

# FULL SENATE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 PM

Student Union Building Lobo A/B

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## 1) Opening

- a. Call to Order at 6:10 pm
- b. Land Acknowledgment
  - i. Vice President Chessman: Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.
- c. Roll Call
  - i. 15 Present; 5 absent
- d. Approval of Agenda
  - i. Seconded and passed
- e. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Seconded and passed

## 2) Preliminary Business

- a. Senator Accountability
  - i. No demerits
- b. Guest Speaker
  - i. President Garnett Stokes & Provost James Holloway: We want to hear any of the questions that you have for us. We know that there are a lot of things that are happening on campus and we welcome the opportunity to hear your questions. Really appreciate all of you giving your time to us and the University of New Mexico for those graduating, congratulations.
  - ii. Questions
    1. Senator Barragan: I would like to ask you about the encampment protests that are happening, can you clarify the notice that was sent about the encampment

as some words can be misconstrued and actions can be misunderstood.

2. Provost Holloway: I'll start on that. So basically, let me start by saying that protest is perfectly acceptable on campus. And multiple perspectives is perfectly welcome on campus. Within that, protest should occur as with all other activities, within the limits of appropriate university policies, university policy that's in play here is a policy that's been in place for some time that says you can't enforce that policy was put in place for a number of good reasons. But because we have that policy, we enforce that policy uniformly on all and it's enforced quite frequently throughout the year. To not have camping tents, all kinds of things like that set up on campus. Because we enforce that uniformly for some groups. For everybody. We have to do it forever. We can't pick and choose who can camp on campus. And so what the notice says it is. Folks can't camp on campus, You can stay all night if you want if your staff, faculty or students at the university, which can and the policy kind of lays out what camping means in terms of camping equipments or sleeping bags, tents and things for sleeping for camping. And so that's really what it's about. It's about applying that policy uniformly.
3. Senator Barragan: So I am hearing that as long as the actions are within University policy protests are okay.
4. Senator Hilang: Can you compromise with students' views going on?
5. President Stokes: I would say about our focus at this point is actually you know, protecting the safety of everyone on campus. Promoting the environment in which you know, discourse can happen productively. And so, there are many perspectives on very complex issues and our focus has been on education, and right now that's what we're focusing on.
6. Senator Tomaziefski: What has your office been doing that you are excited about?
7. Provost Holloway: So I'll jump in. I guess a couple of initiatives are pretty exciting on the touch the university really touch across the university. And so within the last

year, we've started to new what we call category three centers which are really university wide of research centers. Have one of these is called quantum institute of New Mexico. And that's really focused on the applications of quantum physics and quantum ideas to communications computing, measurement. And so it's also really remarkable things you can do with these ideas that are really just now coming to fruition, just use the world. And, and the other one is called arid which is looking at agricultural opportunities for improvement. The ways in which you grow chili the way to grow. Your palms are very dependent on kind of unique soil conditions. arid environment, New Mexico but it's also very easy to do that kind of agriculture in a way that ruins your ability to get the team to make it not sustainable. So this this center is really about taking the best ideas that are out there in terms of measurements. In terms of launching businesses. Agricultural husbandry designed to accelerate their push them out into the world. So they're going to be used not just at the city restriction. And I bring these up because both of these Institute's involved all levels of students, PhD students, master students and undergraduate students. One of them Aaron actually came out of our Grand Challenges water grand challenge and that grand challenge I think all of the students classes in research work and so I think I like these because they're something we're doing across the whole institution involved the branch campus but they also involve all levels of students. So I think both of these come up. Aaron was formally launched actually last fall. Both brand new just mentioned.

8. President Stokes: I'll add to that a little bit, I think, you know, it's hard to remember how many, how many students were perhaps your last year or have heard us talk about the Grand Challenge. This is something that were launched in 2018, designed to solve big problems that that exist in the state. And so these are two great examples of how our grand challenges created in 2019 are turning into something really incredible for the

faculty communities. And there are some others that are on the way so but I'll say that, you know, one of the things to me that I'm pleased about is you know, I think many people know that we did launch 2040 strategic framework for the institution. There are like five major goals associated with that and we're getting some traction now on making a difference in some of the goals and some of the objectives that are part of that. And some of that has been, you know, sort of is coming out of the Provost Office related to the student to student experience. You know, for us, you know, when the first thing I wanted to say when you asked what's exciting Well, we always, we always do really look forward to because it's just one of those times on campus where we get to see students so I have to go ahead and mention that. But I really think it's, it's the work we're able to do with the states and plans. We have the legislature I've been doing a lot of work with donors. And it is just, you know, I was I was traveling earlier this week and to be able to talk to people who love this university, allow our students to be successful here and want to figure out ways that they can leave as a campus. Those are things that can come immediately to mind because that's, that's part of what i love.

9. Senator Achusim: With the demolition of the education building what are the plans for that area?
10. President Stokes: You may know more than I do about that, I heard that the students had a plan or at least a proposal for an ampitheater.
11. Provost Holloway: I'm gonna call the proposal since there is no solid move in that direction. One of the things that the university just needed it's not actually fully done yet. integrated campus plan, which tries to look at it doesn't try to figure out where what buildings and units, but it does try and look at what's the overall vision for the campus and I should say campus writ large campus here in Albuquerque, And so it tries to look at all of that and think about what kinds of things could go in the different spaces within that campus. One of the elements of that it's really flagged as

important or central campus is to really think pretty carefully about our pathways. We have a lot of north south any words because even where we have pathways we sometimes have what we build a building halfway sticking into that particular part. But we actually have done have a lot of good east west on this central campus. So there's a lot of thinking going on as to how to create those corridors for pedestrian traffic. And that's with respect to the exact location of patient building was it's possible that one thing to do there is to help build some of those corridors and have some green space there. There's a proposal grant will be there that doesn't conflict with anything that I just said. And so the next thing you'll see being built, you'll see a construction fence go up this summer. And a lot we're building some of our technology, a new teaching learning space mostly the College of Arts. And then something that will happen next year is fence will go around humanities building, and the plan is to take the humanities building down in that footprint, which is desperately needed, Humanities buildings built in the 1970s. And if you've been in it, you know it doesn't need love it needs to go. So those are those are some things thank you guys.

12. Senator Doyle: What plans if any to increase student safety here on campus?
13. President Stokes: I am looking forward to lobo lift. I'm looking forward to that. You know, we've been really that was you know, one as certainly an outlet in my office has invested in that. That is important. You know, we continue to seek funding and use the funding that we obtained to increase minding to deal with unsafe areas to provide more resources. One of the big challenges I was in I may be in May now I do a traveling office hour away and I have one today. Museum of Southwest biology you know, a recurring issue for most of our students finding the funding to provide keycard access to facilities. And so we've been gradually trying to improve that. We are have also been examining ways in which we provide greater control the access to campus,

we're coming up with some solutions to try to help with that kind of access. We're implementing new things all the time. I think, you know, we certainly have relied a lot on the cameras and they have been helpful as deterrents also helped deal with issues that do arise. You know, I think our challenges continue to be a little more with what happens off campus. And so one of the things we're looking at, because we know that it's been an issue is, you know, we're required to send out alerts in there and those are defined, and yet, sometimes the very receipt of those alerts local alerts by our students, and our faculty and staff, create a sense of unease. And so we have a group, looking at how we communicate information to try to help make you don't need to create more fear than is necessary with cryptic messages. So we're really looking at ways to better communicate some of the things that are and we also continue to partner with the city and with the areas around campus because that, you know, the things that are happening that are of concern are often off campus and so you know, there will be partnerships is something that we continue to pursue

14. Senator Doyle: Is the student union building potentially go under key card access?
15. Provost Holloway: I dont anticipate that we will as many community members utilize this resource.
16. Senator Gurule: Is there any plan to work with the city to increase visibility for students crossing the university near engineering?
17. President Stokes: So those are things that you would suggest?
18. Senator Gurule: Yeah, we can do that. No one had brought up some specific ideas about that.
19. Provost Holloway: There are plans in the integrated campus plan to address some of the issues faced when crossing around different locations around campus.
20. Senator Jaber: What is the best way for students who are passionate about global issues to reach out to the administration?

21. President Stokes: Well, when just reach out or come by the office and I think that you know, surveys and with this the groups of students are being one of the ways we try to do this is, you know, we honor invitations to to be there or some representatives to talk to different groups, about issues. And so I would say that is a definite way to try to do that. Occasionally, they'll be an individual, individual issue. Yeah. You know, we try to help connect with the people that are actually solving. So it kind of, there are lots of ways to do that, but usually reaching out to depending on the nature of our Vice President of Student Affairs Office, Provost office, my office, our goal is really to try to get students match up with somebody who can actually be helpful in talking about whatever the issues that directly addresses what you're trying to do.
22. Provost Holloway: I feel in this venue, I must explain a little bit and that is that we're in a group of students elected to represent the think it's important for ASUNM to be a place where your constituents can connect with you and you have various channels to connect to higher administration
23. President Stokes: Additionally department heads are strong members that can help in many ways.
24. Senator Gutteriuez: Are there any plans to support food insecurity to support students better?
25. Provost Holloway: And so food insecurity is one element of student body health. Disparities. It's important to look at these as as comprehensive a way as possible. And so when we think about food insecurity, for example, the food pantry is one tool for addressing that. But so on a bunch of other tools, right. So food insecurity, at its at its base may be a financial issue. So there are things that the university financial center capability we're working very hard to make sure that students can receive scholarships. scholarship so so I want to flag this is something that we're really looking at. The issue of stigma is very much on the agenda. I do also want to mention that besides food pantry, within the Dean of Students Office, there's a group of folks who can help

students sign up for SNAP as well. And as well as reach for other resources, such as social insurance. I think that's an important resource, and it's differently place. So the physical placement of the food pantry and this is an interesting use to be buried in the basement. So in some ways, you could go there and not be seen, but it was also completely invisible. Putting in the sub was a way to make it visible. And by making it visible. You were welcome to come here and get food doesn't matter if you're not available to No Man's question was asked questions of the students who go there. Make it visible, so that people can go there. Really can't judge too much. But at the same time, it also makes the issue visible to everyone. And that's one way to address issues. This is something that some of our colleagues are dealing with, and we need to respect but I can also say that the folks in Vice President Scott's office who are working on this are really really interested in suggestions and ideas on how to deal with this issue. Because there's no question on the student ethics associated is preventing students from using the resources that actually already exists, and not just that, but others as well. So I think it's important even to ask questions like this shouldn't treat us as she should help our students succeed.

c. Public Comment

- i. Susan: I'm a UNM alumni. I wanted to first say that this was really disappointing. Mostly because there's not a genocide that is happening right now. There are children being killed, or 14,500 children are being killed and murdered right now. And this university has not divested from so called Israel has not divested from genocide. And we are really frustrated because this is respectability politics. There is an active genocide happening right now. And we are sitting around the table and talking about it as it is. It's frustrating. And I really, really want you all to think about what that looks like. For the rest of us who are not sitting there talking to the president. It's really frustrating because the president and the provost have been complicit in police harassment of folks all across the campus for years. And so I would like to just urge that no disrespect to



you all. I really appreciate students and I was once a student. I really urge you to do everything in their power to advocate for what you just said was right, which is a free Palestine, just children not being murdered, mothers not being murdered, which is campus that doesn't become a full because a pipeline, a campus that does not allow for police officers to put their hands on students. These are the types of things that we are trying to advocate for as people who are connected to students here on campus as people who are involved in campus. I really really hope that people will listen, because it's really, really frustrating. So thank you for your time. And we're going to we really, really wanted to see if we could, if we could come here and we can make a difference and we didn't get any answers with us. We talked about safety. And that is where every university across the United States right now is talking about and using that as an excuse to brutalize students. Whether you like it or not, if you choose to speak if you choose not to speak, if you choose not to speak you're complacent with genocide. Your complecent and the violence that is happening to people here on this campus.

- ii. Nancy Sutton: I am an alumna of the University of New Mexico and I'm also a retired teacher. And I'm because my friend here was talking. I see you all listening and we need your help. Okay, because as she has said, a genocide is taking place and it's mostly visited on the young Palestine is a very, very young country. So these two people who are sitting here if they left I beg please, please, you need to listen to this. All of my life. I have been trained to sweep things under the rug. That is the way that I was brought up. And I can hear he brought this to me there. Yeah. Okay, there they are. Excuse me. I'm not used to that yet. But I love my kids with all my heart and I want you all to really pay attention to this. Don't sweep it under the rug. I'm an old lady. I'm 71 years old when I was 16 you know, Martin Luther King was assassinated and nothing. Something good has come of it. But not very much. We haven't made much progress. And it just makes me so disillusioned. So I'm hoping that as we go forward and you are young people stand up for what is right. Okay, you've been seeing what is right and what is wrong. So let's do that. For that. Let's don't stand for this. way of life that. I don't know I

say I hate it because since I was a little girl. I heard Martin Luther King say, and I'm a white girl. I heard Martin Luther King said, I look forward to the day when my children and your children hold hands and our friends. And I thought, Okay, this is a promise this is the way it's going to be in the future as it hasn't turned out that way. But this thing that Palestine is urgent, and it's happening right now. So that's why I'm begging you with my mother's heart. With my teachers heart with my UNM students, hearts, and all of that. Please pay attention to this and this let everybody know. We cannot stand for this anymore.

- iii. Metcal Walker: 'm almost 40 trying to finish my undergrad and in my like severe naivete In the fall when I came, I'm Jewish. And I saw Hillels booth at the like Lobo welcome walkway in the fall and I went over to Hillels. Then I said Jewish students center and professionals but it's an extremely an overtly Zionist and exclusively like Zionist place. They pledge you know certain points, they have good interactions with Arabic students, stuff like that, but there's no space for me there. And so I have a problem with them. Billing themselves as a student Jewish Center, and I'm not the victim here. Obviously, it's Palestinians right now. But, I also asked you all to ask really hard questions. I appreciate the one that you asked. But don't don't let that be the burden of your classmates who are really struggling right now. Because their families are being murdered. It's real. It's not just that we're like throwing the word genocide. Out here to you know, make you feel like you're complicit. It's very real. So yes, in terms of safety, I don't know what your format is here. But, but I wish he would ask more questions. This this protest should be a welcoming place for all students to join in. Not one that other students are afraid to join, including Jewish students like me, and including other Muslim students, including non religious students, students of all colors. This This protest is important. There's no universities left in Gaza right now. That's why this is important. That that that space and those events protest are protected here. I also feel like the meeting was a fail here in terms of talking about what's what's happening right now. I have emailed the President I did not get a reply. I got like reply from a secretary. So talk back when they asked things I don't

mean interrupt. I don't mean to be rude, but ask her questions. How can you get things done this in your campus? You pay, it's also public knowledge. So when we're talking about having, you know, doors, only permitting UNM people how the taxes fund the campus, so let's make this a good place. Use your privilege and free palestine.

- iv. Sandra Wood: I'm a graduate student at the University of Mexico. You guys are my Senate and I just want to reiterate upon what my comrades have said, which the guest speakers here we're both very evasive of questions. And basically, what they were trying to say. We asked questions about the mechanics of how we can talk to the representatives are supposed to represent us the mechanics of how we can get to the actual people in power. And make changes as like introduce students, but they did not adjust past time. When they were talking about they send you an email for months when you've run events where all we did was write letters and send emails to all the heads of the colleges to all of the executive staff at the office of the president. We have for months now been protesting and their response is that because we are not protesting at this moment in the exact same way that we were protesting that our protest because that's that's what they are doing every evening. When they are when they are sending in the police and forcing students and forcing police brutality on students right where they are disrupting students sleeps, they are violently tearing down tents. They are destroying the property of students. These are by saying the protests in this way they are trying to convince us to write and and reiterate upon what my what my comrade said right that. Like none of your guides probe deeper into these questions. They were invasive and none of the probed. Thank you.
- v. Unknown: This isn't some typical type run of the mill conflict. People are violently tortured. People are making snuff films. Based on killing babies killing women These people are sick, twisted fulfilling sadistic fantasies because of this.
- vi. Mateo: I'd like to preface this first of all by saying that I am generally not a person who goes to protests. And it hasn't been I hate to say it but it hasn't been something of my nature. Because my life circumstances did not align with the

values of these groups. This time, I have gone to these groups I've gone to these buildings I've witnessed firsthand and see for myself what these people are fighting for and what drives them to do what they're doing. And from what I've seen, is disappointing to say the very least response from senators. As I understand it dictates some of the policies that enforced at university. But instead of seeing some drives some some some encouragement, some some motivation or just pure grit or Senator to push our leaders into seeing what the situation as an entrant right? And to see what are the actual actions that they're going to take to help us out and more importantly, why does it seem like some of their policies are contradicting what they're saying to the public and I didn't get to see that. Fairly good, always very evasive, if you don't mind me saying he was he was. And I suppose this is typical politician type, so I shouldn't be too surprised at the outcome. Still to for me that I came here at UNM because I was expecting a campus that was willing to work with each other to solve the big issues and to really support each other and to distance themselves from the many ailments that affect other campuses. But instead, what I see is yet another example of the time kind and demoralization and decadence that is affecting almost every single other college campus that has some sort of impact on the protests, something or the other. They're not going to support their students fighting for what they believe is right and this is not exclusive. My view to the protests at hand seen this I mentioned that I'm studying in New York, I have seen this perhaps most strongly in the school of engineering where there's almost tangible the feeling of knowing that UNM is at its core, essentially a pipeline to the defense industry, and to feel that soul crushing weight on you as someone who studied this field for years dreaming of making a real difference in the world and to really help people with the knowledge and the work and the skills that have been endowed to me. But no, it said the university wishes to follow the dollar to the bottom, no matter the cost to anyone, no matter the cost of the community, no matter the class to their students, no matter the cost of their faculty, no matter the cost to the entire to the nation to the world. Why, why? That is the question that keeps bothering us. Why do that? Why if

you're going to call yourself a an institution of research and moving forward and innovation, why follow ideas that are inherently backwards and all sense of the word for no tangible? I don't get it. I really don't understand and I wish that some of these ideas will simmer with some of you, at least in the future that you keep this in mind because these issues this part is only just one part of the growing issue that is plaguing this nation. And I really hope to see you that our future politicians or I don't know if you're going into politics, but at least people who are practicing politics will come to face these questions.

- vii. Jonathan Juarrez: I'm a former student at UNM. I just wanted to want to thank you for listening to all of us and spending your evening here. I wanted to say that when I walked in, I noticed on your agenda like you guys start to open your space with land acknowledgement These are my ancestral homelands. Some of my people have resided 1000s of years. And I want you to think about what it means to be in solidarity with indigenous people to respect the rights of indigenous peoples. You'd say that when it makes you look good, and you say that when others are in the room, but when we aren't here asking for your support and your solidarity, please show up. Not just when it's popular trend people show up during these people if that is how you're going to start every single day of ASUNM meeting if that is how senators wish to open the space, meaning it's not performative. This is our lives. Thank you. For your time. Are there any other members
- viii. Zoey Croft: I'm a current student. I'll keep this brief. I just wanted to let you all know some of the demands or people that are protesting right now here on campus. That is number one at UNM disclose all financial investments. Number two that UNLV divest from institutions profiting off the genocide Palestinians. Number three is for the university and to speak up and publicly call for an immediate ceasefire in gaza. And number four is for the university to boycott all Israeli educational institutions and study abroad programs. I will say I appreciated some of the questions that were asked here today. And I encourage you all to continue to challenge university leaders who have been through the past readings, threatening their own students with arrest with citation

destroying their property taking her property. You know, some of the notices that folks who are protesting are provided with even went as far as to say that students could not have backpacks on the person and campus which we all know is not realistic. So I really encourage you all to ask the tough questions and we ask those channels to question the decisions of the administration. So one more time. The first amount is that university disclose all investments or tuition dollars, so we deserve to know where our money is going. Number two is that we asked the university to divest from all institutions profiting off the genocide of Palestinians. I know that UNM students and the student body as a whole does not want to see our money and our tuition money go towards funding and genocide. Number three is to speak up and publicly call for immediate ceasefire in Gaza which is something that the university still has not done. And number four is to boycott all Israeli educational institutions and study abroad programs

- ix. Beth Morelove: Hello, y'all, pardon me for being a hothead. I'm really not this scary in reality. My name is Beth Moorelove, and I'm an internationally recognized painter. I lived in Berlin, Germany for four years. I was married to a Palestinian man whose father was a diplomat for the PLO. I couldn't stay with him because I couldn't deal with his PTSD from what he's witnessed, sadly, and I know a lot of massacres that happen by the Israeli army against Palestinians. For a long time. There's been many of them which have been started on October 7, okay. I'm 60 years old this year. All right. And what your government is doing right now and what your universities supporting, is that they're breaking international law. My father was a gunnery sergeant in Vietnam. And he watched Texaco oil trucks being driven through the DMZ zone and into North Vietnam, and that means our government was supplying both sides of that war. That's wrong. And what we're supporting right now, by supporting Israel is wrong. They're supporting a genocide that none of us have seen this kind of horror since the Nazis did this to the Jews in World War Two, and you have the duty and you have an obligation and you have a responsibility to stand up and say no, and what those kids are doing camping out over there, they're doing the right

thing and they're standing on the right side of history. And your university officials need to support that and respected because that's called that that's called civil disobedience. And when your government is breaking international law, you have the duty and obligation and a responsibility to engage in civil disobedience. Thank you.

- x. An anonymous member of the encampment: Well, I'm a freshman here at UNM. I like to say my name is anonymous today, but I independent member of the candidate of the DEF CON, and since it began at roughly 1pm On Monday, I calculated in my head just now that I have been part of this encampment for at 6pm 53 hours. This is nothing in comparison, the time that Palestinian in Gaza in the West Bank, after spent outside in the cold under fire under bombs, without no internet without electricity without food without water without shelter without heating without cooling. It has been incredibly taxing on me, even how little rest I've gotten used to the police being called on us every night by this very administration. And you can see how heavy this is on me. I do not want to be part of that. I want to be happy. I want to be a student who goes to school to learn to not have to speak up for people dying because my tax dollars are funding institutions that refuse to support people and humans all over the planet. I like to say thank you, members, of the Senate, I did ask questions that didn't probe the administration, providing reactive encampment in the ways that they have. I like to thank all of you who have been listening, who have been attentive to what we've been saying. Because when people listen, and people learn, we can make real change. The only reason I'm out here is because I learned from people I learned what was happening. And I learned why I should stand up and stop it. Like I said, Before, I wouldn't go to school to learn. That's what I came here to do. And I recently switched majors to linguistics because I wouldn't learn how to talk to more people. I'm doing I'm doing majoring in languages. Because I want to learn how to talk to as many people as I can. I want to get back with as many people as I can. So I thought that going to university that teaches Arabic that teaches Japanese but even that teaches Mandarin and even the German teaches and so many other languages around the

world and I wouldn't be part of a community that cares for people the world over. But with each passing day, I just feel that the administration does not care about real people. They care about money and I do not feel safe on a campus that cared so much about money, and so little about humans. The guest speakers that were here. Before they left they said they wanted to prioritize student safety and yet the provost refuses to not involved police. They refuse to understand why we are protesting and the ways that we are protesting is on effective when you follow the rules. Protesting is effective when you break the rules. Because it makes sure that you are seen and I'm glad that all of you here are listening to us because the more that people see this once people think about it, I think there is possibility for change, but I am losing that hope every night. So I want to be here one final message I hope that you think to yourself that you talk to other people that you probe your administration for why they care so little about real people. Thank you

- xi. Andre Montoya: I'm faculty at the school of medicine and I've been involved in since October. It's difficult to find a place to start because obviously, the magnitude of the violence the magnitude of degree, the magnitude of our involvement in it is enormous. As Americans we give our taxes as a university we give investments we have relationships with organizations and companies. That are directly involved and implicated in apartheid. Genocide. I hate to even use those words. And in this case, it's absolutely true and that's where our responsibility lies. And that's where the responsibility of everybody who's here they feel it and we want to pass that on to you. Because as much as we feel responsible for it, we have in some ways, not the power that you do. You are part of a decision by you're part of a governing body you hold sway over the institutional leadership. And honestly, I'm happy to be talking to you right now, because we've stood up in front of the regents and we've stood up in front of the president. Knowing that even though if I were able to, to breathe smoke, if I were able to project the grief and the violence and the suffering that's happening right now. They would see it and their minds would move immediately towards the political concerns. They would move immediately towards the phone



calls that I'm sure that they've had with funders and companies and outside stakeholders, political entities, you know that the regents are appointed by the governor. And the governor is beholden to the party. And the party is beholden to the corporate interests and every one of them wants to continue this and so all the way down the chain to the regents that's their concern. Those are their constituents. So it's frustrating. However, I'm standing in front of you, and as far as I know, none of you have been bought off by Exxon or Intel. You haven't seen a dime from Google or Amazon or Starbucks or any other organization that is directly implicated in apartheid and genocide. And so you have power, you have a freedom to say something. I really encourage you because, as representatives of the students, I want to remind you that 30 student organizations across the university have already signed on to the apartheid divestment resolution. The faculty union back in November, passed a ceasefire resolution with 87% of the vote. 80% of Democrats, 70% of independents 60% of Republicans want a ceasefire. So obviously, the leaders can only represent us as much as we push them. I have a little bit of weight, and you have more. I encourage you to use because when it comes down to it, where we put our money, and where we put our efforts says everything about where our values

- xii. Ryan Linqist: Congratulations on finishing your terms. If you need a letter of recommendation please reach out. Best of luck I hope to see you all in the fall.
- d. Motion to recess until 7:25 pm
  - i. Seconded and passed
- e. ASUNM President's Report
  - i. President Pacheco: This is my last full senate meeting of college. I want to leave some advice. This is probably one of the avenues to talk to higher administration. Really utilize this time to the best of your ability. Remember your why.... Fight for this why. Remind yourself why you are here. You are the backbone of ASUNM. This is a remarkable year. Thank you to all the senators. Thank you to the executive cabinet. Thank you to Josiah, Mikenzie and Audrey.
- f. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
  - i. Vice President Chessman: I will save my yapping for the end.

- g. Joint Council Report
    - i. DDEI Castenda: A lot of colleges and resource centers are having study hours and many resource centers are having small graduations. All businesses except Bill 28 voted in favor, so bill 28 failed in the joint council. There was a discussion about whether it is necessary. So members felt that it was more complicated. They feel that once again student organizations are having to reach out instead of us reaching out to them. Instead of making everyone do this, it should be a recommendation. They feel that it is their job to ask the questions when they have them.
  - h. Boards & Committees Report
    - i. Chief of Staff: Library committee meeting there are two new assistive deans and they received two big donations. Health science information library services are hosting a traveling exhibit. The Athletics committee talked about teacher awards and exit interviews for athletes. The student publication board is working on hiring a new editor. I have been in ASUNM for 3 years. I believe that you will do great things in the future. Hopefully, you have learned something. You can't do anything about 20 years ago but you can do something today.
    - i. ASUNM Senators
    - j. Attorney General Law Book Edits
      - i. AG: Thank you for all that you have let me be a part of. Keep building yourself up. You have a lot of potential. Lastly if you go into the military go in as an officer.
- 3) New Business
- a. Finance Committee
    - i. Senator Tomaziefski: I hope you all are doing great! We only have one appropriation tonight.
    - ii. [Appropriation #49S](#) – Bengal United Sports Club
      - 1. Motion to open appropriation #49s
        - a. Seconded and passed
      - 2. Senator Schimt: We cut this to standing rules and only one line item.
      - 3. Questions
      - 4. Discussion
      - 5. By roll call vote this passes with a vote of 15-0-0-3
  - b. Outreach and Events Committee

- i. Senator Achusim: We have two events that are happening so email me if you are interested. You are a nice guy.
    - c. Steering and Rules Committee
      - i. [Bill #27S](#) - Adds Sponsorships Coordinator to Student Special Events.
        - 1. Motion to open bill number 27s
          - a. Seconded and passed
        - 2. Senator Tomaziefski: This bill is intended to help gain sponsorships and plan engaging student activities for the student body through student special events.
      - ii. [Bill #28S](#) - Requires student organizations to meet with a member from ASUNM before submitting an appropriation.
        - 1. Senator Schultz: This is not intended to be another hurdle for students, but rather a supportive measure so that interactions can be formed and student organizations have more support as they navigate the complicated finance realm.
        - 2. Questions
        - 3. Discussion
          - a. Senator Hilang: I would like to discuss if ASUNM can tell outside entities what to do.
          - b. AG: Yes because we are in charge of the appropriation process.
        - 4. By roll call vote of 3-14-0-3
    - d. Election of Fall 2024 President Pro Tempore
      - i. Motion to open Fall election
        - 1. Seconded and passed
      - ii. Nomination
        - 1. Senator Schultz: I nominate Senator Montoya.
        - 2. Senator Montoya: yes
      - iii. Presentation Speech
        - 1. Senator Schultz: I had a speech planned up, but seeing that Senator Montoya is the only one nominated, i will shorten it. Senator Montoya has been influential in the ASUNM community, she has a wealth of knowledge and she is so kind and welcoming to everyone, She will make a great fit for this role.
      - iv. The new president Pro temp is Montoya by roll call vote 17 votes for Montoya and 3 absent.
- 4) Special Business

- a. [Appropriation #50S](#) – Spring 2024 Quasi Endowment Fund Deposit
  - i. Motion to open appropriation 50s
    - 1. By roll call vote 17-0-0-3 this passed
  - ii. Senator Tomaziefski: It is legally mandated so let's do this, and this is for the future of ASUNM to have more money.
  - iii. By roll call vote this appropriation passes with a vote of 17-0-0-3

## 5) Closing

- a. ASUNM Closing Comments
  - i. Senator Schmidt: It has been a fun semester and nice. It was so fun being on the finance committee doing something. It has been fun. I liked being in the Senate. And I will probably
  - ii. Senator Tutman: It has been great in the Senate a lot of doors have opened doors. O&E is the best.
  - iii. Senator Jaber: this has been so fun. Chair applications will open next week
  - iv. Senator Hilang: Thank you for bearing with me, I have learned a lot. I would love to hear your thoughts on ASUNM in 60 seconds for the summer.
  - v. Senator Doyle: Even though it has been only one senate and I have made great senate
  - vi. Senator Gutierrez: I want to thank President Pacheco and Vice President Chessman. We love you all.
- b. Motion to move out of parliamentary procedure
  - i. Seconded and passed
- c. Motion to move back into parliamentary procedure
- d. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
  - i. Senator Schultz: This has been a great semester. I have seen you all grow a lot. I will be your job reference. I will be around. I am proud of you.
- e. ASUNM Vice President Closing
  - i. Vice President Chessman: I am more sad than I thought I would be. This is my favorite senate so far and this is a testament to you all. This is a testament to how great you are all. I want to say thank you to my senate aids. Thank you to Krystah, Isabel Ryan, and Jackson I would not have survived without you.
- f. Adjournment at 9:14