



FULL SENATE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

6:00 PM

Student Union Building Fiesta A/B

1) Opening

a. Call to Order

- i. The chair calls the meeting to order at 6:12PM.

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. 17 Senators present, quorum has been met

d. Approval of Agenda

- i. The chair entertains a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting.
 1. Seconded and passed.

e. Approval of Minutes

- i. The chair entertains a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
 1. Seconded and passed.

2) Preliminary Business

a. Senator Accountability

- i. Vice President Montoya: We don't have any senator accountability this week. Those who have like gotten warnings, you've already been notified. We don't have a guest speaker for tonight, so we're going to move into public comment. So if you guys are here from Lobothon, just feel free to come up to the table and just sign in your name and e-mail. And then



when they're speaking, if you all could just like lower your laptops. And then whoever, whichever one of you guys wants to speak first, feel free. Lobathon, if you guys want, you guys can come up and speak. And then you'll have five minutes too.

b. Guest Speaker

i. None.

c. Public Comment

i. Lobathon: Yes. Hi, thank you all for having us. We're here on behalf of Lobathon, and this is for co-executive directors of the club. We're a student-run organization at UNM that raises money UNM's Children Hospital, so any money that we make goes directly to the UNM's children hospital. So in any event, any money that we get, it doesn't come to our account at UNM, but it goes to our account at the foundation, which then goes to the children's hospital. So right now we're asking for our budget because we've been having some troubles doing the events we want to do to raise money for the hospital because we don't have enough money to do so. And this mostly has to do with our 24 hour dance marathon event. That is something that we've put on in the past every year. It's our biggest event of the year. And last year it raised \$13,000 in nine hours. But this year we weren't able book the space because we did not have the money to do so. Our money is also used on to put other events, such as our pickleball tournament. We used the money to buy pickleballs to put on the tournament. This, we just had one this past weekend and it raised \$5,500, which again all goes to the Children's Hospital. Yeah, so we just want to increase our budget so we are able to put on better events and more events to better serve the children of New Mexico. And this money, when it goes to the hospital, it is used for anything that helps better a child's stay at the hospital. So it has nothing to do with child life, it goes to buying toys for the children to play with, it goes to help them pay for the teacher who is present at the hospital, who helps children stay on track with the curriculum as they are today at the hospital. And it also goes to provide resources for the parents, such as on-site laundry, so they don't have to leave their children while they're staying at the hospital. Yeah, we just really want this appropriation, and we really want to do these events for



these kids. It's really helpful, it really puts some joy into their life because they're stuck in the hospital all day. One of these parents are leaving on the parts of New Mexico, unable to work, they're staying at the Ronald McDonald House, trying to figure out what they can do. So a lot of this money that we do raise is really helpful for these kids. They'll simulate them with toys that we buy, take tours, we do volunteer events. We really work with these kids to make their life enjoyable. A lot of them really enjoy our events. We took them to a hockey game recently and one of the kids threw the first puck. So we do little things like that to really bring direct to these kids and using this money will really help these events to raise money. I think, oh, I have one last thing. Yeah, sorry. We did have, we didn't realize that we had \$2,000 previously in our account, and this was due to a poor transition of leadership within our own club, but also we had some issues contacting and arranging meetings with our previous accountant, and so we're, It's just been difficult in transitional ways and getting access to any.

- ii. Vice President Montoya: Is that all? OK, thank you guys for your time. And then are there any other members of the public wishing to speak? Seeing none, we will now move into our ASUNM President's report.

d. ASUNM President's Report

- i. President Norton: All righty. Hello everyone. I hope you guys had a great week. This is the quickest week I think I've ever done. For an obvious reason, it's election week. It was last week, so probably the most time I've been out of office since being elected. For starters, we've had a lot of communication following about the institutional bond. I told you guys a little bit about that earlier on. There's a lot of negotiations to figure out how it's going to work. If you know this year, SFRB just announced the list of where SFRB put all the investments and plans and everything. It's just ready for final approval, but it's going to be approved, which means we funded a bunch of one-time initiatives. They're pretty awesome. In fact, I'll read out a few. Outside of that, potential bond itself, the issue right now is that we need to pay for about \$19 million of the new humanities building, that's why we have an empty site there next door. We are trying to figure out whether or not the student should have to pay a \$40 increase



to pay for that, essentially, out of your own pocket, and that won't get paid off until 2056. Or we basically try to find a place in reserves and get a loan from the foundation. So myself, the university administration, we've been sitting down in meetings constantly for the last few weeks and yet another few coming up to kind of figure out what's the best negotiation tactic. My goal, as I've told you all, is to keep the university else went up, so let's keep everything just flat across the board for fees. We've done that obviously, tuition not going up, YTP going in, all that stuff. So if this all goes as planned, we'll continue that promise that we made. We're a student loan to pay extra for the school year this year. Outside of that, we had a lot of meetings last week. We had the ASUNM governmental affairs review day forum. If you guys haven't seen the LinkedIn post, it was super cool. We got \$435,000 for capital outlay. And it's huge. So congratulations to Government's Affairs Department, all of you guys from . It was awesome. All of this team back here, it was a grind. But the governor signed it into law, so we got the money, which is incredible. So we were kind of work on what the next steps of that looked like. But that's half a million dollars that ASUNM is secured to make campus safer. And the way the boarding is put is a pretty loose interpretation for the benefit of us to be able to create the best possible solution. This is your parking lots, we've got like that where options are being made. So shout out to you all, that's absolutely right. I'm trying to pull up the other stuff, so let me see this here. Here it is, okay. Pull up the one-time stuff. So this year through one-time funding, what we're looking at going next year is obviously continuing mobile lift, our goal is to expand, expand hours, move to North Campus too, so students can benefit the team service. waste of time. We also approved money to go towards doing a feasibility study on Johnson Gym. So this is SFRB. Who here's on SFRB? It's Jonathan, Bailey, right? Awesome. So on this committee, we kind of all debated. \$250,000 is going towards that, which means we're going to look at how we model the pool, the volleyball stadium, and the very back rooms, you know, dark Johnson Gym, if you've all been there. So we're going to look at making sure that gets in place. This is going to be awesome. On top of that, too, we authorized new buses for children's campus. So as they increase the



amount of children, we're going to do government opportunity for free child care. They now have new buses to adequately carry children, recreational services, or regional turnstiles, and front insurance. And then the Student Activity Center, we approved two new positions. There's going to be a new Greek life specialist, someone to help out, Chris and Patricia. With weekly events, they can go home earlier. They can also work with chapter organizations to make sure communication is even more streamlined. There's always someone to help you, someone that's a grad student, which is also another student job. We also have another student to help out in the Student Activity Center department. That helps them with later events. So Ryan may be involved and can head overnight, and off to be here forever. That just helps today's plans to keep . A bunch of other stuff, I can go through it, but frankly, I can't report half the individual items on to send something out. Outside of that, I'm super thankful for all the work you guys do, reelecting the President tomorrow. What that means is the President can be reelected, which means my job shifts to more of a transitional approach. And I still want to serve as President until May 15 at noon, which means I start to make those decisions, but my goal is to include this administration as much as possible. And so after kind of tomorrow, just keep in mind when you're asking about opinions, questions, things like that, I'm going to try to also include a new President. as much as possible because of their administration. Outside of that, too, we're in an executive order here soon for two things. Health Affairs Committee, so we're going to launch it. It's going to really be one more thing in the next transition. That's the CEO of the UNM Health System asked us to create a new UNM Health Affairs Committee. If you have one of you, I need to talk to you in this room. They've already expressed interest to you. But then that will be something that we're going to need counsel. The last thing is digital IDs. We've heard a lot about it. We're one step away from launching this. So next week coming up we'll bring something to S&R, so you guys all a heads up. It's basically just a resolution saying the student body has digital IDs. It's in IT's queue to do, but right now it's behind four other things, basically, and all they need is something to prove that the students want to be priority,



obviously, information technologies. If we pass that resolution, they're going to know that they're going to push it, and then the obvious launch date is even more likely. So we're this close. We're this close. So that's kind of the last step we need, and I think Senate's going to be extremely helpful with that considering . Awesome. Any questions? You guys remember to find me. Thank you all.

e. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks

- i. Vice President Montoya: We're now moving to my opening remarks. Just speaking of the election, remember just not to talk about it in any ASUNM spaces. And if you are reposting anything, make sure that you do have that like caption on your posts or your stories because you don't want to get the people that you are like supporting or whatever like in trouble or yourself. Other things. I'll save it for the end. But it's going to be a short night tonight, so just remember what people said during public comment and then use that to help deliberate during the appropriation. We're now going to move into joint council report.

f. Joint Council

- i. Bailey Rutherford: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. Saludos, senators! Yesterday we celebrated Trans Day of Visibility. Please let me know, please let it be known that our trans and non-binary siblings have and will always exist. As a proud non-binary individual, I hope people come to understand that our identities are not something to dismiss, but to celebrate. We live every day in tension knowing that our existence is politicized by the media and American colonialism, but we continue to fight and share our nuanced experience with the world in order to redefine binaries and find the beauty in fluidity. Please refer to the Arcoiris Center if you are hoping to develop your allyship and if you need any further resources to happen with your allyship. Regarding the Joint Council, we will now begin having meetings the Monday before each Senate cycle, rather than the Monday before full Senate. This was due to failure on my part, because I didn't consider spring break within the two-week legislative period. So this shift will be new, but we're hoping to use this as our advantage in order to allow communication on legislation to be advocated for during the committee process. The Council voted in favor of all



business listed on tonight's business. And some events include RHA's Sexy Vico, April 17th, with their time to be TBD, so check out on their Instagram. They'll have drag queens, prizes, and lots ad lots of fun. The FRO has a few job openings. They are looking for RAs specific for their summer bridge program. And if you know any high school students who are needing any type of advocacy and support during their bridge into college, please refer to the FRO's Summer Bridge Academy. Their stoling ceremony will also be on May 7th from 6 to 8 in the sub-ball room. 30 to 3:30, every Monday, the NAACP will meet, so feel free to invite members if you'd like to support. 30 to 4:30, the Powerful Movement of Educated Sisters are also meeting, so please support them as well. Thank you so much for your time, and I hope you can continue developing a relationship with the Joint Council to better integrate student opinion into leadership and in our decision making. Thank you.

g. Boards & Committees Report

i. None

h. Director of Environmental Affairs Report

i. Director of Environmental Affairs: There's a lot of things I want to make from doing elections stuff. I have a lot of opportunities to get engaged outside of that. And I want you to be a part of it. First of all, next week I'm posting a climate resilience teach-in from 4 to 4 p.m. to 16 in the Honors College Forum. I encourage 10 if you're able or recommend to others. April 22nd is Earth Day campus on North Campus. There's a second one that will occur on April 23rd. The 23rd is the 16th Annual Sustainability Expo. I really appreciate you to pickle off by Between Shack and the South because there's a lot of opportunities to support local. On April 23rd, an Aaron film screenings also have the film Across Together Return Expedition in the UNF South movie theater from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. And there's also a Q&A that will follow over the film. April 25th kicks off the come talk with me. It's a really fun opportunity to get involved with departments you may not already get involved in. There's a department sort of battle about it, geography and biology, I believe. So I encourage you to do that. Once you're in one of those departments, definitely get involved. You can win. April 30th is the Local Garden Spring Garden



Party. 00 PM at the local garden event. It's not April, but May 6th is bike team and MSA supporting micro transportation and alternative options for commuting to campus. Central campus site will be Outreach Junction Center, and the morning campus site will be a stated structure or upper plasma. It will be from 11am or 8am to 11am. That's mostly what I have for you today. I encourage you to remember that as we are going throughout this month, that's about the Earth's environment, be a little bit aware of yourself and how you might be moving out to the travel.

- i. Director of Student Wellness Report
- j. Director of Student Organization Relations Report
 - i. Christiana Concepcion: There were a lot of student organizations that endorsed candidates for this election. That's great, and I hope to see more in the future. Basically, continue supporting student boards by attending their meetings. There are a bunch of these. If you haven't gone to one yet, please do those. And besides that, I'll be meeting up with the Vice President of Research, Ellen Fisher, on April 29th, Wednesday at 3:4 PM. If you have any questions or concerns about research funding in the future, please e-mail me at asunmdsor@unm.edu. I'll also be sending out an email soon that we can talk to them in person and their team. But yeah, that's all I have. Thank you.
- k. ASUNM Senators
 - i. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. I'll make it quick. I just wanted to say thank you to President Norton for the work he did in regards to student tuition fee increases. I was at the Regents meeting, they stopped the 1% tuition increase, and that was thanks to President Norton, as well as several others. So just a big shout out to you. Thank you.
- l. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. AG Roark: A couple good updates from doing the law book. We have a couple of bills that came through legal that were approved. They're not in yet, like I just got them in my e-mail, like an hour, like right now. But they're concerning the candidate packets, clarifying, like clerical errors, individual position being from salary to stipend, and balance boards and all that. So everything, it's like slowly coming in, hopefully before the next full Senate. But yeah, on top of that, with election week, please just make



sure to keep following the rules if you're campaigning, please. make sure that you are encouraging those who aren't in ASUNM to call the election code, do not speak about it in the ASUNM offices. And if it's one more day, we can get through it. So please continue doing great, and I yield.

3) Special Business

4) New Business

a. Finance Committee

i. Opening Comments from the Chair

1. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. Finance will be in a good week. There are just a couple of things that we'll go through as we go through each appropriation. Some appropriations were cut a little past standing rules, and we'll explain those when we get to those. But basically, the organization consists of more of graduate members than regular undergrad members, and we are eligible for graduate funding, so you'll see that. And there's a map behind that as well. But other than that, I don't have anything else for you.

ii. Appropriation #37S - LoboThon

1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #37S
 - a. Seconded and passed
2. Opening comments
 - a. Senator Cisneros: Yes, so this, you guys are here to speak here on the cause, and they asked for appropriation for their annual events. There's an advanced marathon, and then additionally just the full materials that they were asking for as well. All cuts were made to the standing rules, and yeah.
3. Questions
 - a. None
4. Discussion
 - a. Senator Manzo: Motion to change line item 3 to read \$1000
 1. Questions
 - a. None
 2. Discussion

a. Senator Manzo: So the reason why we're reading it 2000 is just like how Mock Trial was linked in the previous full senate is that this is one of the main things that they did. This is what they're all about. And so they mentioned in the appropriation that the Dance Marathon is one of their biggest events, especially in the spring, spring of their time that they do most of their events. Like I said, a lot of their funding goes straight to the hospital, so they don't . And so we thought it was fair to raise it to give them more money for the facility representation . And holding to the standard that we did at Mock Trial.

ii. Seconded and passed.

5. Pro Tempore Salinas: Point of clarification to the finance chair for line item 9, are we sure, and I guess to find that the chair as well, are we sure that is the correct line item number?
6. Senator Hussain: May I answer that question?
7. Vice President Montoya: Attorney General Roark, are we allowed to do point of clarifications during? We're voting on it.
8. Senator Hussain: no, it is not. That should read zero dollars. That's not something made to standard rules. That's actually an SGAO thing. We're not allowed to fund-- they were going to fund a UNM employee. Honorariums are not allowed to do that, and that should have read zero, which I think is a clerical mistake because we had the same discussion in our finance committee meeting, and we did zero it out, so I'm not really sure how it meets 100. Point of information, I'm not exactly sure how to go about this line, but it's not the...



9. AG Roark: Finish voting on the appropriation then motion to reopen it.
10. Roll call vote
 - a. With a vote of 13-3-1-3, Appropriation #37S passes at a total amount of 4,249.
- iii. The chair entertains a motion to reopen Appropriation #37S
 1. Seconded and passed
- iv. Discussion
 1. Senator Hussain: Motion to change line item 9 to read \$0
 - i. Questions
 1. None
 - ii. Discussion
 1. None
 - b. Seconded and passed.
 2. Senator Hussain: Just to clarify again, This is something we can't fund through SGAO and financial policy, and that they were going to use the funding for.
- v. Roll call vote
 1. With a vote of 16-0-1-3, Appropriation #37S passes at a total amount of 4,148.
- vi. Appropriation #38S - IEEE
 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #38S
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Opening comments
 - a. Senator Carver: Thank you, Senator. This is the appropriation for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. They're just asking for food, personal current events. as well as like a lecture series.
 3. Questions
 - a. None
 4. Discussion
 - a. None
 5. Roll call vote



- a. With a vote of 17-0-0-3. Appropriation #38S passes at a total amount of \$808.
- vii. Appropriation #39S - BSAUNM
 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #39S
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Opening comments
 - a. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. This is an appropriation for BSAUNM. Just general student or funding. Everything in here was cut to standing rules, and then an additional cut was made outside of standing rules. Excuse me. Because They had a majority of graduate students, and they are looking for graduate student funding. As such, it's only fair, and other student organizations do not have graduates and are not eligible for that additional funding. So if anybody has questions on it, feel free to ask. One of eight was zeroed out because they got food in their budget. Other than that, I yield. Thank you.
 3. Questions
 - a. None
 4. Discussion
 - a. None
 5. Roll call vote
 - a. With a vote of 17-0-0-3. Appropriation #39S passes at a total amount of \$220.
- viii. Appropriation #41S - AIAA
 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #41S
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Vice President Montoya: And if anyone is wondering where 40S is, they did not show up to their Finance Committee hearing, so it was failed. But anyways, is there a presentation for this appropriation? Senator Schmitz.
 3. Opening comments
 - a. Senator Schmitz: So this is for the Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. So same thing with the last one. They had

more graduate students than undergraduate students, so we cut everything to standing rules to begin with, and then an additional cut of 40%. And then for the last year of other operating costs, that was just a misunderstanding with, I think, them being a new student organization.

4. Questions

- a. None

5. Discussion

- a. Senator Hussain: It's just that they thought on line item an update that NSOs, these organizations get \$2,000, but it's actually a \$2,000 cap that NSOs have. So that was just a miscommunication there. Thank you.

6. Roll call vote

- a. With a vote of 17-0-0-3. Appropriation #41S passes at a total amount of \$281

b. Steering and Rules Committee

i. [Bill #5S](#) - ASUNM Lawbook - Section 1203

1. The chair entertains a motion to open Bill #5S.

- a. Seconded and passed

2. Authorship Speech

- a. Vice President Montoya: This is the wrong one. Can you resend it? We do a floor substitution? What? A floor substitution? Yeah, just during the discussion of the bill, just do a motion to floor substitute, and then I'll just copy and paste it. I have, I have it, yeah. So just go ahead and give the presentation.

- b. Senator Griffin: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. This bill is just changing The meeting times that the VOC has to meet with the student support from five times a semester to schedule time is for other students. But we're just doing this because the VOC feels that those meetings are a little too often and then they don't need as many for the semester to properly do their job. And so it's just ensuring that they don't get sued for not meeting that time.

3. Questions

- a. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. My only question is, so does this mean like, I know the description said additionally, but is this just limited now to one? No matter what, so they can't meet if they need two more than once.
- b. Senator Griffin: No, they can meet more than once.
- c. Senator Hussain: I only consider the bill once, not additionally, not once or more. Does that make sense? Other than that, that's my only question.

4. Discussion

- a. Senator Griffin: Can I motion to strike the word times?
- b. Vice President Montoya: Or first, wait, hold on, read a motion for the floor substitution.
- c. Senator Griffin: I motion for a floor substitution.
 - i. Seconded and passed
- d. Senator Griffin: Motion to strike the word times
 - i. Seconded and passed
- e. Senator Hussain: Motion to add the word once or more.
- f. Vice President Montoya: Point of information for Senator Hussain, I think it maybe would be better to add at least once instead of once, because it just doesn't follow.
- g. Senator Hussain: Motion to add at least before once
 - i. Seconded and passed.

5. Roll call vote

- a. With a vote of 17-0-0-3, Bill #5S passes.

c. Outreach and Events Committee

i. Comments from the chair

1. Senator Yangalasetty: What's up, everyone? I hope you're doing good. Hi. So We're going to be having another event. It's going to be called Screen on the Green. Basically, what that is going to be is that we're going to be going on to Johnson Field and taking a big, fat movie projector screen out there. And then basically what it's



going to be is we're going to be playing The Dark Knight. All right? Clap it up. That's a pretty good movie. Anyway, continuing on, we're going to be having concessions out there for everyone. My committee's working really hard. our advisor, Megan, to make that happen. It's ideally going to be on the 17th of this month before we're entirely concluded with Senate and all of our responsibilities here. I want to urge you guys to please be making sure that you're reaching out to everybody. And I would like to politely ask you all to show up just so that way we're not just having a movie playing out there for basically just the grass. Bring some blankets and stuff. Like I said, there will be movies. We're also going to be trying to get some like food trucks and stuff. That's going to be very fun, very cool. And yeah, tell your Greek organizations too. That's going to be sweet. So yeah, with that, I yield

5) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

- i. Senator Green: It's election season, I know it's been crazy for most, but I would like to Let everyone know to please have respect and dignity for others while campaigning
- ii. Senator Schmitz: Student Special Events needs volunteers for Fiestas. It's a great opportunity.
- iii. Vice President Montoya: And if you guys want like the GroupMe link for fiestas for the volunteer sign up, send me a text or come see me after tonight and I'll give it to you.
- iv. Senator Griffin: Thank you Vice President Montoya. I know this is just center in April, but a week from... a month from tomorrow, Kappa is having a philanthropy so it'd be great if people could show up to that. We're supporting the JED Foundation. It's just, again, it goes with our place to be like mental health awareness. That's all, thank you.
- v. Senator Hedges: So Chi O is going to be having a flag football, if anybody wants to come play, so let us know if you want to sign up and come.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore



- i. Pro Tempore Salinas: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. Like previous speakers have said, it is election season. It's really cold outside all day, so make sure tomorrow to look at the weather app just while walking in class or whatever you choose to do tomorrow. Big thing, we are like six weeks away from being done with the semester. Make sure those grades stay in check. It's really a let down if you let your grades slip right at the last moment, so just make sure that you guys are focusing on academics as well as everything that You're doing, I'm super, super proud of all of you. And yeah, just remember, that's always really important. Make sure you check in on yourself, yourself counting back to yourself doing good today.
- c. ASUNM Vice President Closing
 - i. Vice President Montoya: Thank you, Senator Salinas. Yeah, just following up on that, since we've already passed the halfway mark, you all have to maintain a 2.5 GPA to remain in Senate. So make sure you guys are sitting on top of your classes, and if you guys are needing additional support or resources, If you're comfortable, come see me. Or you can also feel free to ask Ryan, our advisor. He always has really good resources if you guys need anything like that. But, and you guys have also done a very good job of like informing me of like, you know, when you're gonna miss meetings or whatever, you guys are sick. So just keep up with that. Thank you all for showing up tonight. I know today was kind of like, I don't know, I feel like everybody's a little under the weather. But tonight was a very short meeting, so we'll end right on the dot at 7 p.m.
- d. Adjournment
 - i. The chair adjourns the meeting at 7:00PM.