



# DRAFT MINUTES



## ASUNM FULL SENATE AGENDA

February 22<sup>nd</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 entertains a motion to approve last meeting's minutes
    1. Motion seconded and passed
- 2) Preliminary Business
- a. Guest Speaker: Joseph Silva, UNMPD Chief of Police
    - i. Joseph Silva: Good evening, everyone. I have been chief of this department since 2020. I was appointed by the president as permanent chief in 2022. I began my career in 1981, with the Albuquerque police, back then it was small. I have worked in all areas of the city. I was encouraged to try to be detective once I became a senior officer and did that, too. I was in investigations for a while. After eleven years as an officer, I was encouraged to seek a supervisory track and did that as well. By the time I retired I was second in command of the police department. After I maxed my retirement time through the state, I worked in consulting. After that, I worked with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. I worked on Hurricane Katrina, which dates me a little bit. I worked in the public corruption division of the state, as well. I retired again, finished my graduate studies, then Chief Kevin McCabe asked if I would be a commander in the police force at UNM. I was an undergraduate there. Here at the UNM police department, we have patrol officers, detectives, SMART detectives (who are specifically assigned to assault cases), dispatchers, and security officers. They are the ones who open and close all the buildings and perform routine checks. We also have our own administration. We are a small department, but we do a lot proportional to our size. We utilize the crime triangle in our policing, the triangle being the victim, location, and perpetrator. We patrol campus and respond to calls, which have increased significantly. When we are not responding to a call, we are doing proactive patrols. I am sure you have heard of the shootings at Lobo Village: we have directed patrols there. One of the things we have found out about the transient population on campus is that they feel safe on campus, versus in the rest of Albuquerque. We have mutual aid agreements and have bait cars through APD (Albuquerque Police Department). We have coordinated patrols with both state and Albuquerque police as well, and bike patrols. Through the city we have a community safety program where we address homeless issues around Albuquerque, and they assist us when there are occasionally homeless



people on campus. We also work with the ADAPT program to increase student and campus safety. We also meet regularly with the DA's office. We do safety talks and follow-up safety talks as well, the blue phones, Rave Guardian, security assessments, safety walks, escort services, and other things. Under our campus safety initiative, we go to the legislature and ask for money for things like fencing and cameras. We also talk about self-defense for students, we do bike registration once or twice a year. If you see something, say something: do not let crimes go unreported. Our computer-aided dispatch system will monitor and log all incidents, which helps us know where to direct our resources. We're doing a lot internally and externally for your safety.

- ii. Sen. Ramkowsky: Thank you so much, I really appreciate what you do for us. APD has said they're opening a new area command, will there be more opportunities for UNMPD and APD to collaborate with that?
- iii. Joseph Silva: Yes, absolutely. There will be at least 30 police officers there and it will be very convenient for us. There will also be better communication and some shared office space.
- iv. Sen. Wyatt: Campus safety is a broad issue, what are the two biggest obstacles to providing students with a safe experience?
- v. Joseph Silva: We are collaborating with a third-party security specialist agency for university security. Resources is a big issue, thank you for presenting your proposition to the university for us. We are also looking into social media and how that affects perception of crime versus actual data. The transients on campus and the interactions they have with students are one of our biggest issues as well.
- vi. Sen. Knox: How are you and your team going to build better relations with students, especially minority groups?
- vii. Joseph Silva: There was a campus safety council that floundered a bit for a variety of reasons, so what we are working on right now is a neighborhood watch with DEI (Division for Equity and Inclusion). This way, we can work with communities and their specific needs and concerns. I also meet with the different centers and directors for their concerns. We do need to develop more relationships with students.
- viii. Sen. Romero-Salas: One of the fundamental issues UNMPD is having is funding, to what extent is that an issue?



- ix. Joseph Silva: I worked as a consultant with U.S. police in D.C., and they have almost three thousand officers not including administrative. We police 800 acres as opposed to their 300 and we have about 45 officers. We simply do not have enough officers. I can confidently say that we have enough officers to offer service calls adequately, but we need to have officers available for proactive patrol, and we don't have enough officers for that. We have outgrown our police department; not just recently but maybe 5 to 10 years ago. We don't have the physical space for all our equipment. Nationally, there is a police officer shortage; no one wants to be one. With the advent of working from home, we have seen that drop even more. There is also an anti-police climate in our country. Even if we had more staffing, we would have a challenge hiring people. It also takes a lot of money to run a police department.
- x. Sen. Johnson: I wanted to ask about your interactions with the homeless population and how those interactions go.
- xi. Joseph Silva: Homelessness isn't a crime, nor are all homeless people criminals. In teaching students about homelessness, we teach students about that, including indicators of mental crisis. So, although they may not think they're dangerous, they may not belong on campus. Either way, you should always call us. As far as engagement goes, we can do it reactively or proactively. A lot of our officers are well-versed in these interactions, we usually ask if they need help. We also work with Albuquerque community safety, and we give information on those resources to some transient people. For those doing things that are illegal that may not be transient, we deal with that too.
- xii. Sen. Reynoso: What is your perspective on how UNMPD is perceived by the student body?
- xiii. Joseph Silva: Another loaded question. When I was a student, I didn't even know UNM had police officers. Some love the police, no matter what we do, and the same number of people don't like us no matter what we do, and the majority of people feel neutral. This is consistent across America. We address those who are vocal. The department itself enjoys working at the university, most are alumni. Most officers are thinking of ways to help when confronted with a situation.
- xiv. Sen. Reynoso: And for those who don't like you, do you have strategies?



- xv. Joseph Silva: I was doing a presentation once to athletics, and some players did not attend because of the policing. We try our best to engage with the community, but we respect people's boundaries. We do the best we can, but most times the conversations end very quickly. If there is no listening being done, we cannot communicate: but our doors are always open.
  - xvi. Sen. Reynoso: I appreciate that I have communicated with your department and how responsive you are. If anyone has problems, Joe will make the time.
  - xvii. Joseph Silva: I do have office hours at the SUB. Most students who come by say hello and thank you. The office hours are on social media, but change based on my schedule. 10:30 to noon is a safe bet.
  - xviii. Sen. Sanchez: What is the UNMPD jurisdiction? I interacted with a nonstudent and didn't get much help.
  - xix. Joseph Silva: It's spotted; we have it on campus property, some clinics, Mesa del Sol, and mutual aid agreements with Bernalillo County. We are all commissioned through the regions but also through the county. Our priority, obviously, is the university.
- b. Public Comment
- i. Andrew Schuman: Hello, I am the president of UNM Dems. We submitted an appropriation on the docket tonight. At UNM I have had the opportunity to intern in different levels of government. These programs offer a lot, but they only offer a handful of opportunities. I wanted to lower the barrier for students to observe the legislative process. We have been building a program for the legislative process this spring.
  - ii. Wyatt: We only had two line items on the appropriation: Rail Runner tickets, and money for staying three nights in Santa Fe.
  - iii. James Hernandez: Thank you all, the UNM student body has been incredibly involved with the legislature for the past two years. The state lottery scholarship has also expanded. When we work with our elected officials, we pass legislation that changes lives. New Mexico, although one of the poorest states in the country, has one of the best tuition opportunities in the country. This gives us the opportunity to ensure our government works for us.



- iv. Michael Peters: This is a great opportunity for direct action, especially in our community. Getting involved is exactly what politics is all about.
- v. Arthur Jimenez: This is a great opportunity for students to connect with lawmakers. The Millennials and Gen Z are the largest voting blocs in this country now, and we need to interact with our lawmakers and our political process now.
- vi. Antonio Villegas: I support this appropriation because it will provide previously nonexistent opportunities.
- vii. N. Lam (?): The appropriation we submitted is to fund our cultural showcase, our biggest event of the year. We want to represent the Asian communities accurately and lovingly on this campus. Last year, our cultural showcase was a huge success and I hope you will take that into consideration. The money is used efficiently and carefully. This event will also have student organizations there, tabling, and student performances.
- viii. John Matram (?): Our main priorities in the appropriation are rental fees and food costs. We want to have as many people as possible and food is a very big part of Asian culture and will be catering our food from local Asian businesses. I have been in AASA for the last three years and it has been wonderful. This showcase helps create community for all of us who need it. Last year we had money troubles and mostly funded things out of pocket, which is not sustainable.
- ix. MJ Ramirez: We are here on behalf of the student court stipends in our appropriation. Our last chief justice didn't budget for it, but we are a valuable part of this government, and we are often overlooked. This year we are working on increasing visibility and equitability.
- x. Mallory Owen: As a new associate justice, I've realized what a vital part of UNM the student court is, and what we do to empower the different areas of our student body. We signed up because we care about our community but that doesn't mean we don't need money.
- xi. Reina Harper: I'll be quick, I know this meeting has a lot on the docket and it can be exhausting. I have served in ASUNM, and I wanted to encourage you all and what you've accomplished. It's been excellent to see what you have achieved coming out of this pandemic. It has been a pleasure to reconnect and to make new connections with ASUNM. Working with student organizations is something you all are doing very



well. UNM E-sports in particular have grown significantly under this administration, and I know the ethnic and gender centers are very appreciative of you all. You are all great people, and I am excited to see what you accomplish moving forward.

- xii. Ryan Linquist: Good evening. Tonight is a lifelong lesson I am going to teach you. My family is from Sweden, and I am going to teach you a curse from there. Has everyone seen an invitation to a student leadership dinner in their inbox? Anytime you get an invitation in the future I hope you RSVP right away. The dinner is March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 PM. This is a great opportunity. Please attend.

c. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks

- i. VP Pacheco: Hopefully, this meeting does not take too long. Shoutout Finance for their past two weekends of work. We have a piece of special business on our agenda to allocate more money for the budget process. We will need a 2/3 roll call vote to open it. You need 7 hours of outreach completed by spring break. Lobo Day is coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup>. You should all go. It starts at 11:35 at Cornell Mall, be there early for a t-shirt. Contact your agency directors and staff.

d. Joint Council

- i. President May: The first meeting was yesterday, I heard it went well. The elections commission has been working on a collaboration with the resource centers for senator elections. If you're interested in senate elections and sharing that, contact Danielle. March 1<sup>st</sup> are the meetings, at El Centro. We will send an email with more details.

e. Boards & Committees Report

- i. Coordinator Carillo: Hey everyone. I have quite a few updates. PUB met last Friday, and they're not in debt anymore. The SUB board is redoing carpets in the ballrooms and updating staging to make it more ADA accessible. They are also considering painting a mural for the land acknowledgment. The senator renovations in the atrium will be done in late March/early April. The retail and marketing committee will also have donation options for UNM gift day. The library board met this month: they are looking for student artists to submit work for a mural, highlighting New Mexico landscapes. They will get a stipend and a grant for supplies. It would last for five years in Centennial. The graduate space in Zimmerman is beginning production. The Health and Sciences





library has been recently renovated and is building universal restrooms and replacing the elevator. OER week is in March, and they will be showcasing pilot programs. The English department and Gen Chem courses are interested. Gallup campus is also interested. There is also a vacancy on our radio board which meets once monthly over zoom.

f. ASUNM Senators

- i. Sen. Bennett: ASUNM will table with OER on March 6th through 10th. We need more volunteers, please contact me. The Lobo Spirit staff meeting today has noted that there will be tabling opportunities at Fiestas.
- ii. Sen. Wright: The WRC is having a love letter event, tomorrow at 12:30 at the WRC. They also have tickets for the women's basketball game. ELL finished their executive branch rotation.
- iii. Sen. Ramkowsky: The applications for senate elections are now open, get them turned in as soon as possible. We will also be doing some tabling during these election periods and need help tabling. If you are running for reelection, do not table. Also, please write legislation.
- iv. Sen. Chessman: Lobo Day is important and cool. There will also be a boba truck and a photobooth and other fun activities. The last home men's basketball game will also be that night. I also printed out the template email for your orgs, be sure to complete all your surveys.
- v. Sen. Schmitz: There is Greek Sync (?) coming up. Tickets are \$15 dollars at Popejoy. Spread the word.
- vi. Sen. Knox: AASS has some events coming up, including a talk on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and PMES and BSU are hosting a block party this Friday, details on their Instagram pages.
- vii. Sen. Schultz: Southwest film center is always looking for volunteers.
- viii. Sen. Montoya: Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> club soccer is having a fundraiser at Skate mania.
- ix. Sen. Avilucea: This week is Lobo Thon's push week and tomorrow they are tabling. From 11 to 2 you should stop by.
- x. Sen. Gurule: If you are a fan of Cane's, a Cane's truck will give up free Cane's until they run out for Lobo Day.
- xi. Sen. Moon: I wanted to remind you that there are only a couple of Black History month events left. Thursday there are two panels at 3 and 5 and intersectionality between Latino/a communities and African



communities. There is also the block party. If you are interested in coming, you are welcome, just watch the disclaimer video.

- xii. Sen. Angel: El Centro is having an event before Step Afrika.
- xiii. Sen. Moon: The volunteer meeting for SSE (Student Special Events) is next Wednesday at 12.
- g. Attorney General Law Book Edits
  - i. AG Zinsmeyer: Hello. There are no updates from the legal counsel. Hopefully, you read all the finance business. Make sure you respect the chair and each other during meetings. Don't use first names during meetings. If there is confusion on the special business tonight, ask me. Utilize asking questions. Write legislation.
- h. ASUNM President's Report
  - i. President May: I have some important updates. The agencies want you to go to their staff meetings. There will indeed be boba on Lobo Day. The mosaic project for Arts and Crafts is coming up. We are working on the opportunity scholarship as well. The student court is very important, pass their appropriation. I have four action items for you all. CNM has four times the responses of the basic needs survey. I need you to take this survey, we are leading this charge. The SUB Board is also looking to allow cultural food in the building for events. If you could mention that in your student organization emails that would be great. If you're interested in political action, you should speak on behalf of the opportunity scholarship: please reach out to me if you're willing. More details to come. We are also looking at proposing a PR team. This Friday from 10 to 11 in the office I will be taking any questions or comments on it in the office.
  - ii. Sen. Chessman: Do you have a timeline on when the SUB will send out emails about the cultural food?
  - iii. President May: Within a day or two.
  - iv. Sen. Romero-Salas: What will the transparency look like regarding PR team legislation since it seems to be under wraps and the finance team is using ASUNM funds for it?
  - v. Sen. Wyatt: The finance committee has not approved funding for this team.



- vi. President May: We are just now writing legislation but there is no current bill in progress, we just only have the genesis of the idea right now which is why there has not been much communication.

### 3) Special Business

#### a. [Appropriation to Spring 2023 Budget Process](#)

- i. Chair entertains a motion to open the appropriation to the Spring 2023 Budget Process
  - 1. Motion seconded
  - 2. Motion passed 19-0-0-0
- ii. Sen. Wyatt: This isn't exactly standard; this is an appropriation to the budget process itself. Our allotment for the budget process is about 900,000 dollars. If you approve this appropriation tonight, we will be able to fund all agencies and organizations at their full requests minus standing rules. If you do not pass this, we will have to cut funds from agencies.
- iii. Sen. Romero-Salas: If we don't fund it, will it be detrimental?
- iv. Sen. Wyatt: The cuts will come from agencies and our government in general. We will try to minimize damage, but detrimental is subjective. We can find the cuts: that said, agencies are usually very careful in crafting budgets.
- v. Sen. Peacock: Where is this money coming from and why is this process occurring?
- vi. Sen. Wyatt: The allotment is determined by the lawbook. We cannot accurately predict how much student organizations must ask for, nor agencies. The money comes from the general fund. There was 127 thousand set aside as a buffer and the 91 thousand request would come from that.
- vii. Sen. Ramkowsky: The general fund right now is 127 thousand?
- viii. Sen. Wyatt: It is sitting at 550 thousand.
- ix. Appropriation passes 19-0-0-0

### 4) Business

#### a. Finance Committee

- i. Sen. Wyatt: I'll keep it short. Our general fund is sitting around 550 thousand. Our remaining appropriation balance is around 154 thousand dollars. You'll be hearing a lot. Do not let your attention waver. Pace yourselves.



- ii. [Appropriation 16S - ASUNM Student Court](#)
  - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 16S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  - 2. Sen. Wyatt: This is simple. The student court needs stipends due to an oversight by the previous chief justice. This will cover the stipends for this semester. They requested an increase in their positions, but we raised it even more to 500.
  - 3. Sen. Ramkowsky: Why did you increase it?
  - 4. Sen. Wyatt: The student court is making a very real effort to be a more active branch of ASUNM. For them to make that effort and for us to support them, we wanted to make sure their stipends match our own as senators.
  - 5. Appropriation 16S passes 19-0-0-0
- iii. [Appropriation 17S - Bengal United Sports Club](#)
  - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 17S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  - 2. Sen. Wright: This appropriation covers travel funding for a tournament in Lubbock, Texas. We implemented standing rule cuts to mileage and per diem.
  - 3. Appropriation 17S passes 19-0-0-0
- iv. [Appropriation 18S - Juniper Reimagined](#)
  - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 18S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  - 2. Sen. Montoya: They requested 700 dollars to rent out the SUB for their drag show, including some estimated costs that we cut, bringing it to 615 dollars.
  - 3. Appropriation 18S passes 18-0-1-0
- v. [Appropriation 19S - Delta Sigma Pi](#)
  - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 19S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  - 2. Sen. Schultz: They are requesting travel to a business conference in Seattle and a formal dinner. We made cuts per standing rules, including travel fees, and bartending fees.
  - 3. Appropriation 19S passes 19-0-0-0
- vi. [Appropriation 20S - UNM College Democrats](#)
  - 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 20S



- a. Motion seconded and passed
2. Sen. Bennett: Many of the UNM Dems spoke earlier. This is a very modest request for their legislative summit session. We cut some overnight per diem cuts per standing rules but none other than that.
3. Appropriation 20S passes 16-0-2-1
- vii. [Appropriation 21S - SAGES](#)
  1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 21S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  2. Sen. Wyatt: This is a lengthy appropriation but not large. They are requesting funds for two trips, mostly mileage and rentals. We cut insurance which we cannot fund. We cut all promotional supplies because it would be perceived as a gift, which is unallowable, and funded their office supplies.
  3. Sen. Ramkowsky: I see you recommended a higher price on line items 1 and 2, why is that?
  4. Sen. Wyatt: They requested 62 cents to the gallon, and they may request 65.
  5. Sen. Wyatt: One of their conferences only has one undergraduate student, and the per diem for that day would only be going to one student. Although legal, it may not be the best use of ASUNM funds.
  6. Sen. Romero-Salas: We may be able to alter the funding.
  7. Sen. Moon: I think it is important that it is only going to one undergraduate student, and it certainly is something to think about. I would be open to discussion.
  8. Sen. Ramkowsky: The 1500 per diem would be for one undergraduate student for 6 days and 5 nights, and the allowable amount for one night per student is 250 dollars.
  9. Sen. Peacock motions to reduce line item 7 to 750
    - a. Motion seconded
    - b. Sen. Sanchez: How did you come to this amount?
    - c. Sen. Peacock: The committee version in the One Drive cut to one person per night, it was basic math. There are also many outlets for fundraising on their end.



- d. Sen. Moon: Would this notion be carried into other line items, such as the van rental?
  - e. Sen. Wyatt: I agree with that sentiment, but this line item stands in conflict because the van rental for this one undergraduate trip was already funded by GPSA. We funded a rental for their other trip with more undergraduate students.
  - f. Sen. Peacock: How do we know that undergraduates are getting this money?
  - g. Sen. Wyatt: SGAO follows the funds closely.
  - h. Sen. Sanchez: I support this motion; it is a fair cut.
  - i. Motion passes
10. Appropriation 21S passes
11. Chair entertains a motion to recess until 8:10PM
- a. Motion seconded and passed
12. Chair calls this meeting back to order at 8:12PM
- viii. [Appropriation 22S - Student Health and Leadership Council](#)
- 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 22S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  - 2. Sen. Avilucea: This appropriation covers food and printing supplies, as well as promotional materials. We cut some of the promotional materials down to standing rules.
  - 3. Appropriation 22S passes 19-0-0-0
- ix. [Appropriation 23S - Powerful Movement of Educated Sisters](#)
- 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 23S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  - 2. Sen. Wright: This appropriation was basic funding for events and travel. We made cuts per standing rules to promotional items and event fees. We also increased per diem, per standing rules.
  - 3. Appropriation 23S passes 17-0-2-0
- x. [Appropriation 24S - American Society of Mechanical Engineers](#)
- 1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 24S
    - a. Motion seconded and passed
  - 2. Sen. Montoya: This appropriation would cover some materials for their national competition. All these materials, while expensive, were necessary. Conference fees were funded and standing rules



and we cut airfare in favor of car travel. The gas mileage was increased per standing rules, and the rest was subject to standing rules.

3. Appropriation 24S passes 18-0-1-0

xi. [Appropriation 25S - SLOPE](#)

1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 25S

a. Motion seconded and passed

2. Sen. Schultz: This is a new student organization, and we funded them at 750 per standing rules as they are new.

3. Appropriation 25S passes 19-0-0-0

xii. [Appropriation 27S - Asian American Student Association](#)

1. Chair entertains a motion to open appropriation 27S

a. Motion seconded and passed

2. Sen. Avilucea: They are requesting funds for their cultural showcase. We cut things to standing rules.

3. Appropriation 27S passes 19-0-0-0

b. Steering and Rules Committee

i. Sen. Romero-Salas: We have no business this evening.

c. Outreach and Events Committee

i. Sen: Reynoso: Hello! You may table at events, come to me with any questions. You cannot table for those you are endorsing during election season. Thank you to everyone who went to the UNMPD and Lobo Respect social. If you're in O&E, please hang back.

5) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

i. Sen. Sanchez: We have a lot of great legislation in the works, but please write more legislation, especially those in other committees. There is so much ability and I would love to see it.

ii. Sen. Wyatt: There was an appropriation 26S, but it was club sports funding, so we didn't need to approve it. They have their money and they're happy.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

i. Sen. Chessman: Excellent job tonight, for the appropriations and the guest speaker. Please make sure you're signing into your office hours on teams. IF you haven't, go back and log that you were there.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing



- i. VP Pacheco: I want to recognize Sen. Schultz as the new finance vice chair: congratulations! There are no bad ideas for legislation. Interact with your peers, you can write legislation collaboratively. You can have a significant impact. Last semester, we passed legislation to increase campus safety. Please contact your student organizations. If you haven't been able to, meet with me. I would love to meet with all of you before spring break at least once. Get home safe, have a good night.
- d. Adjournment
  - i. Chair adjourns this meeting at 8:27PM