

2/12/21

Staff Council Government Relations Committee Meeting

Attendance: Daniel Maes, Gari Bodor, Jennifer Kavka, Carla Sakiestewa, Armando Bustamante, Scott Sanchez, Grace Faustino, Mary Clark, Joe Lane

Call to order 1:04pm

Legislative Update from Mary Clark

- Discussion of SB169/HB25 Bills to “make Universities more collaborative and work together”
- Discussion of SB42 ERB Changes
- Discussion of Gov. MLG’s trip to DC to work on securing more CARES funds
- Discussion of how to interact with legislators and how UNM Office of Government and Community Relations is working on Legislative Priorities this year.
- Discussion of funding for Ethnic Studies programs
- Discussion of UNM Capital Outlay

Introduction and remarks by Councilor Sakiestewa (previously had been on committee)

- Excited to participate based on how our committee work intersects with her work both at UNM and in the community.
- Discussion of HB208 – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (Currently in HAFC)
- Discussion of SB24 - Parity of Regulation Telecommunication (Currently in Senate Judiciary)
- Excited to continue working with and sharing info from Gov Rel to Heroes Committee

Remarks by Councilor Armando Bustamante regarding bills that might impact staff and students

- Discussion of HB40 – Private Detention Facility Moratorium Act (Currently in HAFC)
- Discussion of SB71 – Patients Debt Collection Protection Act
- Discussion of HB112 – To Expand Healthcare Programs Non-Discrimination (extend to communities of undocumented immigrants)
- HB122 – Health Insurance Premium Surtax
- HB22 - Grow Your Own Teachers Act Scholarships

Committee agrees to start building a Bill Tracker (based on these notes) and try to keep it up to date in the coming weeks.

Councilor Martin discussed upcoming elections and pushed the committee members to consider running for Exec positions.

Brief discussion of bills not related to UNM but related to our State’s Economy and Energy Markets

Meeting Adjourned at 1:58pm