



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

November 16, 2021

Zoom

Members Present: Jeannie Baca, Sandra Bauman, Angela Beauchamp, Lisa Beauchene-Lawson, Lorena Blanco-Silva, Armando Bustamante, Angela Catena, Sierra Donovan Cushing, Tyson Eakman, Grace Faustino, Nathanael Faust-Shucker, Mark Fischer, Gilbert Gallegos, Gene Henley, Kelsey Higgins, Keith Hitz, Jennifer Kavka, Joseph Lane, Karen Lopez, Tom Luna, Daniel Maes, Bryn McCabe-Kelly, Rudy Montoya, Stephen Murillo, Amie Ortiz, Mark Reynolds, Javier Rios, Joni Roberts, Carla Sakiestewa, Scott Sanchez, Gina Marie Sandoval, Yadéeh Sawyer, Jessica Serna, Nancy Shane, John Shaski, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Winton Wood

Members Excused: Chelsey Begay, Jennifer Benitez, Christina Heinemeyer, Cynthia Perez-Chavez, Mary Phibbs, Jason Quinn, Tony Robinson, Kristina Rucker, Jennifer Trujillo, Brian Vineyard

Members Absent: Albert Arocha, Felicia Chavez, Evelyn Fleming-Cavit, Ivan Olay, Jessica Stanton, Prince Thomas

Also Present: Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP), Adam Hathaway

- I. **Call to Order:** Secretary Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Hawkins called roll of members and quorum was established.
- III. **Appointment of Chair Pro Tem:** With unanimous consent, President Elect Amie Ortiz was appointed Chair Pro Tem until the election of the Speaker.
- IV. **Approve Agenda:** With unanimous consent, the agenda was approved with amendments.
- V. **Election of Speaker for the Remainder of the Term:** Chair Ortiz called for nominations. After candidate statements Hawkins launched the election. Teller's report: Number of ballots cast: 34; Required for the majority to elect: 18; Votes for candidate Joe Lane: 33; Write-in candidate Grace Faustino: 1. Upon receiving the teller's report, Ortiz announced Joe Lane as Speaker.
- VI. **Election of Precinct At Large Representative for the Remainder of the Term:** Speaker Joe Lane called for nominations. After statements, Hawkins launched the election. Teller's report: Number of ballots cast: 32; Required for the majority to elect: 17; Votes for candidate Mark Fischer: 30; Write-in candidate Angie Beauchamp: 1; Write-in candidate Jessica Serna: 1. Upon receiving the teller's report, Lane announced Mark Fischer as Precinct at Large Representative.
- VII. **Land Acknowledgement:** The Land Acknowledgement was read by Councilor Beauchamp.
- VIII. **Approve Minutes:** With unanimous consent, the minutes from October 19, 2021 were approved.
- IX. **Reports:**
 - a. President's Report: Submitted via email. In addition, Sanchez updated the council about his recent meeting with administration and staff layoffs because of the vaccine mandate. In addition, Sanchez nominated Gene Henley and Hans Barsun to the VEBA committee, which was approved by unanimous consent.
 - b. Executive Committee Report: Ortiz reported on: the approved Event / Funding requests by Exec: Happy Tails, Lobo Cash for PAWS, Gerald May, Be Kind Carnival, HSC Veterans Meet & Greet; the review of the two bylaw amendments on the agenda today, and that Exec declined to endorse or oppose them (no recommendation);

working on meeting UNMPD Chief Silva; & the President's consultation of Veba committee member nomination. Ortiz then encouraged councilors to join us for the Exec meetings on Fridays.

- c. Treasurer's Report: Submitted via email, and Kavka fielded questions.
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Rules and Elections: Submitted via email.
 - ii. Communications & Marketing: Submitted via email.
 - iii. Councilor Feedback: Councilor Ortiz reported that the committee agreed on categorizing responses to the Councilor Feedback Survey and will report on their initial efforts at the December meeting, and expect to present findings and possible recommendations in January. Ortiz then thanked the council for their participation in the survey.
 - iv. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Councilor Bustamante asked the council to keep an eye out for the LATINX Affinity Group food drive.
 - v. Government Relations. Submitted by email.
 - vi. IT: Ortiz reported on working on filing sharing best practices for committees and their request to UNM IT to come to present about the current support process for departments. Then reminded the council to keep an eye out for communications from UNM IT regarding changes to UNM email.
 - vii. Rewards and Recognition: Submitted via email. In addition, Grace Faustino encouraged everyone to nominate for the Gerald May awards.
 - viii. Staff Success: submitted via email.
 - ix. Strategic Planning: Councilor Faustino reported on the Mentoring program.
 - x. University-wide committee reports:
 - 1. Campus Safety Committee: Ortiz reported that this committee has been dissolved and this will be the last report. A task force will be established that SC has not yet been asked to participate in.
 - 2. Parking Advisory: submitted via email.

X. Unfinished Business:

Bylaw amendments. The council received notice on three bylaw amendments at the October meeting: Article III: Officers; Section 6. Speaker; C.; Article V: Committees; Section 1. General; B; & 1. Article V: Committees: Section 2. Permanent Standing Committees; D: Committee of Chairs.

- 1) Councilor Beauchamp moved that the council adopt Article III: Officers; Section 6. Speaker; C. Motion was seconded. Beauchamp then moved that the amendment be amended to the language everyone received via email. Motion was seconded. Council debated the amendment (updated language) to the proposed bylaw amendment. Motion was adopted with unanimous consent. Debate then continued on the bylaw amendment adoption. It was moved and seconded that the motion be postponed until January. Debate opened on postponing the motion to January. Motion was adopted via majority vote.
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- 3) Councilor Ortiz moved and seconded that the council adopt Article V: Committees: Section 2. Permanent Standing Committees; D: Committee of Chairs. Debate and discussion were opened. Ortiz then moved that the motion be postponed to the January meeting and it was seconded. Debate and discussion were opened. Motion was adopted via majority vote.

XI. Information Items

- a. Councilor Comments: Councilor Ortiz spoke about the difficulties Staff Council has faced this year have been about division, and a lack of desire to work together rather than an issue of bylaws that can be fixed with amendments, and implored councilors to assume the best of their fellow councilors and work together as a team to represent UNM staff in a productive and meaningful way.

Councilor Montoya made some announcements and shared information about the in-person events for ASUNM Craft Fair and Hanging of the Greens.

Councilor Shane thanked the Parking Committee for their report, and wanted to share an idea about a cold-weather parking concession.

Councilor Sawyer commended Speaker Lane on his ability during one of most complicated meetings of the year.

- b. Two-minute tidbit with Adam Hathaway on giving notice: When notice is given on a bylaw amendment, it needs to be very specific about what the changes are going to be because all the amendments on the floor have to be within that scope of notice. Hathaway gave an example, and then made suggestions about how to move forward.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m. [Minutes](#) submitted by Amy Hawkins, Staff Council Administrator.