



## ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6:00 PM

Lobo A&B, Student Union Building

### 1) Opening

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Chair calls this meeting to order at 6:00PM
- b. Land Acknowledgment
- c. Roll Call
  - i. 19 Senators present
- d. Approval of Agenda
  - i. Chair entertains a motion to approve the agenda
    1. Motion seconded and passed.
- e. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Chair entertain a motion to approve last meeting's minutes
    1. Motion seconded and passed.

### 2) Preliminary Business

- a. Guest Speaker: Dean of Students Nasha Torrez
  - i. Dean Torrez: Good evening, thank you for having me. I'm Nasha, I'm your dean. I'm going to talk about what my office does and a little bit about myself to build a connection. You should feel comfortable reaching out to me. I did my undergraduate here in business and I was an ASUNM senator, and it was probably one of the high points of my life. It's an honor to speak to the senate even now. I found my sense of belonging here at ASUNM, it got me connected and out of my shell. I have a mom who went to UNM, and I got recruited to UNM. I was kind of a big fish in high school and definitely had a student government/alpha vibe but with college I froze a little bit. The idea of being around everyone was so daunting these first three weeks. The RA's were so good at helping me get acclimated and out of my room. I started meeting people, saw a senate vacancy and I got it. How you use your voice in the senate is determined a lot by who you were and will affect who you become. I was a big social justice advocate from a young age. I have always been looking to improve and change our spaces to



accommodate everyone. Senate was how I learned to work with others. I did speech and debate and it's not like that, it's collaborative. You will be with the folks in this room for a long time. You learn perseverance, openness, persuasion, humility, collaboration. These days we don't have many difficult conversations anymore but what's beautiful about Senate is that you all have to. I don't have any natural gifts besides painting nails cute, but everything else I had to learn through repetition. That's what you guys are getting here, for humanity and leadership and persuasion. These skill sets will help you in business, politics, social movements, marriage, forever. As you try it out, you'll make mistakes. Own it, apologize, and move on. If you're on the other end, accept that apology and think the best of people. I'm an attorney, I practiced law for ten years. I am the first in my family to become an attorney and the first female dean at UNM. I also have learning disabilities. It made my path harder but possible. When I was first dean of students, my favorite part was getting to know the students. After 7 years I've realized how I need to try hard. My office hours are from Tuesday from 2 to 4. You don't need to come in with an agenda. Whatever it is, I want to learn about it. I usually have snacks. Sometimes they come and it clicks and those students come back and come back. I am an excellent reference and, I think, an excellent mentor. I am genuinely interested in your success. I want to see you do well. You also give me valuable insight as a student and your experience. You can tell me good or bad things, it's a great opportunity to connect. One student who wanted to be an astronaut came to me on accident, and I was actually able to connect him to two astronauts to talk him through it. I'm not saying I can find everyone an astronaut but we can find something. The dean is a weird position and hard to explain. Historically, there were deans of women and men, not combined. It was fascinating but also super sexist and racist. Eventually the position was combined. Classically, the dean holds you responsible when you break the rules. Most of you have sense and do not break the rules. Some are trying things out and get into trouble. We try not to be too punitive, but in extreme cases, which are rare, we adjust. Our process is equitable and transparent and easy to navigate. One thing I do as dean is try to make sure that students know their rights and responsibilities. I always start my meetings with giving a rundown of our



student population. New Mexico has a very high rate of Adverse Childhood Experience, which deeply affects people as they mature. Our rate of Early Childhood Intervention is also very low. So we try to cope and get to college and it doesn't always get better. A lot of our students suffer from food insecurity, housing insecurity, even homelessness. In my childhood, we always had food. I wasn't hungry but I didn't realize my childhood was beneath the food security standard. There are so many who experience so much. The rates for anxiety and depression are through the roof. You need to look at those things holistically, college has some real stressors. It's hard. And that's what our students are facing. As dean, I try to alleviate those stressors so students have the smoothest experience possible. I just ask that we stay in New Mexico and make it better. My office oversees the center for financial capability, we are looking for student employees by the way. We oversee the food pantry among other things. We have a social worker for acute issues and oversee the CARE team as well. I work closely with SHAC. You as students are the reason I and the university are here. The university is comprised of a variety of deans for each department. They oversee curriculum, dean's list, academic grievance, etc. There is a dean of students for the university, which is me. I am part of student affairs, which focuses on what may happen outside the classroom that may have an effect on your education. I can certainly help navigate. If you have any questions I would love to hear them.

- ii. Sen. Peacock: Thank you for coming to speak. As someone who is taking the LSAT, what is the best way the lawyer has helped you in your personal life?
- iii. Dean Torrez: In San Diego, when I was working as a lawyer out there, what was always cool was that I had an advocacy-driven approach to life. Law gave me the tools to hone that. It's brutal but it changes the way I think. You'll have a client or patient come in, and you can issue spot, triage severity, be assertive, problem-solve. Sometimes delivery can be harsh, especially to non-lawyers. The other thing I liked about being a lawyer was that it made me fearless. I feel very empowered now. People can't mess with me because I know what's up. If that sounds appealing, do it. You're going to do great. If you're in the test and it feels terrible, walk out. Call it. Don't keep the score, take it again.



- iv. Sen. Wyatt: When you mentioned New Mexico's rate of ACES that really resonated with me. Is there anything UNM can do?
- v. Dean Torrez: The primary researcher for ACES is from UNM. We also have the only pediatric psychiatric unit in the state. A lot of public services have been shut down as well, so there is need everywhere. You have the opportunity to make a really big difference.
- vi. Sen. Romero-Salas: My question is what has been your most memorable moment as dean?
- vii. Dean Torrez: It's hard to pick... I am incredibly loyal, a person who doesn't give up easily. I get really attached to students which is hard because they leave. When I was just starting, the universe brought me this student who was an NSO leader and we are lifelong friends. It's not a one-sided relationship. Every year I think I get 5 or 6 students like that. I get to see these students move on into very cool things. I saw this with humility but I see what they're doing and know that I had a role in that. It's irreplaceable.
- viii. Sen. Sanchez: I'm working on housing and food insecurity, so where should I go for office hours?
- ix. Dean Torrez: East of the SUB, North of Mesa Vista hall is the University Advisement and Enrichment Center. Turn right and I am on the top floor. I am on the second floor of building 85. If that doesn't work, email my office, [doso@unm.edu](mailto:doso@unm.edu). Please don't be shy, it brings me joy. I'm usually pretty good at remembering you.
- x. Sen. Chessman: Have you ever had a moment in your life where you needed to readjust your plans?
- xi. Dean Torrez: If you don't have those moments, something is wrong. I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer, but my family is very blue collar so I didn't truly know what it meant. I always knew I wanted to lead and help people but I didn't know what being a lawyer was. Advocacy work was amazing but it was really traumatic. After law school, I was all reading and writing but I have dyslexia. I worked for the governor and then went into education law and it was better. But being a lawyer and having kids was really hard, especially with litigation. They helped me go in-house at UNM which eventually led me to become dean. I'm always kind of looking at it, thinking about if this is what it's supposed to be. There's this book, *Designing Your Life*. Do that book! Your libraries have this!



Get a library card and get the audiobooks for free. You can download them or check them out, on your phone. It takes you through really practical exercises. Before you do something like decide to go to law or grad school, do the book first. I tend to live in the moment and believe the universe will take care of me, so how it happens is not as important. On the other hand, in retrospect, I would advise you live day by day with intention.

- xii. Sen. Juanico: Hello, I am deeply inspired by you. I wanted to bring up the housing issue, and how the Navajo Nation and UNM could partner. It stopped in 2021, and the main reason for dropout rates in the Navajo Nation is financial. Can you tell me why the housing partnership stopped?
- xiii. Dean Torrez: I'm not sure who terminated the contract agreement, I would have to do more research on that. I don't know enough about that, if or why the contract was modified.
- xiv. Sen. Juanico: Do you know who would know?
- xv. Dean Torrez: I will do some sniffing around, and I can let you know. Email [doso@unm.edu](mailto:doso@unm.edu) and tell them you talked about this, or come to office hours. Everything is public, all the records, so it should be easy to find. Housing is a really big problem because there is finite housing in Albuquerque and the price has gone up.
- xvi. Sen. Angel: We really appreciate your time. What advice would you have for those looking to go into advocacy?
- xvii. Dean Torrez: First, get a job in student affairs, that's great experience. NASFA has a great fellowship program as well. I would recommend being involved in student organizations. You can pursue a master's in student affairs as well. UNM doesn't have a doctorate in higher education administration but NM State does. My experience was really unique, I had a lot of insight into student affairs. Lawyers can be real jerks, and I think this job requires a lot of compassion and understanding. I will say that it looks like in order to move up you may have to be willing to move states. Ryan Linqvist is the person I would talk to.
- xviii. Sen. Angel: Sen. Moon was MC at Black History month this weekend, so shoutout to her.
- xix. Sen. Schmitz: What would you say your key to success was as the dean?



- xx. Dean Torrez: Being accessible, for sure. We are all human beings. You're passionate, driven, and capable. Don't bullshit. Be honest, be realistic, and set expectations. If I'm not honest with students, even when it's difficult, I do them a disservice. I would rather have a conversation about what's feasible and not waste anybody's time.
- xxi. VP Pacheco: Thank you so much for coming Nasha.
- b. Public Comment
  - i. Marshall: We're here today to discuss our plan to go to LA Sevens. I've done my research, where a team played in one tournament but still qualified to go to the national championship. We want to play well here to qualify for the next step, so we would need to reach out to NCR. That's all there is to it, so thank you.
  - ii. Grayson: Our appropriation funded a tournament that would have been this weekend, and because of the time constraints we were unable to go and request the money be put to the other tournament instead,
  - iii. Ryan Linquist: Looking forward to getting to know all of you more. I am a resource for you, please come and see me with any questions. Check in, say hi, ask me questions. It's going to be a great semester. UNM Big Give day is from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a great opportunity for people to give to make student life better. It's an effort to encourage giving back to the university. The week before, UNM SUB vendors will be doing a point of sale event as well, for the food pantry. Get into that giving culture, for UNM and other charities. Next year we hope to have a greater capacity for this. We also have Step Afrika coming here. This show is sold out in Popejoy Hall. I have tickets for all those who are interested, and I ask all if you show up. This is one of my favorites shows we have ever hosted at UNM. It's educational, dynamic, and exciting.
- c. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
  - i. VP Pacheco: Hello everyone, I'll keep it brief. You should have seen the message in Teams for Step Afrika. Like the message and I'll get a ticket for you but do it by tomorrow. Next Tuesday on the 14<sup>th</sup> there are senate rotations for ELL from 5:30 to 7:00. If you're working on legislation, you know where to send it.
- d. Joint Council



- i. Director Bell: Hello everyone, the first meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6PM in Santa Ana A & B. It'll be more interactive this semester. We have 14 seats available. Those are all the updates I have.
  - ii. Sen. Reynoso: Could you please send out an email about this?
  - iii. Director Bell: Yes.
- e. Boards & Committees Report
  - i. Coordinator Carillo: Hello, how are we feeling tonight? For those who emailed me about vacancies I will send the applications out tomorrow. Some returning senators are also willing to give up their spots. The KIND week is next week and the SUB is meeting for the first time tomorrow at 4.
- f. ASUNM Senators
  - i. Sen. Bennett: I just wanted to briefly give more information on OER. They are interested in tabling with up March 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> for Open Education week. Jennifer suggested we form a working group and if you're interested please let me know.
  - ii. Sen. Wright: Please come to Senate rotations for ELL. Also the WRC is having a love letter to me event at 4PM on Valentine's Day.
  - iii. Sen. Moon: I have a couple updates. SSE has a standup comedian coming tonight. March 1<sup>st</sup> there is a volunteer meeting at 12. AASS has an African American day at the capital this Friday. Next week we also have a black feminist panel.
  - iv. Sen. Schmitz: The arts and Crafts studio has published their schedule and are officially deciding on the mural by the end of this week.
  - v. Sen. Wyatt: They also have weekly workshops, they're super fun on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2.
  - vi. Sen. Romero-Salas: The LGBTQ Center will have pancakes on Valentine's Day and the Elections Commission put down dates in March. April 5 6, March 6?
  - vii. Sen. Johnson: AISS is also hosting a Valentine's Day social in Mesa Vista. They are also looking for ambassadors. It is also a scholarship opportunity.
- g. Attorney General Law Book Edits
  - i. General Zinsmeyer: Hello, how are you all doing. I don't have any edits. We're still waiting on legal counsel. If you guys have any questions



please reach out. Don't talk about the election in the office. It can disqualify you or cause further issues. Send me your bills.

h. ASUNM President's Report

- i. President May: I have a few things. Meet Nasha. She is one of the best resources on this campus. Ryan Linqvist too. The basic needs thing has a lot of movement in state legislature so now would be a good time to write resolutions on it. In my cabinet we may make some legislative changes pertaining to marketing directors so if you want to be involved in that, come to us. Come to Hannah Berner after this. SSE also has an event on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow on North Campus there will be a parking forum.
- ii. Sen. Romero-Salas: What exactly is changing for marketing directors?
- iii. President May: We may just have a PR team instead of marketing directors to cut down on repeated work. We'll see. Other student governments typically have that.

3) Business

a. Finance Committee

- i. Sen. Wyatt: Our budget hearings start next weekend. We have about 186 thousand dollars right now but that is subject to change. This depends on one of the bills for later tonight. As it stands, our lawbook requires a 93-5-2 division.
- ii. Sen. Angel motions to block vote on Appropriations 10, 12, 13, and 14
  1. Motion failed
- iii. [Appropriation 9S: American Institute of Chemical Engineers](#)
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 9S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Wright: This is simple. They were requesting funds for their regional competition. We made cuts per standing rules.
  3. Sen. Gurule: Based on the recent spring budget announcement, is this something we might want to have more money on?
  4. Sen. Chessman: I appreciate your sentiment but we cannot really spend the money we have right now because it is allocated towards the spring budget process.
  5. VP Pacheco: The 900 thousand dollar projection is for the 2024 fiscal year, it'll be available July 1<sup>st</sup>.





6. Sen. Wyatt: I would like to apologize for my lack of clarity. Additionally, the standing rules were tailored to increase the amount.
7. Appropriation 9S passes 19-0-0-1
- iv. [Appropriation 10S: Pakistani Student Association](#)
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 10S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Montoya: This appropriation is standard, they are requesting funds for a cultural night they're hosting. Our recommendation is to fund it in full.
  3. Appropriation 10S passes 19-0-0-1
- v. [Appropriation 11S: Men's Rugby](#)
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 11S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Wyatt: This is not simple. They requested money for four trips and their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary kits and polos. We decided to cut two trips, and funded their kits at 50% because of what we did last semester because they did not use kit money we allocated last year. The polos were cut in full as they were not allowable. They requested duplicated for many things. Based on what they said today, they will not be attending Mardi Gras and that should be cut in my opinion.
  3. Sen. Gurule: For Mardi Gras, was that the only one funded?
  4. Sen. Wyatt: No, we should cut it.
  5. Sen. Gurule: So they want us to reallocate the funds.
  6. Sen. Wyatt: Yes, the Los Angeles trip.
  7. Sen. Montoya: Because we're cutting Mardi Gras I was wondering about funding the GCU game because we funded two games for womens' rugby.
  8. Sen. Wyatt motions to reduce line item 1 to 1153
    - a. Motion seconded
    - b. Sen. Sanchez: What would this be for?
    - c. Sen. Wyatt: A reduction of mileage for the Mardi Gras trip
    - d. Motion passed
  9. Sen. Wyatt motions to reduce line item 3 to 0
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.



10. Sen. Gurule: There seems to be two number 9s?
  11. Sen. Wyatt: That is a fluke of the Excel sheet and has been changed for clarity.
  12. Sen. Sanchez: We may reinstate the funding for a different game and I would be in favor of that.
  13. Sen. Moon: Given that they said funding for LA takes priority it should be for that.
  14. Sen. Chessman: I'm not sure if anything has changed, but LA has been considered regional and should be requested from club sports.
  15. Sen. Wyatt: Based on their public comment that LA game is indeed eligible for funding. I am not in favor of funding a trip as they have 7 thousand dollars in their bank account they have not touched. I am hesitant to put more money into the account, that is my personal opinion.
  16. Appropriation 11S passes 19-0-0-1
- vi. [Appropriation 12S: Bangladeshi Student Association](#)
1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 12S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Schultz: This is a much simpler association. They want to host an event for Mother Language Day. They are expecting it to have 150 people there and we funded it in full.
  3. Appropriation 12S passes 19-0-0-1
- vii. [Appropriation 13S: NeuropsychEd](#)
1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 13S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Bennett: This appropriation simply requests food and refreshments for their weekly meetings and guest speaker event. We did not recommend any cuts and are comfortable funding it in full.
  3. Sen. Sanchez: I am seeing a cut from 650 to 600?
  4. Sen. Bennett: That is correct, I misspoke, that was done in accordance with standing rules.
  5. Sen. Ramkowsky: The appropriation would partially be for payment for the speaker, does it need to be split?
  6. Sen. Bennett: I am not sure; the money should be for food.



7. Sen. Ramkowsky: So, is the 600 for one event?
  8. Sen. Wyatt: There is nothing about reimbursing the speaker, it is only for food, and we have them 600 for food because they will have at least one event.
  9. Appropriation 13S passes 18-0-1-1
- viii. [Appropriation 14S: Deviate \(DV8\)](#)
1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 14S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed.
  2. Sen. Avilucea: This is Deviate, a Christian organization. They asked for some promotional material. We cannot fund more than one professional service, so we funded a banner they requested. They also requested funding for a conference and we cut that per standing rules.
  3. Appropriation 14S passes 18-0-0-2
- b. Steering and Rules Committee
- i. Sen. Romero-Salas: This evening we have very straightforward pieces of legislation. Keep your eye out for accomplishments on campus, commendations should be given to those who deserve them.
  - ii. [Bill 2S: Edits the ASUNM Oath of Office](#)
    1. Chair entertains a motion to open Bill 2S
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    2. Sen. Romero-Salas: This is very straightforward. It changes 'of's' to 'at's'
    3. Sen. Angel: Who says of?
    4. VP Pacheco: We are undergoing a name change to Associated Students at the University of New Mexico.
    5. Sen. Angel: Oh, I'm sorry, I was trying to make a joke. Everyone says 'at' already. My mistake.
    6. Bill 2S passes 19-0-0-1
  - iii. [Bill 3S: Adjusts time restriction for individual offered a Senate term](#)
    1. Chair entertains a motion to open Bill 3S
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    2. Sen. Chessman: This is the simplest I've ever written. It changes the time someone has to accept a position offer to the Senate. It was ten business days, which is two weeks. This reduces it to five business days. I chose 5 because it gives one real week.



3. Sen. Chessman motions to strike 'business' from 'five business days'
    - a. Motion seconded
    - b. Sen. Ramkowsky: Why?
    - c. Sen. Chessman: In the code, days is already defined as business days so it's redundant.
    - d. Motion passed.
  4. Bill 3S passes 19-0-0-1
  - iv. [Bill 4S: Changes the sum of retained projected revenue to at least seven percent \(7%\)](#)
    1. Chair entertains a motion to open Bill 4S
      - a. Motion seconded and passed.
    2. Sen. Wyatt: This bill allows more flexibility for when the student fees hit. This will set a floor of 7% to leave for the fall appropriations during the spring budget process.
    3. Bill 4S passes 19-0-0-1
  - c. Outreach and Events Committee
    - i. Sen. Reynoso: Hello, thank you for everyone who came to social today. I love you. I yield.
- 4) Closing
- a. ASUNM Closing Comments
    - i. Sen. Sanchez: I'm surprised how quickly we got through it. See you later.
  - b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
    - i. Sen. Chessman: I have nothing I want to leave.
  - c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
    - i. VP Pacheco: I want to go see Hannah Berner. If you're not going then you're boring.
  - d. Adjournment
    - i. The chair adjourns this meeting at 7:47PM.