The Associated Students of the University of New Mexico

Finance Committee

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Meeting Minutes
March 3rd, 2021
Zoom: https://unm.zoom.us/j/97926134583

1. Opening
   1. Call to Order
      1. Chairwoman Polsin officially calls the March 3rd, 2021 Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:33 pm
      2. MOTION to move out of parliamentary procedure
         1. MOTION is seconded and passed
      3. MOTION to move back into parliamentary procedure
         1. MOTION in seconded and passed

2. Roll Call
   1. All Senators are present

3. Approval of Agenda
   1. MOTION to approve the agenda
      1. MOTION is seconded and passed

4. Approval of Minutes
   1. MOTION to approve the minutes
      1. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Preliminary Business
   1. Finance Chair
1. Thanks for coming 5 for appropriation and then we will deliberate and vote
2. Members of the Committee
   1. None
3. Public Comment
   1. None
3. New Business
   1. Appropriations
      1. Appropriation 2S - Filipino Student Organization
         1. MOTION to open Appropriation 2S
            a. MOTION is seconded and passed
            b. Speech
               i. Last year we lost a lot of money in budget cuts but this year we want to be more active. Line 8 is appreciation to a speaker for an up coming event. Also refresh and food which can be cut. And prof services is for a photographer at our events
            c. Questions
               i. May: The 80 will prob be cut to 55 per standing rules
               ii. Carrillo: further clarification for food, how many go to meeting
                  1. Only 5 members for exec board
               iii. May: is barbershop event for next year aswell
                  1. Yes, we wanted to do this semester too and not just the next
            d. Discussion
               i. Munson: How much left in account for for
                  1. Polsin: $89
               ii. Salazar: since 150 is minimum should we fund 62 to make even
               iii. MOTION to cut 28 to read 55
                  1. MOTION is seconded and passed
               iv. MOTION cut 14 to read 62
                  1. MOTION is seconded and passed
               v. Salazar: cant we only fund prof serv at 65
               vi. MOTION to red 22 to read 65
            e. Vote
               i. Appropriation 2S is approved with 6 votes in favor
2. Budget Revisions
   1.
4. Old Business
   1. Spring 2021 Budget Deliberations
      1. All discussions on Budgets are written in the Spring 2021 Budget Hearing minutes.
5. Closing
   1. Members of the Committee
      1. Salazar Great job past few weekends
      2. Munson Congratulations on finishing every one
      3. Carrillo: Great job were the best comm
   2. SGAO
      1. Ryan Lindquist: great job we will officially approve at fulls enate soon
   3. Vice-Chair
      1. We did it. We have been working on a budget bill so contact if you want to help
   4. Finance Chair
      1. Thanks for all the work great comm. Very prepared and thanks cj and siena
   5. Adjournment
      1. Chairwoman Polsin officially adjourns the March 3rd, 2021 Finance Committee meeting at 6:50pm
I. Opening
   A. Call to Order
      1. Chair Romero-Salas: I call this meeting to order at 5:31 PM
      2. MOTION to move out of Parliamentary Procedure
         a. MOTION is seconded and passed
      3. Senators talk about business for the evening
         a. Bill 4S
            1. Discussed on line 94 under section 3 adding the word
               "be" and striking the word "the".
            2. Discussed on articles 5, 6, and 7 removing titles for
               sections.
            3. Discussed capitalizing "joint resolution" and "senate
               resolution".
         b. Bill 5S
            1. Thinks that everything is good as is and looks like
               there doesn’t need to be any further changes.
c. Bill 6S
   1. Discussed removing spacing in “as” and “e”.
   2. Thinks that everything is good as is and looks like there doesn’t need to be any further changes.
d. Bill 7S
   1. Bill was passed last semester but was failed by Legal Counsel.
e. Bill 8S
   1. Discussed changing “all legislation” to “all legislation not pertaining to finance” or something similar.
   2. Thinks that everything is good as is and looks like there doesn’t need to be any further changes.
f. Bill 9S
   1. Thinks that everything is good as is and looks like there doesn’t need to be any further changes.
g. Commendation 3S
   1. Thinks that everything is good as is and looks like there doesn’t need to be any further changes.
   2. On line 54 discussed changing wording to “in their public studies” instead of “for”.
   4. MOTION to move back into Parliamentary Procedure
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
B. Roll Call
   1. All six Senators are present
C. Approval of Minutes
   1. MOTION to approve the minutes
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
D. Approval of Agenda
   1. MOTION to approve the agenda
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
II. Preliminary Business
A. Chair
   1. Chair Romero-Salas: I just want to ask how many of you all are planning on going to ELL this week? Please raise your hand or contact me in another format. For the agency meetings I know that there hasn’t been a high attendance, so if you are free during that time feel free to jump in.
B. Members of the Committee
   1. No comment from members of the committee
C. Public Comment – The public may submit public comment to be read aloud to
   asunmsandr@unm.edu
   1. Ryan Regalado: I will kind of get into Bill 9F a little bit later. It is a bill I have been wanting to pass for a while. This is kind of changing with the times. Sorry on the confusion with the other bills, I think that definitely needs to get passed though. I hope you all have a good meeting.

III. New Business

A. Bill 4S – Adds Section Titles to the Legislative Code
   1. MOTION to open
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
   2. Chair Romero-Salas: I yield the gavel to Vice Chair Southern.
   3. Authorship
      a. Chair Romero-Salas: This is just adding section titles. There are certain sections that are bolded, but the content wasn’t changed. This will be the same for bills 5S and 6S.
   4. Questions
      a. No questions
   5. Discussion
      a. Vice Chair Southern: I yield the gavel back to Chair Romero-Salas.
      b. Senator Ambarian: I MOTION in line 94 to change “will the responsible” to “will be responsible”.
         1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   6. Bill 4S passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

B. Bill 5S – Adds Section Titles to the Finance Code
   1. MOTION to open
      a. MOTION is seconded and passed
   2. Authorship
      a. Senator Ambarian: This bill is mostly about adding titles and making sure that everything is accessible and easy to access.
   3. Questions
      a. No questions
   4. Discussion
      a. No discussion
   5. Bill 5S passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

C. Bill 6S – Adds Section Titles to the Elections Code
   1. MOTION to open
a. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a. AG Lutz: Bill 6S is similar to previous bills in that it gives section titles. It makes it more understandable. A lot of these bills are accomplishing the same thing, but discussion is still nice. Also, when called on please say “thank you Sir Chair” or “thank you Chair”.

3. Questions
   a. No questions

4. Discussion
   a. Chair Ambarian: The only thing that we had on this bill was naming, convention, and spacing in line 4, but from what I can tell that can be changed later on without a motion. Aside from that I think it looks really great and it is ready to go to Full Senate.
   b. Senator Gunn: I agree the titles are good and it makes it more clear and understandable.

5. Bill 6S passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

D. Bill 7S – Fixes the Language of Balance Forwards
1. MOTION to open
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Chair Romero-Salas: I yield the gavel to Vice Chair Southern.

3. Authorship
   a. Chair Romero-Salas: This bill removes the sunset clause that was here before. This bill was failed by Legal Counsel last semester.

4. Questions
   a. No questions

5. Discussion
   a. Senator Ambarian: I believe this was the bill that we were trying to back log. Is everything okay with that?
      1. AG Lutz: A big part of this bill is in section five when we talk about Balance Forwards. When this was originally written it was to address issues in 2019, and they added the sunset clause to deal with that time. The point of this bill is to get rid of anything that references fiscal year 2019. This also adds “any funds below 50,000”, which wasn’t there before.
b. Vice Chair Southern: I yield the gavel back to Chair Romero-Salas.

c. Senator Ambarian: Thank you, I have a better idea of why it needs to go through again. I am in full support and I think we should pass it through.

6. Bill 7S passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

E. Bill 8S – Adds the Process of How Legislation Becomes Law

1. MOTION to open
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a. AG Lutz: Like we discussed earlier I wrote this to clarify how the process starts in S&R with legislation and moves to Full Senate. This bill explains the legal process of it all. I would like to hear discussion on the term “legislation” and whether that needs to be clarified further.

3. Questions
   a. No questions

4. Discussion
   a. Senator Gunn: Does the Lawbook have a definition of Legislation and what is it?
      1. AG Lutz: I will double check the Lawbook and let you all know.
   b. Senator Gunn: If AG Lutz is able to find a definition of “legislation” that is clear than obviously that one section is fine to leave. If it doesn’t specifically exclude finance, then I would agree with adding an explanation.
   c. Senator Ambarian: I agree with Senator Gunn’s point. If I do recall, there is mention to non-finance legislation in a different part of the Lawbook. If we do change that we need to make sure that it matches with the other mentions.
   d. AG Lutz: I did look, in the Lawbook there isn’t a definition, but when you look under the job of the S&R Committee it says, “all legislation not allocating Student Government funds”. I wouldn’t recommend adding anything in this section that would say the same thing. S&R is already defined in the Constitution.
   e. Senator Ambarian: I am in agreement with AG Lutz. I think the role is already defined previously. I believe it is fine to leave it as is with “all legislation”.
f. Senator Gunn: I believe that was the only major question on this legislation. If everyone believes we should leave it as is, then I think this is ready to pass.

5. Bill 8S passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

F. Bill 9S – Amends the term of Office for the Judiciary Branch

1. MOTION to open
   a. MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a. Ryan Regalado: This is a bill to restructure how the Judiciary Branch works. Right now the new incoming President appoints the Chief Justice, and they start thereafter. I prefer the change this way so everything else doesn’t have to be changed in the Lawbook. The most important change on this bill is the part that reads “shall be no longer than the calendar year”. It’s a year-long position.
   b. President Amin: I think this is important for Senators to know. We will have to do some outreach to get it passed by the students. This changes this position from a semester term to a year term. By the time they have their mock trial and trainings half of their semester has gone by. The way we have it set up now, we have a full functioning court year-long. This also opens up the door for many more opportunities, if they are able to work for a year, they can do work with the Dean and things like that. That is pretty much everything.

3. Questions
   a. Senator Ambarian: Why not have the Chief Justice also start at the end of the Fall semester?
      1. Ryan Regalado: That was the initial plan, but after speaking with Ryan Lindquist, he made a good point that you want one person on that court that knows how everything is operating already. They can help train everyone else and the new Chief Justice if needed. I do understand why that is kind of confusing.
   b. Vice Chair Southern: Can you talk on the longer version you want to get done?
      1. Ryan Regalado: The next version would be on the first section. It says, “with the exception of an impeachment”. That impeachment isn’t outlined at all
in the Lawbook. Later on though it says that people can remove individuals from office, so it kind of contradicts itself. It is a process that needs to be clarified. A bill from the 90’s has a section with impeachment, but I’m not sure how it would look now. This would need to be re-evaluated next year or sooner.

2. President Amin: I think it is important to look at the Constitution to see what other changes need to be made, yet at the same time this is important to pass now so it can be on the ballot in the Spring.

4. Discussion
   a. Senator Ambarian: I am in favor of this bill and I think it does a really good job of positioning the Judicial Branch to have more involvement in ASUNM. I am very excited to see what other changes come across this committee in the future when it comes to the Judicial Branch.
   b. Senator Materum: I want to say that this is a really good idea, cycling through these positions. I want to make a small change to the number. This isn’t that relevant, it says at least one semester. Do we have to do that numbering thing that we’ve had to do in the past?
      1. AG Lutz: The Constitution doesn’t follow that same structure like in the Lawbook.
   c. Vice Chair Southern: I know there is a quick turn-around, so I think that this is a good change.
   d. Senator Ambarian: A concern that I do have about it, is the Spring semester to Fall semester in terms of graduation that may make it counter-productive.
      1. Chair Romero-Salas: Chief Justices already serve a semester so that wouldn’t change.
   e. Senator Gunn: Hopefully, theoretically it wouldn’t be all four Associate Justices. From my understanding it would be less turnover than it is now. I agree that there is opportunity for unexpected turnover, but as it is now, there is less.

5. Bill 9S passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

G. Commendation 3S – Congratulates Society of Women Engineers (SWE) for receiving 2021 Outstanding Outreach Event
   1. MOTION to open
MOTION is seconded and passed

2. Authorship
   a. President Pro-Tempore Harper: I think this commendation is honoring a very well-deserved organization. The Society of Women Engineers have won an award for their Outstanding Outreach Even. They did it for an event they do annually for an event that they call The Art of Science. This event is full of activities for middle aged girls. This serves as a great opportunity for them to learn from professionals and students. This is something that many people from the university have helped with including the Girl Schouts of New Mexico Trails. I think this is something that we should pass in order to show support for the society of women Engineers in all the work they do. I look forward to hearing discussion on it.

3. Questions
   a. No questions

4. Discussion
   a. Senator Gunn: I think this is a great organization and commendation. I think it is ready for Full Senate and this is a great thing that I was happy to co-sponsor.
   b. Senator Ambarian: I was also very excited to jump on as a sponsor for this commendation. SWE is more than deserving. I have had the privilege of working with them in the past, and I think it is great that they are getting their recognition from ASUNM and on a greater level. Senator Gunn, I thought you may have had a word change if you still wanted to do that.
   c. Senator Gunn: In line 54 the change that I brought about was changing “for their” to “in their”. I won’t bring it up unless another Senator wants to make the motion for it.
   d. Vice Chair Southern: MOTION to STRIKE “for” and add “in” on line 54.
      1. MOTION is seconded and passed
   e. Vice Chair Southern: I think it is great to congratulate SWE. I am proud to sponsor this commendation and I am excited to see it pass.

5. Commendation 3S passes with a vote of 5-0-0-0

IV. Closing
A. Closing Comments
   1. Members of the Committee
      a. Senator Gunn: I think we have been so much better with Robert’s Rules of order. I think you have done a great job leading these meetings. I think we also did a good job of going through these seven pieces of legislation. It’s a pleasure to work alongside all of you.
      b. Senator Ambarian: There was a lot of legislation. We got through it pretty efficiently. We had more discussion as well. I am really excited for more to come. Thank you to Vice Chair Southern, Chair Romero-Salas, Siena, AG Lutz. Thank you, have a great night everyone.
   2. Vice Chair
      a. Vice Chair Southern: I think we got through all of our business quickly. Good meeting and glad to see everyone.
   3. Chair
      a. Chair Romero-Salas: It was an exciting night. We almost did it under an hour. Next committee meeting after Spring Break will be a similar work load. This was a very exciting and fun night.

B. Adjournment
   1. Chair Romero-Salas: I adjourn this meeting at 7:03 PM
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Outreach and Appointments Committee

Meeting Minutes
March 3rd, 2021
Zoom: https://unm.zoom.us/j/96865921091

1. Opening
   1. Call to Order: 6:02pm
   2. Roll Call: 4 of 6 members present, Sen. Corniello and Sen. Uhmadi absent, stated in advance that they would not be present.
   3. Approval of Agenda: approved and seconded.
   4. Approval of Minutes: approved and seconded.

2. Preliminary Business
   1. Chair: To start things off I hope you all are having a good week, I’m ready for spring break and it’s not as cold as it was a couple weeks ago. For today’s meeting we are going to get the little details together for our acts of kindness program and I also did want to leave some time to talk about student success week and some other things.
   2. Members of the Committee
Pro Temp Harper: I hope everyone is well and staying healthy. Most importantly keeping track of our mental health and I am really excited to hear about all of the activities you all are working on and putting into practice which is an excellent idea. Reach out to others for anything you need, including myself.

Sen. Griego: Hello everyone I’m so excited for another great meeting. Feel free to email VP Milan about outreach hours, Lobo social packs count as outreach hours as well!

3. Public Comment: none

3. New Business

MOTION to move out of parliamentary procedure, moved and seconded.

1. Outreach
   i. Finalize previous plans for” Random Acts of Kindness”

       Graphic posted this Friday, Sen. Benites is finalizing it after this meeting. Prize: Bookstore items, it takes a few weeks to get gift cards sent to people which takes a while, reviewing budget to finalize what we can do but we have substantial budget to fund this semester. Bi-weekly so lobos have two weeks to participate 5-24th for the first trial run.

   ii. Student success week

       Food? Pizza? Need to get forms and approval to be on campus.

   iii. Tying into what DEI has been doing with safe-zone training, host a virtual screening for ASUNM leaders of the Netflix documentary Disclosure so everyone has the opportunity for discussion on this issue. Netflix party works with ASUNM, outside ASUNM and to the public we would have to pay a licensing fee.

MOTION to move back into parliamentary procedure, approved and seconded.

4. Closing

1. Members of the Committee

2. Vice-Chair: Seconding everything Sen. Griego has said!
3. Chair: I’m really proud of our committee! If you have any questions feel free to reach out, shoutout to Sen. Benites for the graphic and hope everyone has a great rest of their week.
4. Adjournment: 6:55pm