



FULL SENATE AGENDA

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Student Union Building Lobo A/B

1) Opening

a. Call to Order

- i. Chair calls meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

b. Land Acknowledgment

- i. Vice President Montoya: Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

c. Roll Call

- i. Senator Carver - Present
- ii. Senator Dragone - Present
- iii. Senator Grandinetti - Present
- iv. Senator Griffin - Present
- v. Senator Hedrick - Absent
- vi. Senator Hussain - Present
- vii. Senator Lewis - Present
- viii. Senator Lovedahl - Present
- ix. Senator Martinez Mayor - Present
- x. Senator McCloud - Present
- xi. Senator Payne - Present
- xii. Senator Pingal - Present
- xiii. Senator Reed - Absent
- xiv. Senator Rehman - Present
- xv. Senator Rizvi - Present



- xvi. Senator Romero - Present
- xvii. Senator Salinas - Present
- xviii. Senator D. Trujillo - Present
- xix. Senator M. Trujillo - Present
- xx. Senator Williams - Present

d. Approval of Agenda

- i. Chair entertains a motion to approve this meeting's agenda.
 - 1. Seconded and passed.

e. Approval of Minutes

- i. Chair entertains a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - 1. Seconded and passed.

2) Preliminary Business

a. Senator Accountability

- i. N/A

b. Guest Speaker

- i. N/A

c. Public Comment

- i. Mikayla... - Director of Athletic Affairs: Hi everybody! My name is Mikayla..., and I'm the new Director of Athletic Affairs. So I'm gonna throw out a couple of details. On September 30th, Coach... is asking for ASUNM to go to his talk show. I would love you to be there, all of you. You'll just sit there, get some pizza, as he talks about ASUNM and the events coming up, supporting us. It's a cool opportunity to interact with him. I am also going to do a Soccer and Volleyball game tailgate. The soccer game is going to be on October 16th, and the volleyball game will be November 6th. We are trying to improve student involvement at like games, and stuff. Especially smaller events like this. We will be doing giveaways and stuff like that so more details will come on that soon. On October 25th there will be a student government football game. So, I'm gonna work with Vice President Montoya to send out a form. And, if you're interested in being on the field, we're gonna have Senate meet out with the cheerleaders during runout. There's gonna be a T-shirt toss. They're going to be on the field during halftime. It's going to be a really cool opportunity for you guys, so if you are interested in being on the field



I'll send out a form for that. Lastly, on October 21st before the student government game we're going to have a movie on the field, President Norton and I will talk more on that, I just found out about that this morning so I'll work out all the logistics but on the football field we're going to have a movie night.

- ii. Christiana - Director of Student Board Relations: Hello, my name is Christiana but you can call me Cherry. I am the Director of Student Board Relations. First and foremost, a lot of student organizations are having their first meetings, please go to the student organizations' first meetings. I feel like you guys need to meet with them. August 27th, today, we have the Honors Student Association. August 28th we have the College Democrats. August 29th we have UNM LEAF. September 2nd we have Pre-Optometry. September 2nd, again, we have UNM Mecha. September 4th we have the Korean Culture and Language Club, they have a Korean movie. September 7th we have the Pre-Ved club. September 9th we have the American Medical Student Association. September 18th we have the Pre-Medical Society, and then every Friday the Japanese Culture and Language Club meets up. Obviously there's so much more that I didn't say, so again, please, join student organizations. The Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center is collaborating with Seoul Gimhap, so if you guys want to try out rice balls, place your order from Seoul Gimhap's Instagram account, and then you pick it up every Wednesday from 12 to 1pm.
- iii. Kaitlyn - Director of Environmental Affairs: Hi, my name is Kaitlyn, I'm the Director of Environmental Affairs for ASUNM. My position is returning this semester, it kind of waited in place for about a year. So a lot of what I'm building, my initiatives, up anew so I'd like you all to support that. First of all I will be sending out a Student Environmental survey, hopefully next week, which will gauge students' interests in environmental concern and also where they feel campus and ASUNM lacks in climate policy. Additionally, I want to remind everyone that last semester the Senate passed the climate resolution, and that we should be upholding that resolution over the coming year. By passing this resolution, ASUNM is able to influence the planning done by the Office of



Sustainability for their upcoming Five-Year-Plan. Speaking of the Five-Year-Plan, the Office of Sustainability is in the final stages of planning for this, for the Sustainability Strategic plan. They'll include five goal areas to address campus sustainability issues and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. If you want more information on this and would like to be involved, or give comments to this, please come talk to me and I can get you in contact with that. This will be released in October, it's a five-year-plan which will include important goals such as doubling our recyclable waste cans and it will greatly improve our campus environment. Additionally, please report to student engagement opportunities this fall that are environmentalism focused that I will be holding. Multiple events are in the works but I don't have dates just yet. Please keep up to date with me about that. There will be volunteering opportunities available for you and any student organizations you may be associated with. With that, thank you for listening to me.

d. ASUNM President's Report

- i. President Norton: Alright, well, hello everyone! I know most of you all so my name is Andrew Norton, I have the pleasure and honor to serve as the student body president for ASUNM. Super, pumped, super excited, so pumped that you each have a paper from me of my summer report. That's something new that I want to start doing, is really to show that I'm not just a seat filler, we're not just here, you know, sitting in office doing nothing. We're out here working this whole summer. Basically most of our objectives for this summer, we've completed. So we're actually building list number two right now of what the secondary initiatives we're going to work on. And so our report is going to consist basically the discussion on what is on the paper in front of you. To start out here, I'm super pumped guys. This is the first two weeks of school, homework's going great, students seem to be having fun, the SUB's super busy, we're great with that. Over the summer though we did have a lot of issues with safety, as everyone knows. That was one of the things that when we asked the entire administration during the retreat what was the number one problem, it was unanimous, everyone said safety. So this summer what I worked on with a few people was creating the Safety Council. I worked with Lieutenant



Governor, the Mayor of Albuquerque to create the first ever student body safety council, which will meet this November. The UNM student body president will facilitate that so it will be a super cool opportunity for us to speak about our issues on campus and hopefully legislators will back that funding request. In addition one of the things we have heard from sororities is that on one of the lots a lot of students were getting yelled at, attacked and their cars broken into. So we brought that up with President Stokes who worked right away with the lieutenant for the police department. And now they are going to be putting more lights, more security and police patrol down there. They've already caught people being crazy there, doing random things. They're happy that it's starting to work, so we did solve that issue. Associated Students of New Mexico, I spent the summer meeting about 120 other student body presidents, as well as a bunch of different student governments. First of all, I learned that we do it best here, it's absolutely incredible. In addition to that I learned a lot about how other schools work and all these things so we're trying to take a lot of these initiatives that work there, here in UNM too which I'll talk about in the next few weeks. The new organization which we created is the ASNM. ASNM used to exist, it was the Associated Students of New Mexico. It's the president, the vice president, GA directors, pro tempores, who all met every month or so to talk about what's going on in their schools and how to better help each other. We've officially restarted that, we meet every two weeks. So if you guys have questions for other senators about their schools, any questions for their presidents, about how they operate, Vice President Montoya and I will be on those meetings as well as Pro Tempore McCloud. Lobo Lift, we're moving along with that right now. The update I have for you guys, we've worked with the Vice President of Institutional Support Services, President Stokes, Provost Rodriguez to put our ATV safety request. The governor basically sat down and asked for a request for some safety initiatives UNM could specifically benefit from. So we pushed that up and the opportunity for that is for new jobs, parking transportation services will head up, ASUNM will be the launch of it. The goal will be a Spring launch so we'll finally get that off the table, get that running and moving. New positions; thank you all for



approving them this Spring. There's one, Student Attorney that's available right now, so if you guys have friends that will apply to be in that position, super cool opportunity. We created Director of Athletic Affairs, Director of Housing and Campus Affairs at the legislative positions. Giving students more jobs and ultimately giving us new connections outside the university. In athletics, of course the Director of Athletic Affairs has talked a lot about that. That's huge, we have Student Government Day and at pretty much every athletics game. You guys get the opportunity to be on the field. You guys get the opportunity to go out there and help support them, bringing more students to the student section. They're super thankful, I know they'll come speak to you guys. It's a really rare opportunity that ASUNM has, to really maximize on this. Upcoming events; there'll be Building the Aggie, I know that Senate is building it on the... I don't remember off the top of my head. You're building it in two days, the staff will be there to support you guys with that, it's a cool opportunity so please go check that out. ASUNM Staff Bonding Event; Senator Williams and I have been working a lot with Vice President Montoya to basically plan this event. We've talked about Athletics Day and we've got that confirmed so next Friday, September 5th will be the ASUNM Kickball game at the Santa Ana Star Baseball field. We're going to have food there, it's going to be six to eight O'clock on Friday. It's a bonding event, it's Senate vs the Agencies. It's a cool and rare opportunity, definitely pull up, I hope you guys will be there. I appreciate you guys, thank you.

- e. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
 - i. Vice President Montoya: Following what President Norton has said, definitely show up to the event. It's a great way to meet other people in ASUNM, just like you guys did at the retreat. Get to know who you're working with, connect more with your sponsoring agencies, talk to them about what they are doing, connect with them. I'm going to let Pro Tempore McCloud speak as far as Senate business stuff goes. When it comes to the office, there's been quite a few of you who've been leaving their backpacks in the senate lounge and then stepping out. Just put them in your lockers. All of you are assigned lockers with your names on there.



We do not want anything possibly getting stolen or misplaced or anything. So if you are going to step out of the office, just put your belongings in there. If you guys ever want to meet with any other person in ASUNM please go through Chris to set up that meeting with her, so that way she is in the loop of everything that's going on. Other than that, that's all I had for my opening remarks, so now we'll move into the Joint Council remarks.

f. Joint Council

- i. Director Rutherford - Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion: Saludos! My name is Bailey Rutherford. I am the director of diversity, equality, and inclusion this year. Very excited to be here and I have a lot to say so buckle up. I have been in your shoes; I have been a proud representative senator of the ASUNM Senate for the past two years. I have served as an Outreach and Events Senator, Finance Senator, Finance Chair, and ending my term as Pro Tempore. So I've been where you're sitting, and I know it's a lot, but at the end of the day you're representing the entirety of the University of New Mexico. Unlike other organizations across our state who might have representatives from a specific college or school, you represent students across all types of backgrounds. Diverse degrees, diverse lived experiences...things of that nature. My advice to you is that you need to make the time to visit those in their space. You are one representative senator, we have student organizations that have students all the way up to seventy. In my mind I think it will be quite easy to move one person to them vs seventy to you. It's your job to take the step forward and meet them where they are in their spaces. So I hope you take that into consideration. In my report I would like to give you some context to some of the things I will be talking about today. Vice President Dr Zerai and I met this week and we discussed some of the things that the university is doing in regards to DEI initiatives. Her advice, to me, as someone who has the freedom as a student organization, is to protect your authenticity, and know your rights. We live in a tumultuous time, when we don't know what's going to happen. As a Hispanic-serving institution, sitting on the traditional lands of the Pueblo of Sandia, have a lot to fight for in the upcoming years. If you have any questions regarding protecting your



authenticity and knowing your rights, please come talk to me, I would like to be a great resource for you. Another thing that I would like to bring to light is the fact that one of our most pivotal organizations on campus has lost funding entirely. This is the College And Migrant Assistance Program. This program is dedicated to students who come from migrant backgrounds, who have undocumented family members, and those who come from rural and agricultural backgrounds. This program has lost funding completely. Their staff have been relocated, and the Office of Student Affairs has done a good job of relocating their staff in a way that is equitable and that serves them. Research funding continues to decline, and in this day and age we're going to continue seeing funding cuts. I'd like to bring to light a resolution, S3, that was passed last semester, stating that whereas other students, faculty and staff across campus have been impacted by additional federal actions, including the potential revocation of federal grants and federal ties to inclusive programming, scientific research, or educational access initiatives. THIS IS HAPPENING. I would like you to understand that this is something the student government has committed to protecting. And so I hope that you take the appropriate actions to advocate and progress types of programs like this and protect them in the future. Please come celebrate CAMP, and their initiatives on Friday, August 29th from 12-2 at Mesa Vista hall 1057 because they deserve to have students like you in that space to see what they have been doing. Moving on to the Joint Council, I am glad to say we have expanded to thirty two representatives! With five different areas of student life being integrated into the joint council. These include the College Enrichment Program, the Center for Teaching and Learning, Center for Financial Capability, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Career Services. All of which have dedicated five committed representatives. On top of that we have fifteen committed representatives and twelve finalizing nominations within the schools or colleges that they reside. I'm excited to say that the joint council will be very full this semester. I think this is the first time this has happened, but a bag of condoms has been brought to the full Senate. And can anyone tell me what this is (holding a box of emergency contraceptives)...emergency contraceptives. And this is Plan B given to



me by the upcoming speaker Lizzie Small. Lizzie Small is a Sexual Education and Peer and Student Advocate. She will be the guest speaker for the joint council for our first meeting, which will be September 8th. I've had some resources being passed out to all of you, so these are some of the things that she provided to me from SHAC. Please come support the joint council, this is an opportunity for the Senate to have a one-on-one conversation with students from across the university and across all types of student life. Thank you so much for your advocacy as Senators and if you ever need any support know that there is space for you to come, our office is open to you all and I hope you continue your dedication to DEI initiatives. With that, I yield.

g. Boards & Committees Report

- i. President Norton: We have a really cool opportunity to sit on one of the twenty-something boards of the University of New Mexico. We're hiring , so anybody in ASUNM and outside of ASUNM specifically focused towards ASUNM has the ability to sit and be a board member of the University of New Mexico. It's super rare, we have an athletics council, and can decide what buildings go up next, what curriculum is passed out. There's usually one or two student representatives, we really encourage you guys, specifically senators. It's one meeting, once a month for one hour. And you can add it to your resume, a cool opportunity to lead, meet all vice presidents in the university, that's who you're going to be working with. If you really want to push your voice out more to people in higher administration, that's the best way to do it. Applications close Friday, please apply, after that we will be reaching out personally to see if people can fill in the spots that they have applied for.

h. ASUNM Senators

- i. Senator Salinas: Hi everyone, I just wanted to let you all know that a program put on by El-Centro, it's called Transforma. It's a mentorship program that closes applications on August 31st. You get to explore your identity through a community-based approach, interdisciplinary thinking. It bestows scholarship upon completion with one-on-one mentorship. You get to build your cultural competence with your community and it also comes with the ability of a study abroad trip this summer to Mexico. So if



you guys are interested, the application closes on the 31st. With that I yield.

- ii. Senator Hussein: I attended the ASUNM Elections Commissions meeting on Tuesday this week. And because there are not many people in that actual agency, they will be looking for volunteers to help with polling, and generally helping with voting in the upcoming Fall and Spring elections. They brought that up to me. I love Anthony Languit, he's a great guy, so I encourage you to vote and volunteer when that happens. Thank you, I yield.

- i. Attorney General Law Book Edits

- i. AG: The lawbook has been fully updated with all legislation from the Spring Senate session. I did accidentally email that to the last Senate, so I'm letting the new Senators know that if you didn't get my email, everything was passed, all the positions that President Norton has mentioned, all of the new agencies, guidelines and everything have been updated, and yeah, if you guys have any questions on the lawbook please come to my office. With that, I yield.

3) New Business

- a. Finance Committee

- i. N/A

- b. Steering and Rules Committee

- i. N/A

- c. Outreach and Events Committee

- i. Chair Williams: The first event we planned is kind of like President Norton said, the Kickball Game. I'll send that out on Friday. Bring at least one canned food item. We're also going to do a volleyball tournament with the Resource Center, they're also going to donate one canned food item per player. Just so that every semester we could do a big giveaway of such to Lobo Food Pantry. I'm open to new ideas for events, feel free to email me, I'm in the office almost everyday, so just pop in there, shoot me your ideas and we'll go from there. With that I yield.

4) Closing

- a. ASUNM Closing Comments



- i. Senator Martinez: Student organizations are allowed to receive maximum funding as allowed by the standing rules, If you guys have any questions about that please reach out. Student organizations are no longer allowed to enter the appropriations process as a new student organization if they are chartered. Our vice chair for the Finance Committee is Senator Salinas. I also want to apologize for the issues in lack of notice regarding budget workshops. So, if you guys know of any student organizations that need any help and are a bit confused about what's going on, let them know to reach out to me. I'm trying to help us all get through the first part of the semester as smoothly as possible.
- ii. Senator Hussein: We elected our vice chair for the Steering and Rules Committee, congratulations to Senator Hedrick who isn't here right now. But he is our vice chair. On top of that I want to let you all know that any of you guys can submit legislation, not only the Steering and Rules senators.
- iii. Senator Williams: We did have vice chair elections, and Senator M. Trujillo did get elected as our vice chair of Outreach and Events.
- b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
 - i. Pro Tempore McCloud: Thank you Vice President Montoya. Just a couple updates, everybody turned in their outreach emails on time so yay! Please remember to turn it in on time for the upcoming weeks. ELL applications; if you want to be a mentor that goes this Friday August 29th. I think they sent it out to all of you today?
 - ii. Vice President Montoya: I think they sent it to the wrong one.
 - iii. Pro Tempore McCloud: Oh okay so I'll resend it today. And then the second thing Aggie build, September 9th and 11th are going to be specific Senate days, so if you guys can carve out a couple hours just to stop by and build the Aggie, that would be awesome. This week, this is going to be the shortest meeting we're going to have. Bring dinner and snacks as it is going to be really long. Go to your office hours and with that I yield.
- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
 - i. Vice President Montoya: Just like the President Pro Tempore has mentioned, this will be our shortest meeting of the entire semester. We will be having guest speakers for these upcoming meetings. For our next



meeting, I am excited. We are going to have Speaker Martinez come. And as guest speakers speak, you guys will lower your laptops, and I encourage you guys to ask questions. If you are going to be late, please let me know as well as your chair be it through email or messages so that I am also in the loop.

- d. Adjournment
 - i. Chair adjourns the meeting at 6:36pm.