

UNM Student Publications Board Meeting
Friday, November 2, 2007
University Honors, Room 16

Present: Leslie Donovan (Chair), V.B. Price, Caleb Fort, Robert Trapp, Jesse Stark, Karolyn Cannata-Winge, Adrian Carver

Ex-Officio: Jim Fisher, Chris Sanchez, Clara Boling, and Jay Reidy

Also Present: Carolyn Souther. Colin Bridge

Absent: Stephanie Martin, Pam Herrington, ASUNM President Representative

Leslie Donovan called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Donovan asked for a review of the minutes from the September 28 meeting. Motion to approve V. B. Price made a motion to approve the minutes, Caleb Fort seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan asked Clara Boling for a report on Conceptions Southwest. Boling said that as of the first submission deadline, she has received 87 submissions from 27 people. The final deadline is Dec. 10. She said she has done a lot of promotion to advertise the submission deadline. She said an open mic event is planned for Nov. 28 at the Outpost Performance Space that will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the magazine. She said admission will be free but the current issue of CSW will be for sale on a donation basis. Boling said she has one art staff member and two artistic consultants to serve on the volunteer staff. She said she is looking for people to help with production. Karolyn Cannata-Winge said she could get Boling people to help with production. Chris Sanchez asked Boling to give the Daily Lobo a press release in order for a preview article to be written. Boling said that the CSW Web site now has PDF submission forms.

Donovan asked about Pam Herrington progress for the CSW special project. Boling noted that Herrington was not in attendance and said that Herrington had injured her leg. Jim Fisher said he believed that Herrington is still working on the CSW promotional poster and thought it should be completed soon.

Donovan asked Jay Reidy to report on Best Student Essays. Reidy said he has received a total of 26 submissions. He said 23 are prose and 3 are photo essay submissions, which includes one in color. He said there will be five essays published as well as one French essay with English translation and one color photo essay. Reidy said he has received two cover submissions for the magazine.

Reidy said he wants to make the submission process easier by having everything needed online with clear instructions. The board agreed, but clarified that there would still be a need for a hard copy of the nomination form to be signed by nominating professors. Donovan said that

applicants should be able to e-mail their submissions, which the BSE editor would then match up to the hard copy nomination form.

Donovan asked Chris Sanchez to report on the Daily Lobo. Sanchez said that things were generally going well but wanted to bring up an issue that had come up with the graduate student government and the Daily Lobo news editor. Sanchez said he had a meeting with Joseph Garcia, the Graduate and Professional Student Association president, and Isaac Padilla, GPSA Finance Committee chair, to discuss the issue. Sanchez said he believes the disagreement originated from an editorial about GPSA published in the Daily Lobo. Sanchez said that they were also upset with an article regarding GPSA violating the New Mexico Open Meetings Act published in the Daily Lobo. Sanchez said he believed that they want the Daily Lobo to publish articles praising the job they are doing at GPSA and want him to fire the Daily Lobo news editor. He said he thought it was Garcia's and Padilla's intention to speak to the Board about creating an additional GPSA representative on the Board and request the Board to have Sanchez fire the Daily Lobo news editor. Sanchez said they told him they intended to talk to the GPSA representative to the Board, Stephanie Martin about the issue.

Donovan asked Jim Fisher to give the Daily Lobo financial report. Fisher reviewed the financials through September 2007. He said that revenue through September was \$20,000 behind September 2006. He noted that expenses have gone up more than \$2000 for the same time period. Fisher said that he is more optimistic in the long run because October is looking to be best month for advertising revenue in Daily Lobo history.

Donovan and Fisher reported on their meeting with Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Eliseo Torres about the slated Biology construction project and the deteriorating state of Marron Hall. Donovan said that Dr. Torres relayed he will support Student Publications if steps need to be taken to mitigate the impact the Biology construction will have on Marron Hall. Fisher said he has concerns regarding noise, dirt and disruption that the project will cause. Fisher said that Torres discussed long-term solutions involving renovating Marron Hall or finding a new location for Student Publications. Fisher said he wrote a memo at Dr. Torres' request addressing the matter and copied the UNM Provost and UNM President. Donovan said that Dr. Torres stated that Student Publications has his full support.

Fisher stated Dr. Torres suggested creating a design plan and suggested we hire someone or contact Facilities planning to do so. Fisher noted that he has heard from a reliable source that the chair of Biology wants Marron Hall torn down when the addition to the biology building is completed. Jesse Stark suggested that the Board needs to market the Daily Lobo's importance to the UNM community and its students regarding a new facility.

Donovan asked if there was any new business.

Price said he wanted to revisit the issue between the Daily Lobo and GPSA. He said he wanted to see where the Board stood on the issue. He said he finds it objectionable that members of student government or anyone would attempt to pressure the Daily Lobo editor in any way. Donovan agreed that the issue should appear in the paper and stressed that the Daily Lobo is an

independent newspaper and the editors have a lot of autonomy and the Board does not tell them what to do. Donovan said the Board usually does not get involved in such matters unless there are legal ramifications. Price said he believes this type of battle should be made public in the newspaper, not kept behind the scenes. Fisher said there has been a history of these types of issues before between the Daily Lobo and both undergrad and graduate student government. He said in many cases it is an example of government versus the media and that there will always be divergent points of view.

Donovan asked if there was any additional new business. There was none.

Donovan scheduled the next meeting for Friday, November 30, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.