



FULL SENATE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 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 6:11PM.

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 the meeting.
 1. Seconded and passed

e. Approval of Minutes

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

2) Preliminary Business

a. Senator Accountability

- i. Vice President Montoya: There is none for this week, so good job.

b. Guest Speaker - Mutazz Jaber

- i. Mutazz Jaber: So I'm going to do a super Vice president thing. Everybody lower your computers.



- ii. Vice President Montoya: While we pull up his presentation, Taz is going to tell you all what you're.
- iii. Mutazz Jaber: For those of you who may not know me. My name is Taz. Previous Vice President. So it's really weird. Being here and three guys shout out to Senator Hussain, Senator Salinas who were both my aides and helping get through my entire year. But yeah, I came here to talk a little bit about the Fred Harris internship so if you are unfamiliar with this internship, it's internship where they send 10 students across the year by each semester to Washington, DC to represent UNM and New Mexico as interns in every office of our delegation congressional delegation. So. All the representatives, all of our senators, and it's fully the housing is fully funded as well as a stipend to get you out there and. Back and honestly, I didn't spend the funding wisely, but so I kind of burned through that quickly. But you could honestly get through it. But before I get into kind of the nitty gritty of the internship and stuff like that, I want to talk a little bit about my university story. A little bit about my journey at the university. I Literally did nothing for my first year. I did not get involved and to be honest, I was sitting and I saw an application about the ASUNM Senate, just like pop up on this and that on my Instagram. And my brother was a senator, like from, he said and I was like this. Is so creepy. Like tired. I didn't understand that, but I said that the President and Vice President were sitting at the booth that popped up and were like, come talk to us and I ended up submitting an application and. That's kind of where my whole journey started to where I am right now. I was appointed. So yeah, and I was appointed in the fall of 2023 and I reran and stayed in the spring of 24. I served them as an art for the Finance Committee. Steering and Rules Committee, the best committee I can say that after leaving. Who's going? Who is the chair? Congratulations, all the best and most importantly, I'm sorry. I know, I know already. Oh. My God, I love. Already to finance killed me. God bless you. Killed me when I was in the committee and killed me when I was the vice president. It's like. It's just so hard. But anyway, I ended up running for Vice President. Which was? A little premature. Anything for me and my journey, but I'm glad I still did it. It was a huge learning curve and I went through the obsolete gutters



and. And I started and, you know, I'm a Palestinian American. And I write that on my sleeves and off the bat, I was getting death threats from my ethnicity. I was getting followed, and people were taking pictures of me and, like, posting it on Yik Yak. Delete Yik Yak if you have it. Posting it on Yik Yak. And like tearing me apart, all because of the color of my skin. And so. It's definitely not for the Phantom part. It's easy to look at somebody in positions, especially as. Your own and you know. Feel that pressure and so that imposter syndrome kind of hits. And so I tried it through it my entire year. As vice president. I. Had ran for President also wasn't the greatest experience, but ultimately was the best turnout for me. I think I learned that I was running not because I wanted it, but because I just felt like, OK, I did the vice presidency, I did the Senate. What else am I? Nothing else to do right. I lost the passion for it and I think that's a really important thing to remember. Passion is so important and there's so many passionate students on campus. And so I, you know, ultimately think we was not as the President. Thank God. But I had applied for this internship in that spring when I ran and. I had gotten. The you know e-mail of like me getting the application and I had spoken to the director. I actually spoke to her reasonably about this and she was like. I didn't know I was gonna offer you this position if you were. Going to. Win because there's only so many people that deserve. An. That's so amazing as this. That why, why do we kind of take that away from some of you might not have the opportunity to be the President, so kind of realizing, wow, this is something that I really wanted and you know, ended up kind of opening that door for me. And so reminding yourself that this position right now it's such an important. Start to their life right? Also remembering start of your own. This is not the ending. This is not the most important thing they're going to do. This is not the end all be all. And when you're in this space, that's that's how it would feel. And I'm actually going to use advice, Ryan told me, which is take yourself seriously more than your role, which hits my heart so heavily, something I carry with me. So had I not taken the opportunity to kind of launching myself and ask when I'm in ASUNM, I learned had the opportunity to be an intern or the opportunity to be a full time session staff in this. This. And so reminding yourselves that this is



kind of a launching pad, not the destination. And also remembering this feature in our seats that so many people fight for. And I know, I mean, I say it all the time. Like I said, it was just a fake government. It's whatever. Like, don't take it seriously. But I mean, although it isn't the end point. It's still important role and you still advocate for people so. Again, I I wanted to emphasize. I think it's important that I did that, but to get into the internship so this presentation is actually says the Fall 25-26. That's the same information for the current applications as I finished my internship in DC, I was asked by the director to be kind of an ambassador kind of share that internship. So. Ask of you all to listen to all that information in it. Ask the questions about it. You can ask personal questions about me, whatever and and also just spread it to your student organizations. We really want to have to find this amazing opportunity so he can get straight into it. Thank you. So the right here is congressional internship started with Senator Fred Harris, who was such an amazing man. I unfortunately was not able to meet him while in undergrad. And I mean while in that internship he had passed in the fall of 2024, but just the stories of hearing about him. And you know. His legacy he ran for he famously ran for president after point and just had a really strong career. Pushing forth, student leaders and young leaders and creative internship to get life minded in the Mexican students to the capital to learn things and to hear things and see things that I can tell you guys that some of that experience that. Our nation is run so differently from how we see it. Our news is. Like low key, not real. Kind of crazy to. Say but it's. True, you see these things on the news and it's completely not what's happening. So he really wanted students to learn about that. So also remembering, we started this as a plan, but. The next slide. These are just pictures. I honestly don't know. Any of these people? They're all interns. I actually don't know why I'm not. Oh, I'm on the new presentation, actually. So if you do apply, go to the orientation, you'll see me in my homework. But this is the cohort of people that you're going to view it, and people are applying to this internship. I swear to everything. Those are my best ones. Like, I got so close to them. We trauma bonded through. The shutdown, through getting yelled at by constituents and facing just insane things while in DC. And so having that



experience with three or four other people. Was really amazing and. I I really think that's also a cool aspect of the internship. So this is kind of going to be the orientation. So the internship and program expectations, so the expectations are for in undergraduate students that are interested in public policy, but I want to emphasize that it doesn't mean they have to be poli sci major. I think that is such a misconception that it comes to working on a hill. A lot of my staff, a lot of the staff. In the office I worked for, so I worked for Senator Heinrich. A lot of them were doctors. A lot of them were. People that were interested in kind of like sharing and she interested in the, you know, interconnection of policy and engineering and energy and so really understanding that. Politics covers everything. It's not just, you know, you know, people are saying you have to love to argue. That's just not. It's just not true. So yeah, just like being a hardworking student and representing UNM in an amazing as in an in an amazing way and having a really. Good time we have. So much fun and all like I went. Seven concerts. I was not holding back. Again, I didn't spend money while I was holding like I was like in New York four or five times. Like I I went crazy. But so it was an amazing. So the internship is a semester in DC, so those dates are the same in terms of timeline, not here. So it starts from August 23rd to December 6th. And so I had the fall semester you can apply for both of them or either or and you're not. Selecting I mean you don't get to pick the person you're working for, you're selected. So we have five members of our congressional delegation, our two senators, and our three members of Congress in the House of Representatives. And so it goes by a level of hierarchy. So the senators, first starting with the most senior senators, for example, hindering. The first thing so but. It's it's, it's a really cool thing. So each semester you go out there and it's amazing. So. Course credits so you do have to take polls 494, which is the 9 credit internship course. It's like really easy and you get 9 credits and I struggled a lot at all do it. I will say I have been in my political science degree before getting to this class. So if you want a political science. During your struggle with Nicole, like what if I don't get to? Finish my currency time. There's that opportunity to kind of catch yourself up. Different ways. You only have to take 9 credit hours like. I said you don't. Take those other two



courses, but they're offered for students who might not want to have to outsource other courses and other people and other professors that might not be willing to kind of be there for their situation and stuff like that. Can't read what that even says but. I will say complete your assignments. That's kind of just like the class. Of course, in generally it's really easy. You kind of have some papers, you work generally in. Minutes from Monday to Thursday, another Fridays are offered a program and I do it like that. This is not really like a program from the internship coordinator, which is really just. Going to a museum and then writing. Like you could hear about what it meant to you or meeting and having coffee with. Some random person that may. Have done Fred Harris in each of. The past it's. It's cool. It's cool. Housing, OK. I had an insanely. Different experience than other interns, so I have my own apartment in DC in in housing, but so I went with five people, 1-2 men, me and him and three other female interns and three female interns share one apartment, which was really crowded, but they ended up loving it. At the end it was definitely. Adjustment. I have my own apartment and so did the other man. The environments family outside of housing the housing is really cool. So the housing in DC with the wish housing, every housing apartment complex is with other interns or other. States. So you're. To go to these like random networking events where they get free food and every single time and the first floor of our apartment complex, you can see any other insurance from other walks of life. You get to make really privileged students from very different universities than ours. And you also get the other end of students who might not have the privileges we have. And so kind of seeing. Tractor was very. I enjoyed the housing. It was a 2 minute walk from my office. It also depends on where housing were put in, so there's two housing places, there's Woodlands and the hill, which is where I lived. I are from the complex and stop them right there and it's legit across the street from the Supreme Court. So it's not hard to get to work. Just more about that stuff. Stipends and payment. So you would have guarantees \$1000 but. Since 2000. I bought \$2000. This current cohort about \$2000 and I'm. Pretty sure the new application will. Be \$2000. They're actually trying to. Push it even. Further, so \$2000 is honestly a lot of money if you're starting for



money. I'm not, so I'm not going to act like I spread that out pretty quickly. I believe that pretty fast, but like I had booked my ticket. Last minute, I just wasn't thinking smart, but other interns. Who? Booked their ticket a month in advance spent \$200 on their ticket their flight, and they booked their flight back early, so they spent like, I think, a total of 400 and something on their ticket. So that covered that. They flew with their blankets, they they really smart with and. Stretched out pretty. Well, and the cool thing, what I. Can see is when you're working. In the capital there is an event every single event, like they're paying with a lunch. And they're bipartisan. They're. Sometimes partisan and so. You can go to anyone and get free food. Like I remember one time I. Went with. Pretty much the whole Heinrich office to this random thing right in the middle of the day where the national chicken company. I didn't know anything but the national people that are in charge of chicken wings just had a bunch of chicken like every month. And so that's also another option for you out there, which I think is really. Trainings and CEO. That's like the easiest thing. I really wasn't difficult. I also I have it turned out in the past, so I was. Familiar with the trainings that they did. But it's kind of. Typical training. Harassment. Those sorts of things. So. Yeah, I think this is towards the end of the presentation. Yes, that's it. OK, so.

- iv. Vice President Montoya:
- v. Senator Herring: What is the application process like?
- vi. Mutazz Jaber: Oh yeah, it didn't cover that. And then I'm going to tell. So the application process is. You have to have a minimum. 3.0 GPA and have 2 pretty strong letters of recommendation. Those are kind of. Yeah. Can you apply? There are a few questions that are asked of you where you just about like 200, 300, 400 words. I think the main one that the application. Staff is the question of what major policy issues do you find in New Mexico currently? So, for example, I have put water and water access to travel homes is technical because if you are down 49% and travel homes in the United States don't have access to pipeline. So it's a really big issue. And so just something you are passionate about.
- vii. Senator Carver: What was your favorite thing about the internship?



- viii. Mutazz Jaber: My favorite thing? Well. That's a really good question. I'll give 2 answers. Professionally I got to build a network that is so like I have a Rolodex of chief of Staffs and communications directors and senators on my phone who are willing to help me. So kind of insane and really great to have if you're planning for those. Personally, I went shopping there. I went to concerts. I saw Billie Eilish.
- ix. Senator Griffin: What were some of the challenges you experienced in DC?
- x. Mutazz Jaber: Yeah, so Fridays, typically there would be a program. My internship was a little bit odd because we didn't go through the government shutdown, so only meet in the Senate. Return we're working. The other returns have no no job for. But they ended up finding internships. That's also cool being in DC, but I would say that. I use. I use a lot of time travel for my sister was in Maryland, so I spent a lot of time going there. But if I can get out of used to get there in March I was doing like any any weekend I had I was getting on that train. I was getting on that plane. I had the amazing opportunity. And you are being flown out to leave canvassing for Mamdani's campaign for mayor during Election Day. So that was a cool experience to go and help get him elected. And so, yeah, literally traveling anywhere in DC. So well, I love the Amish. Market, that's also something to love. I love the. Amish market in Maryland. It's so freaking cute and cool, and they sell such cool things, so I bought like a whole meal. More time.
- xi. Vice President Montoya: Seeing no further questions, thank you so much Taz for coming in and speaking to us.
- xii. Mutazz Jaber: By going through the Political Science Department website and I'll send the link to your vice president as well. Thank you so much for having me. In such a privilege speaking to you all.
- xiii. Vice President Montoya: Thank you again Taz. We will now move into Public Comment. Are there any members of the public wishing to speak at this time?
- c. Public Comment
 - i. Director of Communications: So hi everyone, my name is McKenzie, the Director of Communications for ASUNM, and I just wanted to reach out



to you all regarding headshots for this upcoming about senate committees. I just want you all to know that you can reach out to me if you need headshots. I know some of y'all. Missed the spring retreat that was in early January, so good for to. Reach out to. If you haven't been to that retreat or you haven't gotten headshots, I'd be more than happy to find the time to reach out to you. I'd be more happy to find sorry words are not my thing. I'd be more than happy to find the time to reach out to you and take headshots for you, just so that you can have like a nice headshot that you're proud and confident about before this upcoming post. But please, just make sure to reach out to me within. Like the next couple of days because I. Know Rd. with one of those couple days ago. So just reach out to me like, probably by tonight if you want to retake your headshots and then we can get that figured out.

- ii. Vice President Montoya: Are there any other members of the public wishing to speak at this time? And then you have 5 minutes.
- iii. Chief Justice: OK, so for those who don't know me, I'm the Chief Justice here. I do legal and ethical parts of our government. So what I want to talk to you guys about is. Spring 2026iscal year 21. So obviously the student for. Our budget, you know, I asked for \$11,256. We were cut 54% percent of my budget. But what I want, what I. Started looking more to our budget. What I noticed is a couple things. Every single ASUNM agency and branch in ASUNM was cut except for one. Which is of course ASUNM Senate. I'm sending you got everything separate. Every other branch was cut. I want to make that very clear. That I think you guys should deserve the raise, you guys do deserve the raise. But for you guys to get this? Every other stipend, they got lowered. GA, General government SSE, CE to report and the agencies all had stipends cut new and existing site. You know some older siblings and all that. Sorry, that was great. You guys, you guys truly do from what you do, but I cannot see how every other stipend that was touched was cut except for Senate. That is not ethical. That's not right. When you say, well, is there a lot? Yeah, there is a lot. Sorry guys, once again I'm not trying to blow. Up right now. But it's not lawful. Section 5207 on Vice 20. ASUNM shall make all financial decisions. All financial discriminant decisions. And if you feel



neutral manner as required by federal law, not UNM law federal law. Subsection A name no request for funding will be favored or disfavored because of the viewpoints expressed by their position seeking. The fund, including. Organization, mission, belief or objectives and subsection B. Every organization shall have an equal opportunity of receiving funding. You guys think that Senate getting their raises, but every other time that starts being cut is equal opportunity? Is that neutral or is it 11 agency being favored? That's just something for you guys. All to think about real quick. Responding being neutral. I cannot justify, I'm trying. To look in many, many ways. Senate giving themselves raises but deducting every other stipend that was touched in any way, can I see that being neutral? And I could go on and on. I mean, I wrote like 10 pages, but for the time being, I want guys think about that, and if not. Checks and balances. Student Court, Chief Justice. Thank you.

- iv. Vice President Montoya: Thank you Chief Justice Romero. We will. Are there any other members of the public wishing to speak at this time?
- v. Advisor Lindquist: Hey guys. First of all I want to thank former Vice President Jaber for coming today. So thank you. I will say my one regret during my undergraduate years, college was not doing any exchange. So you guys paid UNM tuition, whether it's a domestic exchange, an international exchange or an internship like this and that's covered by UNM tuition. Whether you're on scholarship or not so. Do those things like I said, that's my one regret for undergraduate year. So if you still have time to look at it, please do. I want to talk to you. Those of you who are graduating and those who will be graduating at some point issuing them does have a stole. You guys can purchase this so anybody that served as Senate, any other physicians or eligible to purchase this, it's \$35. You'll pay exact cash or check to the student Government Accounting Office. They'll give you a receipt. You bring that down to. And we choose both. So we have a. Couple of them. That are specific. Unfortunately, we don't have specific Senate ones, but we're kind of transitioning into everyone's a part of the student government. So from arts and Craft studios to senate to pretty much any position gets just a general issue. And then last thing is an issue then was able to partner with a donor out of Dallas, TX last year and



this is going to be the first class that gets to benefit. So Nate Crane is a business leader. He grew up in Santa Fe and his mother is an alumna of the University of New Mexico. So that's kind of why he targeted us. But at SMU, where he went to school, he started a leadership program very similar to ELL over there. It's funded by him. And then he won several Leadership Award. So leadership is a passion. So he is at our university funding four \$1000 scholarships for people who are between 24 credit hours and 96 credit. Hours. So it is leadership based. So I have a couple of different forms here, so please take one. If you kind of fit within that qualification. Graduates, I'm sorry that that class. Just to you, but if you know people and you are graduating, you want to head the South, take a flyer as well too, but those scholarships will be awarded. People will be notified right before recognition exception that this will be. First year will be awarding the Nate Crane Leadership Awards at the recognition reception this year. So I kind of wanted to start spreading the word about this. You guys are excellent leaders on campus. This is the nice thing. You're not eligible for ASUNM scholarships, but this is a scholarship that each unit entities are eligible for. So. Please stop the spread. The word about that a little bit have safe spring breaks and we'll see you guys on the flip side. Thank you guys.

- vi. Vice President Montoya: Thank you, Ryan. Are there any other members of the public wishing to speak at this time?
- vii. German Club: Good evening everyone and I'm here on behalf of the UNM German club. German club is designed to help students practice their language, skills and practical study. Well, we haven't officially chartered for about 5 years and we have been actually holding meetings mid 90s and our weekly meetings and back entirely in German. So basically just help lower level students come to our to our meetings and basically just. Practice their language skills, but can only take you so far and so you know doing it practice setting is preferable tonight. Respectfully requesting that the Senate we extend our Appropriation for our weekly meetings to \$300 within the current standing rules we have already submitted a reference to the finance chair. And so as well as the menu.



- viii. Vice President Montoya: Awesome. Thank you. And then, did you guys sign in? Oh awesome. Thank you.
- d. The chair acknowledges Senator Osborne's attendance.
- e. ASUNM President's Report
 - i. President Norton: So, OK, everyone, how are you guys doing? We're good to see you all again. As you guys know, I'm the ASUNM president. My role is to ensure student body is represented effectively everything I tell you today. You as my bosses, I work for you guys and respond to you guys. And so one of the things that really encourages after I talk about all these cool things that we and the executive branch are doing right, please reach out if you want like to. Do something with us. I've had. One senator contacted me in the last two months about wanting to do something which is really painful. Imagine if you had a boss and they only reached out to you once every two months. So just remember that. It's worked for me in the same way I Work for you and so kind of. First of all, thank you to Taz, another round of applause. Truly one of the smartest people I know for you guys, maybe so much. For that, and just like all over the. Years. Secondly, I'm kind of go into some boring stuff first to kind of get out of the way so just. Kind of like point stuff out. For starters, I opposed the tuition increase a few months ago, so I worked with tuition fee committee. How tuition works is there's a board called tuition fee Committee that committee debates and understands what fees and tuition will go up if they like it. They present that to the BLT. The budget leadership team budget. There's team is made-up with your Deans Vice president. CFO, all that stuff, they then all do the same thing. They debate, they talk and they understand and then they agree on whether or not tuition and fees will go up and then. Then it goes to President Stokes the President Stokes that sends it to the Board of Regents on the tuition fee committee. Me and then the graduate student body president, we did literally over probably 20-30 hours of meetings learning the. Higher university. Deck up the whole budget works right now, and we learned that there was no justified increase for tuition to go up. Based on all those facts. So we were able to convince the committee and the Deans of that committee to. Yeah, once the budget leadership team budget leadership team, we did the same thing



I presented to all the vice presidents at UNM, all the Deans, the President is the CFO, the CEOs, everybody in the university and they agreed with us. That board also voted 16-12 to not increase. Tuition. Now goes to President Snow. She'll make her decision with the CFO will happen as likely next Tuesday. Really. But if they say they're going to push. Tuition out or. They're gonna push tuition increase. Then I have to speak to the Board of Regents, basically. Oppose it since the student body opposes. I'll let you guys know because that's where I haven't asked for you guys. That's where I will need 100% of your help. Tuition is huge. Our students do not want to pay increase after paying athletics, housing through meal plan, transportation, parking passes, etcetera. Increases. The last thing we want to pay is \$80.00. So that's one of the things that's a lot of work though, so I'm really proud to say you guys that we got two boards to beat of that which. Is the first time hasn't done and how many years or decades? Secondly, this massive package is institutional bond as part. Is the most boring and confusing, and yet somehow the most. Important part where. University does right now. The university is possibly going to take out an institutional loan for \$138 million what that means, they take out a bond against these student fees, right? That basically says we can build \$138 million worth of things, \$19,000,000 of that is going to go to the building right there. Another \$3,000,000 is going to Johnson. Against the other 100 millions, basically use whatever else they should. You take out a bond. You take it out again. I don't like explain a bond you guys, but basically FX sticks out bond for a stadium. That means they're playing against the tickets, right, because? If the university takes up bond hits student fees, that means they take out a bond against each of you guys. The amount of money they expect you to pay. In. Tuition, student fees inside and so work for right now is under shifts. Understand why we need that one right. Make it how? If that's the right amount to be taken out, how it's going to be issued as of our vehicle one. Point \$2,000,000 we paid our debt service. We have less loans and things to pay off. I'll keep you guys updated on that, but that could be huge because that's a 30 year loan will be paid off in 2056. So that's this massive packet as you come asking. Questions about you want. It's all numbers. Present search committee went



super great. We just finalized yesterday. I cannot tell you the candidates yet. They're in public next week, so we've. Down the final candidates. For the new replacement for President Stokes. They're all super awesome. To welcome them. So we'll see that. You guys can be involved in that. I'm signing every bill tonight. I am on my way to Mexico tomorrow at 7:00 AM. So any bill and anything will be signed tonight. So send them to me. They're you've done in your inbox, so any student works, they're asking you guys. They're lying. If they said they're not side by side, they're done. They're going. To be done. So the talk about is budgets. I think a lot of budgets are incredibly great. I have seen a lot of budgets put through and this budget has such good balance when it comes to all organizational operations, right, kind of general stuff we need to run. I think it. Is so they can find something that's a lot of work. The only things I want to talk about is the positions, so we cut two the positions. I understand it's. Been put in as like standard. That's what you do with the ranking position. You guys know what president is elected. Then we can create positions, but that's after the budget, which means my staff, right, housing, campus, Fundamental Balance Board. Not be going next year before staff get caught because. They were not existing positions in the previous year's budget because Andrew not been elected yet. Budgets in March. What that means now is that we have two positions for 300. Dollars a semester. Athletic Affairs works 5 hours a week. Coordinates with the entire athletics government, right, engaged with us to meet the host advanced tailgates. All that. Stuff they do more work than most. Almost. Hourly efficiency times. Sending housing campus affairs responsible, working with the Police Department, RHA Resident Housing Association initiative with the government capital outlay, same thing. Legislative aid from governmental affairs. Do you guys know what? The job. They're the one who gets called up last minute to the legislature at 9:00 at night and we have tested. We have to testify to the House committee the next morning meeting. That's exactly what they did. They also have to drive up there at any point when candidates opposed such as their message. These people are really important to just understand the standard and present consent that's based off of an issue, which is the fact that I could create his



positions before I was elected President. So it makes it hard because they've done so much work. Individuals are so much of our government has, we have all agreed upon the fact that we fund them just looking the but they are now funded the lowest position. In all student government against some of the most impact. On the future so. I encourage you guys to challenge and think about. That. The only other thing is being. Notified of the budgets, I found out two hours ago the budgets because. Of the conversation. I didn't really work out. I understand they're posted on the agenda, but you guys don't answer. It's really, really well, I try my best to be so communicating with you. Guys, you guys always demand that not you. You guys demand that? You guys effectively that I tell you. Right when I made executive orders, I let. You guys know how. Early, like 2 weeks prior. Right when I do initiatives and things like that, it sends you to come here every week and I give you guys initiatives. Guys ask them. So explain to me how it's fair that I find out two hours ago what the budgets are for all eight of our agencies executive branch was. Supposed to be the head reference. It's not fair. It's downright disrespectful. And that's the only issue that I have is I understand posted on the agenda. How many of you guys check the agenda 24/7? I doubt it. So what I'm going to say is one of the things that I actually have to do is you don't understand why. Because I was in the news yesterday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Right, today I started my day at 7:00. AM. I got out of meetings at 6:02. I'm constantly trying to figure out how the intuition work and do all results. I just really appreciate. Having notify me. I just don't want to see that. Other than that. I'm super proud, you guys. You guys are awesome. Super thankful work with you. Guys go have fun on spring break. We say also rises into this field, but Please remember you represent ASUNM, wherever you are.

- f. ASUNM Vice President's Opening Remarks
 - i. Vice President Montoya: Alrighty. We'll now move into my opening remarks or keep them short because I know y'all will have some discussion on the budget bill. So I hope you all took a look at it. It's been out for a while. The whole process of it all, so that's been followed. But other than that in the back we have Carl. So for those of you who aren't on



finance, this is our head accountant. So everybody say hi to Carl. So. If you all have any questions during the time being. During like the budget bill or anything like that.

g. Joint Council

- i. Bailey Rutherford: Saludos, Senators! Happy Women's History Month, the Joint Council began their this week's meeting with Anna McCarthy, which is the director of the Women's Resource Center Center of our guest speaker. She shared an overview of the center's work and highlighting the resources available to students. The Women's Resource Center currently offers survivor support groups, consent, Education Workshop and 1st Year Interest for student mentorship programs. The center is also working to increase family friendly campus programming, update lactation stations, app on campus, and support scholarships for single parents and providers. Additionally, the WRC hosts community building programs like proper noon, where students can access free supplies and creative spaces. A few updates from the Joint Council include. The approval of all of the Senate business tonight except Bill 4S, which dissolves the interview process and creates presidential appointments for the boarding committee. Questions on whether efficiency should compromise accountability measures. UGC week will be April 20th and 25th with program accessible. Their programming access will be their Instagram page @UNMUGC. Recreational services shared their upcoming ballooning event scheduled for Saturday. April 11th, with registration required by April 5th. You can find those details regarding pricings on the registration portal through recreational services. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is currently hosting a spring clothing drive running for March 1st through the end of the month, donation boxes are located at the Women's Resource Center and that is the hall the student and the and the Student Activity Center. Additionally, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity incorporated is celebrating Sigma Week and so go check out their probate, or their new member of presentation tomorrow. Finally, I would like to close with updates from the Council, which is UNM's institutionalized change and empowerment board. We continue conversations last week around strengthening transparent government structures, including engagement with faculty



Senate and better understanding of UNM's policy landscape. These discussions centered shared. Governments and how student voices can effectively collaborate with faculty and administration on the. Decision making. As part of this work, I'm also excited to share that I will be presenting on behalf of ASUNM at the upcoming statewide Diversity Summit, where I will be presenting embedding equity using DI leadership workshops to cultivate inclusive taxes and institutional thinking and programming. This presentation will focus on DI trainings and how you can move beyond. One time awareness trainings and instead support meaningful institutional change. I'll be sharing strategies for diet, designing, leadership, focus, workshops that. Students, faculty and staff leaders integrate equity center thinking into their programming, decision making and campus initiatives, with an emphasis on reflection. Our collaboration and accountability reach out if you would like any information on this opportunity. Thank you so much for your time and. Your commitment to student success, and have a great week.

h. Boards & Committees Report

i. None

i. Director of Environmental Affairs Report

i. Director of Environmental Affairs: Last week was the first meeting Ability Advisory Council or staff related to human and sustainability. Meeting with the committed to sustainability across to develop meaningful solutions to highlight the intersection of administrative operations. On Friday of this week, the Sustainability 7 studies program, so see their sustainability day of service, where we'll be doing restoration work on Candelaria Nature Preserve and if any of you are interested in it, please let me know. It's a little bit less minute but if any of you want to buy want to commit to some service work that day. Spring Storm is also happening April 18th. Will remind you. But keep it on your radar. You should. Be receiving an e-mail to sign up. And if you have availability to be good. Of the experience. Event as well as participate in some local environmental action on March 21st posted by by an oral Wildlife Refuge at UTR and public health, will be back today, which celebrates the conservation



development of healthy urban and Peri urban. We have time that day will be.

- j. Director of Student Wellness Report
 - i. None
 - k. Director of Student Organization Relations Report
 - i. None
 - l. ASUNM Senators
 - i. Vice President Montoya: ASUNM senators, if you have any comments about like the budget or anything like that, keep them for. When we open the budget bill and stuff like that, but anyway, Senator Yangalasetty.
 - ii. Senator Yangalasetty: OK, I hope everyone's doing good. I just want to mention that I am having a Senator Trujillo filming throughout this this full senate today just because we're creating TikToks for our account. personally. So if you see that that's the reason why.
 - m. Attorney General Law Book Edits
 - i. AG Roark: I have lawbook edits, I'm excited for that. OK, so we only have one. That was put in for law, I say. Capture reported only two level of section. 7404 campaign. From President, Vice President and some. But that is just for this election. In addition to all that, we need convene the Committee for Revision of the Election Code, which is really great. Thank you to senators and Senator Carver for being on that committee, and we also do great legislation coming up that have really, but don't be like you go very. And if you have any. Questions about it. Feel free to reach out and last. Thing, if you're running for Senate or have friends who are please direct them to elections commissions. Meet and the campaign season. To ensure that all is well, support each other.
 - ii.
- 3) Special Business
- a. [Bill #7S](#) - ASUNM Lawbook, Section 9202
 - i. Vice President Montoya: Thank you Attorney General Roark. So now we're going to get straight into business. So we have two items under special business. So if you guys remember how it worked the last time we have to vote to open each bill and then. We can actually talk about the bill.



So there has been a motion to. Or no, we'll take a roll call vote on opening Bill 7S.

ii. Roll call vote to open Bill #7S

1. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Bill #7S has been opened.

iii. Presentation

1. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. Yeah, this is just a bill to increase the amount of the emergency scholarship. If you guys know what that is, it's 20. Scholarships that are given out every single year?
2. Vice President Montoya: Each semester.
3. Senator Hussain: At a total amount of I think \$250. Currently you'd like to bump that up to \$300 just to match the expensive nature of college.
4. Vice President Montoya: Thank you, Senator Hussain, are there any questions at this time? Senator Yangalasetty.

iv. Questions

1. Senator Yangalasetty: Is this being funded through our budget?

v. Discussion

1. None

vi. Roll call vote.

1. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Bill #7S passes

b. [Bill #8S](#) - ASUNM Lawbook, Section 4102

i. Roll call vote to open Bill #8S

1. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Bill #8S has been opened.

ii. Presentation

1. Senator Hussain: The judicial events manager this is not. This is something that the student court and I discussed. The reason why we out that it did not make sense that. This is more a position that can. Be done through our office manager. Her name is Chris. You all should have already met her by now, and this is something that was discussed through the budget.

iii. Questions

1. None

iv. Discussion



1. None
- v. Roll call vote.
 1. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Bill #8S passes
- 4) New Business
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. Opening Comments
 1. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. Actually, many of you have a lot of questions regarding how you feel. I'm more than happy to answer that as well. If the committee is also happy to answer that. So that we did spend, I think a total of 10 hours going through all the budgets and to organizations and a QN. So there wasn't just really nearly sort of decisions made. We made it off of also the hearings that took place to keep that in mind too. Hearings are when agencies all come up to us and speak. We get to ask questions. We ask. A lot of questions that took two whole days, Saturday and Sunday. So yeah, there was definitely amount of time invested in this. So yeah, feel free to ask all the questions you'd like. Happy to answer it. Make any motions you'd like more than happy to discuss it as well. Other than that, the appropriations are pretty standard, no concerns there. I think we'll be increasing one of them and I'll let the senator who is assigned to that focus to do that. But. With that, I yield. Thank you.
 - ii. [Spring 2026 Budget Bill](#)
 1. The chair entertains a motion to open the Spring 2026 Budget Bill.
 - a. Questions
 - i. None
 - b. Discussion
 - i. None
 - c. Seconded and passed.
 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. So just to quickly explain what this is in case there is any confusion. So, the budget bill includes all of the budgets for both ASUNM student organizations, budgets are not meant

to supplement one time purchases. That's what appropriations are for their specific standing rules regarding that if you want to get into that, get into that. And then also it. Is important to note that ASUNM agencies do not follow standing rules in any shape, way or form. That's why you'll see their numbers are significantly higher than others that allow us to purchase certain items that organizations aren't. And that's kind of that big discrepancy there. So I think with that. Uh. Yeah, that's the general idea. What the budget is like I said, there's a good amount of time put into it and. Any questions, go ahead. But thank you.

3. Questions

- a. Senator Green: Why did a student organization request \$11,000 but only got \$5,000?
- b. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President. Yeah. So I guess we'll get right into it, considering that was the main public comment tonight. So the big thing was, is that we went through and majority of it was reduced to what it was for last year except for the associate justice stipend. Now a lot of the information and everything that was deducted on this budget. As well as all the other ones. Will send in budget hearings. But like I mentioned, there are Saturday and Sunday dedicated to hearing out organizations agencies for what they do in terms of their agency and everything like that specifically because we're senators, we don't go to every single one of their events. So it's good to hear them out and understand what goes on. So they were cut to either what was. Said last year, or what the committee and I thought was reasonable for them and specifically for the associate justice debate. Then in the hearing of student court, they had spoken to us and said. That there were sort of. The big things that an associate justice does, they do a weekly office hour. They also work on they have a 5

weekly meeting and then they have a mock trial. That those are the three things that were listed in the hearing when they spoke to us. To so based on that and I can flip the minute that anybody ever concerned about what I'm saying, that's the. Information we went off of it's important to consider that. Going outside of his realm, trying to like, you know, around more is not a good idea and not a good way to come to these numbers. And so that's what we base it off of. And in our eyes to say that that's \$500.00 of work was kind of difficult for us to say for a semester. So I think that kind of addresses that situation. But overall, that's kind of how we made it based. On hearings and based on what was done last year but I yield.

- c. Senator Yangalasetty: How much does this cut affect their stipend?
- d. Senator Hussain: They were reduced from they were requesting \$500 per semester. They were reduced to \$250.
- e. Senator Yangalasetty: And continuing with where, where senators also raised. For the workflow amount. From senator to student court, like how much of a difference is it really like what? Bumping us up versus basically cutting them off?
- f. Senator Hussain: Yeah, into that. And just to begin with saying. Like. Remember, comparisons are hard to make because everybody's programming goals are different, right? And executive directors different. Volunteer coordinator from a senator different from everybody. Right. So. But I still will make the comparison just to help justify it. I think the easiest way to do this is kind of understand the amount of time that's put in. So for example, we are here. I think we consistently say. 5 to 8 and that's an average. Would we all agree with that? Just not. I know that if they can say anything, but yeah, so like 5 takes. So that's about 3 hours every other week. OK, so that's three hours.

That's six hours total for a month. Now let's talk about committee times. That also raises that number of, I would say to at least 15, maybe more. I know Senate Finance committee sits there from 5:00 to 9:00, every single other Wednesday, which is kind of exhausting. But that also bumps up the number of hours. And then we also have to do our office hours, which is also once every week. So I think in the hour comparison and how much work is done, it's hard to reason. That from the one hour a week that an associate justice has to do and then on top of the mock trial, which is once. First semester. And the by weekly. Like it's kind of hard to to say that it's equal in terms of that sense, if I'm not making sense, feel free to respond to me and to me question anything like that, but that's what it was hard for us to understand that. Comparison, if it makes sense so.

- g. Senator Yangalasetty: Do you know specifically how much less than this? And then also. Not talking about talking about, because here's the thing like this isn't necessarily a question that this is like. What is that? You can talk about the workload difference like across the board. Exactly correct. Someone who's the senator in the Senate already have things right. The Finance Committee arguably does more work than the O&E committee, right? The Senators get paid the same amount. So if you wanted to justify, like, something. It is. I would just say like at least slightly likely to make it more fair to the student court. That made it this much of A deduction would be a little bit need a little bit more like all really necessary? Yeah. My main question is just how much of a reduction?
- h. Senator Hussain: Yeah. So they're reduced by \$250. So it's a \$500 reduction. We were increased \$50. I'm not exactly sure. What is the base for senators?
- i. Vice President Montoya: \$650.
- j. Senator Hussain: So now everybody's bumped up to \$700.

Others have been quite. Hard to make this comparison this but I do hear you out.

- k. Senator Yangalasetty: I yield.
- l. Vice President Montoya: Thank you, Senator Yangalasetty. Senator Herring?
- m. Senator Herring: Yeah, you said the budget was changed to change to match more closely. To what? Last year?
- n. Pro Tempore Salinas: Point of personal privilege as it would be in the Senate. Let's ensure that we're focused and you know what we're talking about before we ask questions.
- o. Senator Hussain: In terms of last year? I'm not really sure.
- p. AG Roark: Point of information. The associate justice stipend has been \$500 in the last three years. I was an associate justice. And that's what it was. And then yeah, do you want to know any other ones? I have? No. OK. Yeah. So then 500 for I think probably like 5 years maybe more at least the last three years.
- q. Senator Griffin: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. Really quick question, so how much money do we have for the entire budget?
- r. Senator Hussain: Point of information, is the president allowed to be near the senators at this time?
- s. AG Roark: I'm looking it up, it doesn't say anything yet.
- t. Senator Hussain: All right. Who asked the question? Go ahead.
- u. Senator Griffin: How much is the total for the budget?
- v. Senator Hussain: \$1.1 million. For everybody?
- w. Senator Griffin: Everybody.
- x. Senator Hussain: \$1.1 million.
- y. Senator Griffin: And then so, I was just looking at how much. We how much they asked for like the. For us for last year versus this year and how much they recommended and then? But even then. Like, yes, that amount. Last, his

school year was but he cut out nearly 50%. So I I don't know I. I understand you. You're wanting to like, cut this type of. 50. I. It doesn't seem like it would harm our budget. To leave it where it was. 500 and we're not at that. I I don't know. Like what? Is there any additional reasoning other than what you've stated so far?

- z. Vice President Montoya: Sorry, I'm getting stuff from the back so I'm responding to people from the back real quick. If you have an answer, go ahead. I'm responding to people from the back.
- aa. Senator Hussain: Yeah. So I think I think the budget argument is a hard one to make to say that like whether we're over or not, I think like. That's not a good way to compare how much money we should spend. We should just emptied the bank. It's important to consider that this money will roll over to next year and help possibly go through . Sorry. Through appropriations and budgets for next year so that I don't think is a good way to evaluate how much money we should be out. Like I said, this is purely evaluated based on what they told us during experience, and that's kind of how that's why I mentioned that. They do their one hour office hour per week, then they do their biweekly meetings and then they have their mock trial. Like we could say, like, you know, 16 hours for this. Do you agree with that? Like one hour 16 hours the mock child needs 2 to 3 Hours. So that's like 18 hours. All in. So it's just it's at the end of the day. That's kind of what it came down is he's trying to justify through that and through other ways. But I do hear the concern in regards to it being too low and being reduced past last year. I also want to make a point that event managers type in that was a total of \$1000, just keep that in mind in terms of the differences between the two, but yeah.

- bb. Senator Griffin: And then another question, why was this

- budget cut to 0? Was that a no show?
- cc. Senator Hussain: Am I allowed to answer that while we're in the discussion for Student Court?
- dd. Vice President Montoya: We're in the discussion of the whole entire budget bill, so if you want to specifically only talk about student court, you would have to. Somebody would have to motion to open up the student courts budget and then you would only be talking about student court. But right now you can talk about whatever you want about the budget bill.
- ee. Senator Hussain: Yes, they were a no show.
- ff. Senator Griffin: For the engineering budget, are they a new organization?
- gg. Vice President Montoya: Yes, so point of information, they are an engineering Honor Society. They also didn't show up, but they have been around. But we haven't got anything from them in quite some time. So yeah.
- hh. Senator Osborne: Budget for seven and then the vice chair stipends. The chair stipends in general, it increased by \$50 on our end. So we are funding them to \$450, you don't fund the full \$700, the other two. From somewhere else. That \$250 will remain the same and will not be increased as far as inferring correct. So we just increased our 50 and then every following position was increased by 50. So the same reasoning and I'll probably mentioned the discussion, but I this increase and. I'll talk more about it.
- ii. Senator Yangalasetty: Yeah. So going back to the situation, my only thing is that we're changing this basically halfway through the semester and the people that are in. These positions right now. Are basically like this. Is this is to use that yes no, no worries. But the people who are basically in these positions right now is that if they were. In this role, and they already expected to get this amount of money. Right. And then we changed this budget and then they don't

- get the money that they're funding despite. The fact that we we can do this, just think about how it like would be to treat a student like government organization and basically deducting them their funding basically for the word.
- jj. Vice President Montoya: So point of information real quick, this budget is for next academic year. So this is not affecting anybody this year at all. So they're they'll get their like \$500 or whatever they're stipend is, yeah.
- kk. AG Roark: Point of information, some of the justices in the student court will still be holding their positions next year.
- ll. Vice President Montoya: It will be up to them if they choose to like say or not just like. The senators term some will resign after one semester, stuff like that. Anyways, the point is this is for next academic year not affecting this year.
- mm. Senator Herring: So. Going on to be. For the whole budget. Decrease is that mostly just lowering the stipend? Some 11, like, you know, almost 12 grand to 5200. Is that deductions
- nn. Senator Hussain: I think it mainly that and then also the event manager slide and we talked about at the bill we just passed that will get reduced to \$0.00 and then also mock trial getting food that was also another concern that was reduced to \$500.00. So yeah, I think those are the big cuts there.
- oo. Advisor Lindquist: Point of Information. Just to clarify for you guys. You're in the agenda and you open the budget. Bill, if you could take can you don't. Click on one of those so people can. See when you. Click on it. You can actually open the bill and you can see the cuts that have occurred. So if you click on the tab for that first tab there so you can see what they asked for, they requested, which is the original total, and then in the in between the two red boxes you can see. If they were assigned by the Finance

Committee, the Middle Red box in between the two white columns there, those would be any cuts that were made. So this budget doesn't look like it. So that's a good way for you guys to be able to follow along. If you're curious about any specific funding that the Finance Committee provided.

pp. Vice President Montoya: But anyways, if you guys want to talk specifically about any of them, just like I said before, you can make a motion to open any of them, but that'll be up to you guys and then. We are still in questions for the budget bill as a whole, so Senator Griffin. Are there any remaining questions on the budget bill as a whole? Senator Herring.

qq. Senator Herring: This is too specific to anything but like. For example, the engineering and science organization. When they fail to show up and we obviously we get the reduce it to 0. Is there any way for them to appeal?

rr. Vice President Montoya: Yeah. So they are. They get like called and everything. So you know, given an opportunity like possibly reschedule whatever we had to do that with the United Greek Council. And the other thing too is we have the fall budget process and so they can apply for if they miss the spring, they can apply in the fall and it will account for that academic year as well. So they won't be like missing out on a funding opportunity or anything like that. They do have that second opportunity.

ss. Senator Herring: Thank you.

tt. Vice President Montoya: Yeah, of course. Thank you Senator Herring. Any further questions on the budget bill as a whole? Seeing none will now move into discussion on the budget bill. Senator Osborne.

4. Discussion

a. Senator Osborne: I just wanted to provide a little bit of information regarding the senate budget while we were in the meeting, I was the person who originally proposed in in

an increase by \$50.00 for line of 18 through 22, which is Senate stipends, Chair Vice chair. And President Pro Tem stipend. And otherwise, we did not do any increases. So I know that there were statements constantly regarding. This due to bias. I just want to make it clear to everyone, I am not running. I will not run again. This is my last semester in Senate. You guys are all very nice. I don't have any close friends in Senate. I don't have close friends running for Senate. I have no bias for Senate to earn more money because this also will not affect the money that we receive. Those of us who are in this room currently, and I'm the one who proposed it and even Senator Hussain is like, Are you sure? Does this really need to happen? Is this a good idea? And I argued it and I said that it would be a good idea. The main reasoning here was. So a lot of positions turn to be. Pay monthly and so a lot of positions that were not stipends were increased and a lot of those numbers changed throughout our different agencies. And we were looking at the amount of time that senators put in based on their position. And you notice that senators have started to increase in hours in general and in the amount of time that they dedicate in the semester through different work that they do and also to follow precedent, which is something we've talked about for the past two semesters. Which has been the economy and the economy. Is getting real. Rough. And when you're in a Senate, there's a lot of other things you can't do because of the time that this takes up to see his come over. And so for that reason I proposed a \$50. Increase and we did the same thing across the board, so it would be fair to those in the chair position and it would follow the reasoning that this. Was for economic reasons. Not for any other reason.

- b. Senator Hussain: Thank you, Vice President Montoya.
Thank you, Senator Osborne as well. For that clarification,

I think. The budget goes obviously masses. There's a lot of. Stuff in there. It's \$1.1 million, all in almost all 1.1 I think like 20 grand off. And so I just want to sum up a couple of things quickly also. On the executive side, and not just the Senate side, of course, there is a \$50 raise for senators, but I do want to mention that executives, executive directors, assistant directors also did get a slight raise. I think it's about a \$2000 raise per month and then other places as well, so. Just keep that in mind too, that across the board there were raises and again a lot of this came down. To the information we were given any hearings. That's why the hearings are so important. I asked every single agency. I was like, what does a week look like for you as being an executive director? What does it look like to be assistant? I asked, what does it be like to associate justice? And that the response I got. So just keep that in mind that that's that that's information we were given and then on. But yeah, I think I think that's a good point that Senator Osborne made regarding increase. In terms of Senate and other items, so with that.

- c. Vice President Montoya: Yes, for this general discussion, before you make a motion, I do want to make a point of information for the Senate when it does, when talking about the salary positions, those salary positions that all they all received. Some sort of an increase and that is because they are all moving to a like a monthly stipend pay and so this is to make it easier with I believe like student employment SGAO it's easier to pay. Nobody has to do time sheets anymore. It's basically they're expected to do a set amount of hours every single week. And so that will be up to the executive branch to ensure that everything is being completed since it'll be a set amount. But it's also to make sure that they're covered during like fall or yeah, fall break, winter break, spring. Stuff like that as well, and like

weekends. So it's covering a full entire month. So that's where that increase came from in pay. And then also some of them got like a very slight little increase in like hourly pay. But it's maybe like \$0.08 to like \$0.16 so very miniscule. But that if that clears up some like. Salary or like higher up position. But anyway, Senator Hussain, it's back to you.

- d. Senator Hussain: Motion to open ASUNM Senate Budget
 - i. Questions
 1. None
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Senator Hussain: Motion to increase line item 26 detail page one to \$6,000.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
 2. Senator Hussain: Motion to change line item 26 detailed description to Emergency Scholarship (\$300 * 10 Students * 2 Semesters)
 - a. Questions
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Advisor Lindquist: Point of information, it should be \$350.
 - c. Seconded and passed
 - iii. The chair entertains a motion to move back into the Spring 2026 Budget Discussion
 1. Seconded and passed.
- e. Senator Osborne: Motion to open ASUNM Student Court Budget
 - i. Seconded and passed
 - ii. Questions
 1. None
 - iii. Discussion
 1. Senator Hussain: Motion to increase line

- item 21 detail page one to \$800.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
- 2. Senator Hussain: Point of Information, Vice President Montoya, do I need to edit the unit cost as well?
- 3. Vice President Montoya: Point of information for Carl. Do we just need to change the final total? Is that OK or would you like it to also be the units?
- 4. Senator Hussain: Motion for line item 21 detail description to read Mock Trial (\$400 per semester)
 - a. Seconded and passed
- 5. Senator Manzo: Motion to change line item 19 detail page sheet 1 to \$0
 - a. Seconded and passed
- 6. Senator Hussain: Motion to change line item 13 to read \$2800.
 - a. Seconded and passed.
- iv. The chair entertains a motion to move back into the Spring 2026 Budget Discussion
- 5. Roll call vote
 - a. Vice President Montoya: OK, remember we're still in parliament guys, appreciate it. Hey, this corner. Uh, with a vote of 16-0-0-4, the spring 2026 budget bill passes at the total amount of \$1,089,177. Good job guys.
- iii. [Appropriation #S32](#) - B.L.A.C.K.
 - 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #S32
 - a. Seconded and passed
 - 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Cisneros: Hey guys so this was an appropriation that was mainly about funding a spring break trip for a brother's retreat...it's called BLACK. So it's all cut standing rules. Nothing too special here.

3. Questions
 - a. None
 4. Discussion
 - a. None
 5. Roll Call vote
 - a. With a vote of 17-0-0-3, Appropriation #S32 passes at a total amount of \$3,728.
- iv. [Appropriation #S33](#) - Our Dose of Wellness
1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #S33
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Carver: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. They are asking for money for some notebooks and materials including fliers. Everything was cut to standing rules
 3. Questions
 - a. None
 4. Discussion
 - a. None
 5. Roll Call vote
 - a. With a vote of 17-0-0-3, Appropriation #S33 passes at a total of \$453
- v. [Appropriation #S34](#) - American Indian Science and Engineering Society
1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #S34
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Manzo: So the American Indian Science and Engineering Society was asking funding for a banquet the items that were cut were cut to standing rules. And the items that we're not funding with those that resulted to 0.
 3. Questions
 - a. None
 4. Discussion
 - a. None
 5. Roll Call vote



- a. With a vote of 17-0-0-3, Appropriation #34 passes at a total of \$1,005
- vi. [Appropriation #S35](#) - National Pan-Hellenic Council
 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #S35
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Osborne: So this is for National Panhellenic Council. They are requesting funds for a Dine With the Nine event and the banquet of gala. And they're also requesting funding for Council meetings, based recruitment events and supplies for the spring summary for events, since some things are zeroed out, it's for three or five couple things. Line item 22. Zeroed out because they are fundraising so we're not able to fund that. Line item 23 along with 25 so that they both meet standing rules, 2500. The standing rules. Dictate that we cannot spend more than 500 on space, so we divided that between the two as evenly as you could, and then the other space. At zero that. Was line item number 24 they already received in their budget, so they did not receive it in their appropriation.
 3. Questions
 - a. None
 4. Discussion
 - a. None
 5. Roll Call vote
 - a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Appropriation #S35 passes at a total of \$598
- vii. [Appropriation #S36](#) - German Club
 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Appropriation #S36
 - a. Seconded and passed
 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Schmitz: So. Everything was cut to standing rules. They were just asking for money for their plans and events, and then the line item 8. So the first one that was cut to 60

since they did bring the representative, that will be changing that. It's every. 300.

3. Questions

- a. Vice President Montoya: Thank you, Senator Schmitz, point of information for Chair Hussain, where are the categories?
- b. Senator Hussain: Is this a clerical thing or is it? Can it be I have? I know the categories
- c. Senator Griffin: They could be farther down.
- d. Vice President Montoya: It can. This can be considered as a clerical thing, so I'll go in and all or you do. OK. Are there any questions on this appropriation? Any discussion?

4. Discussion

- a. Senator Schmitz: Motion to change line item 1 to read \$300
 - i. Seconded and passed.

5. Roll Call vote

- a. With a vote of 18-0-0-2, Appropriation #S36 passes at a total of \$1,416.

b. Steering and Rules Committee

i. Opening Comments

1. Senator Grandinetti: Hello everyone. Thanks for being out here tonight. It's been a lot of fun. We've had lots of discussions kind. Of talked about. Saying if you get the opportunity to go abroad through UNM, take it, I didn't go for an exchange event on a faculty electric and that was so much fun. We got so many fun things and there's so. Many funds over to use that. I just had to like, but you can also buy. I should government money. That was so much fun. I never ended up like maybe was amazing and I just said I. Was interested in this also if. Something involved for a long time? Are there several different divestments positions at UNM right now
2. Vice President Montoya: Hey, guys. Point of information. Yeah. Remember one person talking at a time. So let's keep it down. Please. Go ahead.

3. Senator Grandinetti: Yeah. So there have been plans and ideas for years about what we think we travel planning that is going upward is that can be put towards things that are avoiding tuition increases. There's plenty of money that goes around so many ways. Additionally, we have resolutions that I'm working on right now. About UNM housing, so things about if you live on campus, you don't like to be able that you're only one door or you don't like signing guests in. Doesn't make sense. You have that going around right now. We have resolutions solution going with the Joint Council for an ICE resolution. I can get into a lot of that. There's so many ways that you want to connect to that that they don't tell us about. So I'd love to get to that. Similarly, these are all. Kind of the existing security block cameras. Which is the. New cameras that are up around campus, and so this giant green levels and they have a solar. Panel and the. Camera those can track your face, and they're used by so many organizations to track your regular maintenance if you've ever. Gotten a speeding? Ticket. From. It's private equity now, but people get in ticket and the address is like from Ecuador where it's coming from. That's all flawed cameras. Their headquarters is in Ecuador, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Which raises questions about its legality. But you don't want to be paying people in other countries for your anyways. It's all related, and it goes so much to see, and we have a lot more power. To do it, things that you think. So our Business Today, we unfortunately are going to block vote to fail some of the bills and there's a little more time to cook. It's OK. We're all working on it. It happens. So yeah.
 4. Vice President Montoya: All motion to open this next bill and then during. The discussion point of my motion, you can go ahead and motion to block the four or five and six.
- ii. [Bill #4S](#) - ASUNM Lawbook
 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Bill #4S
 - a. Questions
 - i. None



- b. Discussion
 - i. Senator Grandinetti: I propose a block vote to fail Bills #4S - 6S.
 - 1. Seconded and passed.
 - c. Seconded and passed
- 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Lopez: So for this one, it's striking the application process. Strike the application process and the president will submit and appoint student Boards and committees.
- 3. Questions
 - a. None
- 4. Discussion
 - a. None
- iii. [Bill #5S](#) - ASUNM Lawbook - Section 1203
 - 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Bill #5S
 - a. Seconded and passed
 - 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Griffin: This was just basically making it to the. Yes, you didn't have to meet with the support. So we've had this semester, they've found it going to be really necessary. And if they don't have the meaning, they typically wouldn't be doing their. Job and just. Be a lot easier to get sued so. To prevent that from happening. We were just changing it to you. The meeting, once a month. I mean, once a semester, or more if needed.
 - 3. Questions
 - a. None
 - 4. Discussion
 - a. None
- iv. [Bill #6S](#) - ASUNM Lawbook - Section 1202
 - 1. The chair entertains a motion to open Bill #6S
 - a. Seconded and passed
 - 2. Opening Comments
 - a. Senator Miller: There is a line in the lawbook that is very



vague about the role of the counsel. So this bill proposes to use specific wording.

3. Questions

a. None

4. Discussion

a. None

5. Roll call vote

a. With a vote of 0-17-1-2, the block vote has failed

c. Outreach and Events Committee

i. Senator Yangalasetty: Thank you, Vice President Montoya. All right, guys, now here's the fun stuff. Right, tomorrow we have our first event. Or sorry, we have our second that we have another event for owning. It's called pearls and paws. It's on our O&E ASUNM Instagram account right now. So we're to have a Bing Tea truck out there outside the sub mall from all the way till 3. So feel free to go there. I have gotten all senators voucher. Green bean tea. So pull up at noon and you guys will be treated. Thank. You for your hard work. You guys included Victor Dylan and Vice President Montoya. Obviously you guys can also come by. At noon, 319. And then let's see therapy dogs at noon going from noon till 1:30. If you guys are interested to come see that super fun. Yeah. So also we created an ASUNM Senate TikTok and I want the chairs to know that I. Will be giving you account access as well, so that way, like the other chairs, not not. Me, you and you. But. You guys will also get access so that way you guys ever want to make anything with your committees, go for it, that's going to be a shared account. So yeah, if you guys have any ideas that you would like to pitch, this goes for everybody's. e-mail me at asunmo&e.edu. Also included there, so yeah, and then we can help you guys out with.

5) Closing

a. ASUNM Closing Comments

i. Senator Hussain: I just want to clarify a couple things as well that the budget is not the sole determinant of how much money an agency or even an organization can get. I think we see every night the appropriate agents come through to get funds through their. They get appropriation every



semester, so they. Get funds through there as well. And then as well as that for agencies. They can file an appropriation at per semester and they can also receive money for jobs schools, so they have two different funding mechanisms. Balance forward happens in the fall, so just keep that in mind as you go in the future and you get that anything was hard or anything was unjust that if somebody does more work, they can. Be paid? More for their work during appropriation, balance forwards or as such, so I just wanted to clarify that other than that, like I said, I appreciate it and I. Also wanted to clarify what OMA is have any of you heard of OMA before? OMA is the Open Meetings Act, which states that every single agenda has to be up at least 72 hours before, otherwise the meeting can't take place. It's a state regulated law, so it's in. That's the state constitution, not our law book. Or any other constitution. But the state, so we have to follow it, so every single agenda is up 72 hours before for anybody to look at, not just senators, but the public. And that's what's important to check the website and everything like that. So keep that in mind, especially when it comes to budgets, budget, deliberation. In fact, I think budget hearing dates were up even earlier than that. I mean, I think almost a month. Earlier. So yeah, just keep that in mind in terms of communication and regarding all that, that that's what almost put in place for. To have a well informed. Public. So with that, thank you guys.

b. ASUNM President Pro-Tempore

- i. Pro Tempore Salinas: Thank you, Vice President Montoya tonight. Thank you, guys. Good. Good job tonight. I I know the only thing I'm gonna say is, yeah, my phone is like here. Sometimes I check on it, sometimes they. Get a little bored. Maybe an Instagram notification? Let's trying to turn our phones upside down. Or maybe put them in our backpacks.

c. ASUNM Vice President Closing

- i. Vice President Montoya: Thank you, Pro Tempore Salinas. Now moving to my closing comments. I'll keep them short. First things first, I know spring break was mentioned. Y'all might be going really fun places. Be mindful of what you post on social. Media be mindful of everything that you're doing because word could get back and we don't want you guys getting in trouble with ASUNM But like more so like Dean of students



type of things. So because that'll that could ruin college career and future career and everything. So just be mindful of that. Have fun and be safe. Speaking of Greek week, I don't know what I forget. What event is happening on Wednesday, however. It's still a scavenger. Well, you all. If anybody's in Greek life, you still need to be here for committees. It's not an excuse and actually, guess what, guys? Chris Brooks, you gotta let him know. And he will excuse you from it. And you guys won't lose points or anything like that. So that's what I'm doing to you guys, so. It'll be. It's OK. Y'all aren't gonna miss anything. It'll be OK. And typically it's not gonna. Be that long, but. Other than that, good job guys. I know the budget bill can be a little bit difficult. It actually went pretty smooth this year compared to last year. I know last year we were actually still talking about the budget bill at this time and actually all the way till about the sub was going to close. So good job guys. Other than that have a fun spring break. Oh election reminder, if any of you guys in here are, you know, endorsing candidates or reposting something on social media, stuff like that, make sure that you put. On that post, or repost whatever it is. This is my own opinion, like not an opinion or endorsement of ASUNM. And now it's like your own personal. So you have to like actually put that on there. Otherwise you can get yourself in trouble and you can get whoever else is running in trouble.

d. Adjournment

- i. The chair adjourns the meeting at 8:11PM.