed to pass

vi. By roll call vote with a vote of 12-2-4-2 this bill passes

5) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

i. Senators

1. Senator Angel Point of clarification: If mine was already up wouldn't I go first? Mine has been up for a while, and if we are moving on would that mean I would go first?
2. Vice President Chessman: I believe your placard was up for discussion on the bill. So I don't think it would move over. But I apologize. For missing it. I am wait for AG opinion
3. Senator Angel: You should just go ahead.
4. Vice President Chessman: Okay, so then we will move ahead.
Senator Schultz
5. Senator Schultz: Thank you all for all you dedication and conversation tonight. Again please come prepared with business. If you have suggestions about standing rules please reach out to me or SGAO as we are coming up on the end of the semester. Ryan is also a fantastic resources as well. Please ask questions. Make sure that you all get home safe.
6. Senator Rutherford: I do want to commend the conversations we've had today. I think it's very important that we are talking as a legislative body. I do want to emphasize though, that I hope in the future that when people do encourage us to talk to them, that our opinions are recorded and are at least supported. I understand that if you don't agree with them, you do not have to agree with them. But I just encouraged that there be some thought made about supporting senators. Even if, like we might have disagreements, I understand that.
7. Senator Grado: On a lighter note, this has been a heavy one. I appreciate all your input. And I think it's really good discussion that we're having. We're doing the best we can for young adults, we're still trying to figure out how to do taxes. With that, I want to give everybody a chance to hear about something that is coming up. MeCHa is hosting a giveback kickback. So basically what that is, is you bring a non perishable food item, and we're going to donate it to community members that are in need this holiday season. So if you guys want to come to that, we really appreciate it. It's gonna be November 18. That's a Saturday from one to four. There's going to be food, there's going to be music, there's

going to be a fun time with a great cause so I encourage you to stop by we'd love to see a bunch of Senators there and see what your student wants to know so that they can come on just give him the spirit of giving.

8. Senator Angel: I think that there were really great conversations. And wasn't able to talk last week so I really am going to use my breath this week. Overall, I am conflicted. I am optimistic and hopeful that there will be great discourse. I challenge my other senators who abstained to really have an opinion. I used to abstain and in retrospect I learned but it really doesn't do anything. And my voice does have validity. So don't think the people around you are diminishing it or if they are bring that up the concerns. I also just don't think that a lot of the conversations are productive when it comes to talking about marginalized communities. I don't think get rid of that talk to me specifically about color and culture and diversity and equity and inclusion even have the academic background to be talking about that much less than personal ability to talk about that. So that was honestly disheartening that individuals could critique, a culture of community of values within these communities that they really don't have to speak with. So I really challenged ASUNM to be more mindful of how you talk to senators of color, how you interact with Senator for color, how you interact with students of color, this main argument with this last fuel was that we would target underrepresented, marginalized communities that doesn't mean communities of color that does not mean communities of color. And I hope we can make that clear. That means communities that have disadvantaged being misrepresented in all aspects of education that does not diminish just to color. So just that aspect really hurt me as an ethnic studies scholar. I will always fact check if I can. So with that being said, I really do hope and want to throw out, we look at ourselves and reflect that just overall know that we are doing great.
9. Senator Barba: Thank you all for your input. I just want to throw out an email for tours. If you have signed up please stay after so that I can give you all the information.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. None
- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
 - i. Vice President Chessman: I don't have much to say I know it's kind of late. We all want to get out of here. I think tonight's discussion was really productive and it was really nice to see some people who maybe don't participate in discussion as often getting involved. Like some other senators have mentioned, if you have questions about positions come and talk to one of us. But next meeting is our last meeting. All legislation will be due on by Friday at five. So if there's anything that you're working on anything that you want to do, make sure that you get that in two chairs Schmitz before Friday at five. And then yeah, I'm, I'm sad that this will be obviously next month or next one but I'm sad that this session is coming to an end. I've been really honored to work with you all this semester. So if you are working on anything you want some help with want any guidance, just let me know.
- d. Adjournment at 9:18 pm