

UNM Student Publications Board Meeting
Friday, December 1, 2006
University Honors, Room 16

Present: Leslie Donovan (Chair), Stephanie Martin, VB Price, Bob Gassaway

Ex-Officio: Jim Fisher, Riley Bauling, Scott Frank, Monika Dziamka

Also Present: Carolyn Souther, Matt Gallegos

Absent: Kate Nash, Matt Beck, Margi Miranda, Chris Downs, ASUNM President representative

Leslie Donovan called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Donovan asked for a review of the November 10 minutes. Stephanie Martin made a motion to accept the minutes. Barrett Price seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan asked Scott Frank to report on Best Student Essays. Frank said that the fall issue of BSE should be back from the printer on Dec. 7. He said there are eight essays in the magazine. Frank passed out copies of the index for the fall issue. He said 1000 copies will be printed. Frank said there will be a reception on Dec. 8 from 1-3 p.m. in the English Department lounge.

Donovan asked Monika Dziamka for a report on Conceptions Southwest. Dziamka said she has been visiting classes to promote submissions for the magazine. She said that she and the assistant editor have visited 20-25 classes. She said that the assistant editor also submitted an ad for Facebook, which has received quite a bit of feedback. She said the ad ran for three days. She has six or seven people on staff but would like a few more. She said the deadline for submissions will be Friday, Dec. 8. She has received only five submissions to date. She said that the Daily Lobo will be doing a story on CSW, which she hopes will promote the magazine and encourage submissions. Dziamka said she and her staff have promoted CSW by advertising in the Daily Lobo and put have up flyers around campus.

Donovan asked Riley Bauling to report on The Daily Lobo. Bauling said that are 6 issues of the newspaper remaining until the winter break. He said for the most part things are going well. He said he is losing a few staff members at the end of the semester, most importantly the copy chief and photo editor, but feels confident those positions will be filled by qualified people from within the current staff.

Donovan asked Jim Fisher to give a Daily Lobo financial report. Fisher presented the report covering August thru October 2006. He said revenue has slowed a little, which he said is normal after the beginning of the school year. He said newspaper printing costs are continuing to be the largest expense for the Daily Lobo. He said the Lobo is now being distributed at the Pit for men's home basketball games. He said the ad department produced an ad insert for the New Mexico State game and seven more inserts are expected for conference home games next semester.

Donovan asked Matt Gallegos to report on the status of the ASUNM bills 13F & 14F. Gallegos said that both ASUNM bills 13F and 14F passed with 91% of the vote. He said the bills only needed a two thirds majority to pass. He said that ASUNM took a couple of extra steps to clarify the ballot confusion regarding the bills. He said the elections committee suggested blowing up the details of the bills that were posted at polling locations. Gallegos said ASUNM also plans to clear up the term "memorandum" in its definitions code, which is in the ASUNM Law book. He said he has suggested putting the definition in bill 14F and proposed adding clarification and definition in the ASUNM budget code, and he hopes it will pass at the first meeting in the spring semester. Gallegos said the fall election is complete and his term expires Dec. 12.

Donovan asked about how the memo should be drafted reflecting the Student Publications Board's concerns about definitions and the memo details. She asked Gallegos to forward his recommendations to her so the Board would know what is expected. Gallegos mentioned that once the memorandum is submitted from the Student Publications Board, it is not voted on or approved, it is just included in the ASUNM annual report. Donovan said that the Board is concerned if it will be notified if there is a problem after the memo is submitted. Gallegos stated he does not believe that will be a problem. He said ASUNM will not take issue with what the memo states.

Fisher asked Gallegos to clarify an earlier statement from last month's meeting in regards to whether he was on the Elections Commission. Gallegos stated that he is not on the ASUNM Elections Commission board but he is a liaison between the ASUNM Senate and the Elections Commission.

Gallegos said that he is recommending ASUNM clarify who writes the synopsis on legislation. He said his recommendation would be the Steering and Rules Committee. He said furthermore that all constitutional changes are submitted to University Counsel for review.

Donovan asked Fisher and Price to report on the status of Marron Hall. Price said he has been told by a contact in UNM Facility Planning that there are no current plans for demolishing the building except to remove the parking lot. He said there are also no plans for updating or renovating the building either. Gallegos mentioned that the ASUNM President can add Student Publications/Marron Hall to their priority list that they submit to Carlos Rey Romero in the Office of Government Affairs to lobby the state for monies. Gallegos said that ASUNM was involved in the Wagner Hall razing and the new engineering building development.

Fisher said has researched building costs and has determined that it is unrealistic to think that the university would build a building exclusively for Student Publications. He said there had been some discussion about building a media building that would house both KUNM and the Daily Lobo. He said that KUNM recently renovated its space, so most likely they would not be moving. Carolyn Souther mentioned the building that KUNM is in, Onate Hall, might have a lot of available space since Accounts Payable and Purchasing moved into the new business center.

Donovan asked if there was any new business. Donovan said that the Faculty Senate is having an all-day seminar to talk about re-structuring committees. They are looking to get rid of some committees altogether and remove faculty representation from others. She does not believe the Student Publications board will be discussed or affected by the meeting. Donovan said she would inform the Board at its next meeting if there is to be any change affecting the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.