



**FULL SENATE AGENDA**  
Wednesday, September 25th, 2024  
6:00 PM  
Student Union Building Lobo A/B

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1) Opening

a. Call to Order

The Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:01 PM on 09/25/2024

b. [Land Acknowledgment](#)

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

18 Senators Present || 2 Senators Absent

d. Approval of Agenda

*Seconded and Passed*

e. Approval of [Minutes](#)

*Seconded and Passed*

2) Preliminary Business

a. Senator Accountability

- i. Senator S. Dedmon (09/14/2024): First Demerit, No Consequences.
- ii. Senator A. Casaus (09/14/2024): First Demerit, No Consequences.
- iii. Senator N. Romero (09/14/2024): First Demerit, No Consequences.

b. Guest Speaker

i. **Rosa Isela Cervantes:**

“Thank you so much for having me here today!”

- Director of El Centro de la Raza  
Created in 1969, by students for students model.  
Ms. Rosa Isela Cervantes went into detail about the history of El Centro.
- Over 10,000 students identify as Hispanic/Latino or Chicano - nearly 43% of the Lobo Population. El Centro is about all students succeeding. It’s all about “what you need ” is the general theme of El Centro.



Thursday 9/26 - Pre Red Rally Social being hosted by all three ethnic centers. El Centro has an open door policy. Get involved!

**SEN. CASAUS** - When are "Cafecitos con Rosa" and other events that we can tell students about? What demographic do the "Transformar" program adhere to?

**ROSA ISELA CERVANTES** - Cafecitos happen during certain times and they usually fluctuate depending on our events. Follow our socials so receive updates and complete dates. The Transformar program usually applies to Freshman and Sophomore students to talk and explore culture. Offers many opportunities and is open for all. Accessible geographically.

**SEN ZINSMAYER** - How has El Centros Mission changed with the coming of many new students, a growing campus, and many first gen students?

**ROSA ISELA CERVANTES** - Well we have a tight connection with our students and we ask their needs and wants. We have utilized data from surveys we have given to adapt and launch pilot programs for some graduate students. Larger systematic university conversations is the goal. We've also added staff to our team to collect data and do things that students need and want. We want to raise 50,000 dollars during Hispanic Heritage Month.

**SEN GONZALES** - With the symposium and the hispanic population at UNM, how can the senate and the undergraduate program within ASUNM contribute to your organization?

**ROSA ISELA CERVANTES** - I believe that just having the conversation is a great place to start. Part of it is having that conversation about the demographics of New Mexico and being informed and doing research and understanding who our org effects. Think about UNM and our goals. We want to enroll, retain, and graduate them. We believe that it's so much more than that. How do we invest in who we are serving and in what ways? Imagine a professor centered you and your teaching styles



and your culture in the curriculum. Would you not learn better that way? So what I want from you, the senate, is to consider all of a student's angles and what they truly need vs what you can give them.

**SEN RUTHERFORD** - What does service look like to you and how can senators actually serve?

**ROSA ISELA CERVANTES** - I believe that it's about your intentions and stopping when it's not working. It takes more time to include everyone at the table and it's really about putting in the hard work. I spend a lot of time building consensus with my staff, although it's tedious and takes more time but it's more fruitful to hear all voices in an inclusive space. Be intentional with your conversations from day one. We want to hear from students and even staff. How can you connect to your community? This single symposium we've sent over 1000 emails personalized and gives people opportunities to connect with us more personally.

**SEN HILANG** - What sources does El Centro receive most of your input from?

**ROSA ISELA CERVANTES** - We get it from all over. Surveys are a great tool but we utilize many different forms of conversations to students. We ask during cafecitos and other events we are able to put on. We also reach out to friends and colleges across the nation and that's how we came together. Students talking about what needs to happen and how we are able to get that down.

**SEN HILANG** - For events like the symposium, how can people find volunteer opportunities?

**ROSA ISELA CERVANTES** - EMAIL US! We love to talk to students and get you involved by forwarding your email to wherever they can best help. We love it when you show up and help.



SEN ROMERO - Do you have any events strictly in Spanish?

ROSA ISELA CERVANTES - No events currently, strictly spanish we tend to focus on Bi lingual conversation.

The chair motions to recess until 6:35 PM

Seconded and Passed

The chair calls the meeting back to order at 6:41 PM

Seconded and Passed

Re Entry Roll Call

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c. Public Comment

President of SLOPE

In order to provide enrichment for dancers on campus. Asking for more funds to cover rental fees for the X theater. Trying to cut down costs and remain free to students for enrichment for all. Main focus is the rental fee.

Gabriel Gurule and Andrew, Victoria, other "SAE" members:

As we approach the spring semester, we expect to gain many more students from the engineering programs. Today we were here to request funds for central resources. Investing in these areas will strengthen our organization and allow us to go further!

Edgar Zapata IAAA Chapter:

Seeking funds for a trip to Vegas in January. Conferences offer professional development for students. We have a representation on national merit. Seeking further funding on hotel fees since sponsors aren't meeting our needs.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers:

Focusing on a few items in Appropriation 10F. Firstly our program is a great stepping stone for students and brought up the conference to faculty and students. Our appropriation has been finalized to about half



of what we need to get there. We would like to get that higher as possible. Item on budget for branded shirts for attending conferences and was disapproved of to the finalized 10F appropriation. Wanting a 600\$ line item added for merchandise and wearable clothing.

**Appropriation 11F Motor Sport Club:**

We are requesting that we shift funds, not add or subtract. We'd like to move funds from our gas fees to student travel. We really just want to move it all around! Thank you.

**Greg Golden Dean of Students OFFICE:**

Promoting student wellbeing events and conducting an assessment to get a good response rate of what students need and we need ASUNM to take the assessment. We opted for an 8 minute survey. We also need your help to encourage friends and others to take this survey. Looking for influencers to promote our surveys. Promoting Lobo Oasis Program!! I'll be back in two weeks!

**Ryan Linqest:**

Silent Lights was a hit and so many students enjoyed their night. We appreciate our volunteers. We will have our Red Rally tomorrow night. Thank you to the Gentlemen of Sigma Chi for their space and helping out with the build of the "AGGIE."

I'd also like to talk about the rule against using state money to acquire personal gain. Senators conduct yourselves properly this weekend with the many events happening.

**Andrew Norton EXEC DIRECTOR OF ASUNM SSE:**

Silent Light Nights was a huge success for our agency. I want to read you all our ASUNM mission statement and explain why SSE is accomplishing that fully. The money you've given us so far has gone to collaborations with resource centers, unmc food, and legislators that come to visit UNM. SSE Staff has been present at all ASUNM events and were requesting 75,000\$. Yes that is a lot of money but let me explain why we need it. We have so many new and growing lobos that want to attend our events and



need more space, funds, and resources to accommodate all these students. We're requesting 37,000\$ for a headliner for Fiestas. We want you all to help us bring bigger artists to our campus. Do you want to be the people who bring bigger celebrities to our campus? We have also requested money for speakers for students to come enjoy and see. We've also requested an extra 15,000\$ for that fund. Our events have consistently seen the most attendance from past years.

d. **ASUNM President's Report:**

We had some of our biggest events this past week.

Fall Frenzy went swimmingly on September 15th and planted many trees, cleaned up our sites and overall did a service to our campus. The legislation finance committee also had a great week discussing the New Mexico Budget and all that entails. The Alumni Association also met this past week and plays a large role in ensuring UNM traditions are passed down and preserved. The HOCO elections saw a 95% increase in voter turnout. 2000+ students voted. Silent Lights was an awesome event. Our Red Rally event is upcoming as well. Our Lobo Spirit even needs your help with cleaning up afterwards so we can all go home after. ASUNM Office Conduct : Don't leave the door open and introduce yourself to Chris. The Balance Forwards also happened this past week.

e. **ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks:**

Outreach emails were due at 5PM so if you haven't email myself and PRO TEMP to sort that out. Let's talk about Senate Etiquette. We understand you have notes and thigs to do, but listen to speakers and be respectful. Please respect the seating chart. If you havent taken your senate picture please email the DOC if you missed the retreat. ASUNM Padfolios were given out to all Senators! Please enjoy them and carry the name of ASUNM wherever you go.

f. Joint Council  
Moved to H.

g. Boards & Committees Report

The Sub board convinced on Friday the 13th, and was a productive and informative meeting. We had officer elections and SEN ZINSMEYER and VP JABBER now hold office within that sub board as President and Vice.



The collegiate health governance committee met and during this meeting we went over infection control and immunitary care. Streamline coordination between main campus and rules. Seeking 3 students to join these sub committees for whom may be interested.

**SEN RUTHERFORD:** Can you repeat the 3 Subcommittees

ASUNMCOMMITTEE@UNM.EDU

*COLLEGIATE HEALTH AND GOVERNANCE*

- INFECTION CONTROL

-IT COMMITTEE

-HSC STUDENT CONNECTION

h. ASUNM Senators

**SEN GARCIA:** Volunteer Opportunity coming up from AAPI Center coming soon!

**PRO TEMPORE MONTOYA:** Joint Council will have sponsored events such as Money on Mind and Overcoming Stress and Anxiety and a Distress || Anderson School of Management will be offering professional headshots.

**SEN CASAUS:** Red Rally is tomorrow and we need volunteers to move it to Johnson Field at 8AM!!

**SEN ZINSMEYER:** 18 Appropriations brought tonight and if we were to fund everything we would be out alot. We need to be considerate and equitable to the orgs for the year and more orgs to come.

**SEN ROMERO:** O&E TownHall is upcoming and we'd love to have many senators attend. I'm really excited about this event and with senator attendance it will show students we care!

i. Attorney General Law Book Edits

**AG HILIARIA:** We have a couple simple but important Bills to discuss and I strongly advise not to block vote this session. I know it's a lot but please do not because it's important to discuss it all tonight. If you have any Bill ideas let other senators know and it's a great way to gain support and communicate with others.



3) New Business

**SEN RUTHERFORD:** I want to bring to your attention that we have a “few” appropriations and were sitting at a budget of 100,010\$. We are sitting about 70,000\$ with recommendations tonight.

a. Finance Committee

The chair motions to open Appropriation 9F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

i. [Appropriation 9F](#)

**SEN PINGAL: American Institute of Chemical Engineers**

These students want to attend this conference and it will provide growth in areas of Mechanical engineering and research for these students. Additionally they’ve qualified for the National conference since 2019.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 9F:

*Appropriation 9F passes with a (17,0,0,3)*

**Secoded and passed**

**Total of 6509\$**

The chair motions to open Appropriation 10F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

ii. [Appropriation 10F](#)

**SEN PINGAL: American Society of Mechanical Engineers**

Attending a conference from November 17-20th in Oregon. They originally asked 15,792\$ and that amount was cut due to standing rules. We are decreasing their airfare because they requested a rental car.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 10F:

*Appropriation 10F passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

**Secoded and passed**

**Total of 9480\$**





The chair motions to open Appropriation 11F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

iii. [Appropriation 11F](#)

SEN GONZALES: **Automotive and Motorsports Club**

Questions:

SEN ROMERO: I have a question about the calculation of Line Item 2 because that seems an arbitrary number.

SEN RUTHERFORD: They are bringing two cars and have a far hotel and what it would look like to cover them would be significantly less.

Discussion:

SEN ZINSMEYER: These cuts make sense and hopefully we can help and hopefully we can support them.

SEN HILANG: They want to rearrange funds so I will make motions.

SEN HILANG: Motion to increase Line Item 4 by 64\$.

SEN RUTHERORD: I know I've instructed student orgs to do budget revisions and I don't think this would be effective.

SEN ZINSMEYER: This will lead to a lot of clerical errors in the future.

SEN HILANG: Although small, I feel like we should still go ahead with this motion. Will the student org be able to revise before their event?

SEN RUTHERFORD: Yes they will have enough time if administration is timely.

This motion has failed and is still in discussion of Appropriation of 11F.

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 11F:

*Appropriation 11F passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

**Seconed and passed**

**Total of 6677\$**

The chair motions to open Appropriation 12F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**



iv. [Appropriation 12F](#)

SEN GONZALES: **German Club**

Requesting funds to hold board game night and other events on campus.

Questions:

SEN RUTHERFORD: After reviewing the quote, there was an 8 dollar additional fee for each person due to an error.

SEN HILANG: Which event were you speaking about?

SEN GONZALES: That was for the OutPost Ice Arena.

Discussion:

SEN RUTHERFORD: Due to a clerical error we need a motion.

SEN ZINSMEYER: Motion to change Line Item 3 to now read 350\$

Motion Seconded and Passed

SEN RUTHERFORD: Student org came to us and said they didn't need that much funding.

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 12F:

*Appropriation 12F passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

[Seconded and passed](#)

**Total of 1578\$**

The chair motions to open Appropriation 13F

[SECONDED AND PASSED](#)

v. [Appropriation 13F](#)

SEN HOLLY: **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers**

Student org wanting to travel to conferences and events from January 3rd to January 10th 2025. First two lines were cut to 2000\$ due to limits of funding for conference fees. Other cuts and funding were made to this appropriation within the first four lines and changed the amount for food to 800 by standing rules. Relief fund for meetings.



Questions:

SEN ROMERO: Why is this Org requesting airfare and per diem gas mileage and the personal table cloth, does it violate any laws in rules!

SEN RUTHERFORD: Since the Organization is sending 16 students so their idea was if they could get the funding they would but since we're funding only 10 flights, we will fund the two vehicles to drive the rest of the students to get there. In regards to their professional service, it was submitted and SGAO has deemed it not the case since it is tailored to their organization. SGAO approved their audit.

SEN WARD: Provided clarification on the Anti Donation laws.

SEN HILANG: Clarifications of standing rules for the finance committee?

SEN RUTHERFORD: Finance Committee is held to standing rules for trips at 7500\$. It discourages killing two birds with one stone. Cutting their per diem helped.

Discussion:

SEN ROMERO: Motion to strike Line Item 4 to 0\$

With no seconds this motion fails.

PRO TEMPORE MONTOYA: I am a member of this club so I will not be adding my input.

SEN RUTHERFORD: I'd like to highlight what Senator Montoya just did. She is a member so she will not add input to avoid bias and unfair reasonings. Also I encourage the finance committee to not break standing rules but to advocate for this organization.

CHAIR JABBER: If you're affiliated with an organization, please bring it up at the beginning of the appropriation.

SEN DOYLE: Motion to increase Line Item 5 to 2100\$

Motion passed.

SEN ROMERO: Let's just be mindful of equitable and fair allocation of funds.

SEN RUTHERFORD: While I agree with the previous speaker's sentiment, we are trying to send as many students as we can and alleviate the worry of 6 students.

SEN GONZALES: I would like to remind the senate of the definitions of equity vs equality.



Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 13F:

*Appropriation 13F passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

Secoed and passed

Total of 10,802\$

The chair motions to open Appropriation 14F

SECOED AND PASSED

vi. [Appropriation 14F](#)

SEN HOLLY: **JIM Club**

Need funding for facility rental fees, food for meetings and food for an event. Lines 5 - 8 fell under professional supplies and were adjusted accordingly.

Questions:

SEN WARD: I would love to hear more details of equipment repairs?

SEN RUTHERFORD: It's not to replace equipment in johnson but are one time expenditures to refurbish items.

SEN HILANG: Why is everything cut to 800\$ specifically?

SEN PINGAL: Per standing rules that's the maximum amount we are allowed to allocate to them for that category.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 14F:

*Appropriation 14F passes with a (17,0,0,3)*

Secoed and passed

Total of 5892\$

The chair motions to open Appropriation 15F

SECOED AND PASSED

vii. [Appropriation 15F](#)

SEN PINGAL: **Pre-Optometry Society**

These students are seeking funding for shirts and pens and other explode items for their newly established club. Per the Anti-Donation Law we had to make some adjustments. Line Item 3 was cut to 0\$.



The Chair recognized that SEN DEDMON had re-entered attendance.

Questions: None

Discussion:

SEN GARCIA: I think we should fail this appropriately so the organization may submit a new one so they can receive less cuts.

SEN RUTHERFORD: There has not been a direct conversation with the effects of failing this appropriation but for future reference just take that into consideration.

SEN HILANG: I would be in favor of failing this appropriation because they would only get 74\$ out of this and we could give them another chance instead.

SEN ZINSMEYER: It unfortunately makes sense to fail this appropriation because 74\$ will not get them much.

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 15F:

**FAILED AND NOT PASSED**

The chair motions to open Appropriation 10F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

viii. [Appropriation 16F](#)

SEN HOLLY: **SLOPE**

Semsetly event and they requested for items for social media and promotional items. It is their biggest event and since this is their only I'd like to consider this an operational cost.

Questions: None

Discussion:

PRO TEMPORE MONTOYA: It's vital for them as a student org to function, without adequate funding I'd like to hear what senators have to say about increasing that amount.

SEN RUTHERFORD: It is important for them to function so I would be in favor to fund them in a similar capacity.

SEN GONZALEZ: No comment



SEN DOYLE: It is very important, as a dancer I can sympathize with them. It was stated that this is one of their main events so I am very strongly in favor of increasing it.

SEN HILANG: There are some ways we can fund, full amount or considered an operational cost. I would raise it to 70%.

PRO TEMPORE MONTROYA: Motion to change Line 1 to read 2184\$.

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 16F:

*Appropriation 16F passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

Seconded and passed

Total of 2217\$

ix. [Appropriation 17F](#)

SEN LONGORIA: **Society of Automotive Engineers**

After discussion with SGAO, Line item 1 was adjusted.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

SEN DOYLE: Motion to Line Item 1 to read 5988\$.

SEN ZINSMEYER: I trust SGAO to decline that purchase because it would be against their own rules and I support this motion.

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 17F:

*Appropriation 17F passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

Seconded and passed

Total of 7888\$

x. [Appropriation 18F](#)

SEN LONGORIA: **The American Medical Student Association**

These students want to fund an emergency request for simple things they are needing and office supplies. Line Item 1-8 were updated per standing rules.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Appropriation 18F:



*Appropriation 18F passes with a (17,0,0,3)*

Seconded and passed

Total of 1769\$

The chair motions to open Fall 2024 Balance Forward Bill.

SECONDED AND PASSED

xi. [Fall 2024 Balance Forward Bill](#)

SEN RUTHERFORD:

Not much change but an increase in what will be given to the senate and what would be given to affairs. Currently this money does not come out of our account but specific to what was required on what wasn't spent. 227,000\$ and we would fund 201,000\$. 25,000 surplus into the general fund.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Fall 2024 Balance Forward Bill:

Fall 2024 Balance Forward Bill *passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

Seconded and passed

Total of 201,950\$

The chair motions to open Fall 2024 Budget Bill.

SECONDED AND PASSED

xii. [Fall 2024 Budget Bill](#)

SEN RUTHERFORD:

This money comes from money acquired through student fees. The amount given to the finance committee was around \$53,000. We'd be left with a surplus of 30,000\$. The UGC submitted last spring and wasn't caught and was retracted. The others who were reduced to 0.

Questions:

SEN WILLIAMS: What about Sigma Tau Rho?

SEN RUTHERFORD: If you have an off campus account you cannot affiliate with SGAO.

Discussion:

SEN RUTHERFORD: We also sat there and know there is a significant surplus so I would applaud the finance committee for their hard work.



Roll Call Vote on Fall 2024 Budget Bill:

Fall 2024 Budget Bill *passes with a (17,0,1,2)*

Secoded and passed

Total of 22,142\$

b. Steering and Rules Committee

SEN ZINSMEYER: I'll try to keep it short because they are similar and I hope you all engage in discussion.

The chair motions to open BILL 4F

SECODED AND PASSED

i. [Bill 4F](#)

SEN ZINSMEYER: This bill discussed that senators must send bi-weekly emails and maintain relationships with their student orgs. It puts it in the law book and allocated a guideline so that it doesn't fall to the wayside.

Questions:

SEN RUTHERFORD: I think this is a great Bill and I support it, my question is if we are assigned certain orgs, the verbage leaves wiggle room to be used on it.

SEN ZINSMEYER: I don't think we'll be sued but if you don't have sponsored student orgs you can get sued without that charter.

CHAIR JABBER: Adds clarification on the Bill because we cannot foresee if there are agencies if we don't accept in the depth of our sponsorship with senators so it's only bound to what people are assigned to so as of now you are not assigned to anyone yet so you can't send emails yet.

Discussion:

PRO TEMPORE MONTOYA: Motion to Strike the capitalized A and motion to add a lowercase a in section 3408 sub section a before the word ASSIGNED.

Secoded and passed

Roll Call Vote on Fall 2024 Balance Forward Bill:

Fall 2024 Balance Forward Bill *passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

Secoded and passed





The chair motions to open BILL 5F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

ii. [Bill 5F](#)

SEN ZINSMEYER: This goes hand in hand with the previous bill by restructuring bill 35 and it would've been a mess if we tried doing it the way we tried previously. Sets a time limitation for email deadline so template has to be sent out two days before and gives them a chance to work with what they are given.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Bill 5F:

Bill 5F *passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

**Secoded and passed**

The chair motions to open BILL 6F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

iii. [Bill 6F](#)

SEN ZINSMEYER: The important part of Bill 5f is the main part of Bill 6F. We've all read it and it's very simple.

Questions: None

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Bill 6F:

Bill 6F *passes with a (18,0,0,2)*

**Secoded and passed**

The chair motions to open BILL 7F

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

iv. [Bill 7F](#)

SEN WARD: This process just defined the election of Pro temp and outlines what a runoff election would look like. Elected by simple majority.

SEN ZINSMEYER: I love this Bill and it clears up many complications that affected OMA.



Questions: None

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote on Bill 7F:

Bill 7F passes with a (18,0,0,2)

Seconded and passed

- c. Outreach and Events Committee  
SEN DOYLE: Town Hall tomorrow from 11am - 1PM. Set up before and do the last final checks. Will be using Sen Williams computer. Read the email, it's very organized. Thank you.
- 4) Closing
  - a. ASUNM Closing Comments  
SEN ZINSMEYER: Any legislation send it to me please and thank you by Friday 5PM. If it's not ready yet let me know.  
SEN RUTHERFORD: Thank you all and we did a great job. I highly encourage you all to attend some of the events listed tonight.  
SEN DEDMOND: Red Rally Mixer at 5:30-8PM
  - b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore  
You all did so well tonight and shout out to the finance committee.
  - c. ASUNM Vice President Closing  
BIG SHOUT OUT TO FINANCE THIS LAST WEEK. THEY DO HARD WORK AND THEY SHOULD BE APPRECIATED!!!!
  - d. Adjournment  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12PM