



**General Council Meeting
September 27, 2025 at 10 am
Lobo A and B in the SUB**

Well, now that we've got everybody here, we are going to call the meeting to order. And it is 1024 AM. I am calling the meeting to order and our council recorder will take roll. Okay. I've already passed down the attendance sheet.

American Studies Hennessey Star
Biology, Will Bieker
Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Emmanuel Quartey
Economics. Ziqing Xie
History Megan Chavez,
Law, Mason Leachman.
Medicine Roni Parrales.
Native American Studies Marisa Page.
Physics, Saheed Oyeniran. Present.
And Sociology Kodiak Ly.

We have six RDSAs present, so we do have quorum. And the chair now entertains a motion to approve the agenda. So moved. Motion by law. Second by sociology. And we'll just do a voice vote here. All in favor say aye. Aye. All opposed. Vote passes. Agenda approved. And now who would like to Read the Indigenous Peoples Land and Territory Acknowledgement?
I'll pull it up on the big screen so everybody can see. I will go ahead and read it for us.

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. Remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

All right so we will move on to opening bits here and first and foremost we have an approval of last meeting's minutes. Let me put those up here. And first we will go ahead and open up the floor for discussion. Does anybody have a point of discussion? Yes. My name is missing an e at the end, but only on the first page. Got it. Thank you. All right. Well, that will be reflected in the uh publication as our council report is making that correction right now. Just to make sure it is at the end of uh XI, correct? XIE. X-IE also. Does anybody else have any discussion before we move on to questions? Seeing none, moving on to questions. None. Ok. Yes. All right. And with that, the chair will now entertain a motion to approve last meeting minutes. So motion by Mason Leachman Law. Seconded, by Physics. And all in



favor say aye. All of those opposed. Motion passes. And finally, we're going to go on to the media gallery and public comments. And this can be related to the agenda or not.

Seeing none, we will move on as we do have a bit of an agenda here, an agenda item here. We're going to move on to the guest speakers, and that is going to be where our lovely United Graduate Workers of UNM will speak so feel free to come up here whenever you feel comfortable and you have uh you have the board this as well.

Can you guys hear me or okay cool um I prefer not to use the microphone but okay my name's Ashley Bernardo I'm an English graduate student um I'm in the PhD program in my sixth year I'm also the communications chair uh for UGW United Graduate Workers um and I'm here today just to talk a little bit about UGW, give you all some updates on what's been happening with us, and see if you all have any questions for me, I guess. So the biggest thing, or I guess I'll start from the beginning. So we represent about 1,500 graduate workers here at UNM. We were funded or for those of you who don't know, our contract began in 2022. And we're currently in contract renegotiations with the university where we're going through each of our articles and trying to improve them, add articles that we think are necessary, et cetera. We've been in bargaining since April 2025. Hopefully, we're nearing the end because we're really interested in getting this contract ratified, getting money to graduate workers, and getting the additional protections that we've won for graduate workers. So some of the things that we've been able to win. Is a stronger non-discrimination article that allows us to actually grieve any instances of non-discrimination instead of having to rely only through the university's process for investigating that sort of stuff. We have a stronger grievance process. We've added an academic freedom article, an intellectual property article, and I think one of the most important things to me that we've won just recently actually, we think as a result of the work in that was organized was an international workers protection article. We've had this article proposed since April, and each time we proposed it, the university has said, no, we're not interested in having an article like that. We're already committed to international workers. And we said, Well, that's not enough and this new article that we won is not nearly enough, as most of us know, the current political situation that's going on, but it does have an agreement from the university that they are not going to preemptively release information about immigration status of our graduate workers who are at UNM to DHS. It's also going to make sure that international workers can't be punished for attending uh immigration proceedings. Um, and then it also we aren't able to get this in our contract because it impacts more than graduate workers, it impacts international students across the university but we've got a memo that's come out from the provost that is agreeing to service fee reimbursement for all international students. So that's something that uh and that's to continue indefinitely based on that memo. So we were really uh happy to see some of those movements by the university but we're still pushing to see what else we can get in that uh article especially in any of my international workers here and would love to hear your thoughts on that as well so that we can make that article as best as we can. We're still fighting for increased compensation, better vision and dental coverage, and dependent coverage. And I think that even though I know not everyone here is a graduate worker, I imagine that the more compensated graduate workers are, the less that graduate workers will also have to rely on funding from GPSA for things. Uh, which frees up money for more graduate workers, graduate students, which I think is awesome. Um, let's see, what's the other thing? Our executive council and our bargaining committee is currently coming up



for election. Uh, that'll be running next week. So again, if any of you all are graduate workers, if you are interested in either participating in that vote or in the vote for ratification and you're not currently assigned union member, um, you do need to sign a card to be eligible to vote. So I just encourage anyone to do that so you can make your voice heard. We're also still working on a resolution that we are looking to present to this body in the near future, just to formalize our commitment with you all and our shared goals as organizations to improve the lives of graduate students at UNM. And then the last kind of call I want to make, I'm sorry, I don't know how much time. I'm fine, okay, cool. Is that our national union, United Electrical Workers is working on a campaign with graduate unions across the US to submit public comment to the Department of Homeland Security's proposed changes to the duration of stay. That is going to potentially limit the amount of time international students can be in the United States to four years, regardless of their program. Obviously, that's terrible for a lot of reasons because most of our programs are longer than four years. So UE has created a template for folks to submit public comment. This actually came up in 2020, I believe, and it got so many negative comments that it actually the motion didn't pass, the change didn't pass. So we're looking to increase again and have a lot of volume of people being like, well, that's crazy, you can't do that. So if anyone here hasn't already submitted a public comment, there's a full That UE has made to make it a little bit easier for people to submit public comment. Comments closed tomorrow, so this is really timely. I have a QR code It's like a change network action kind of thing. But you can also just find it on the DHS website.



And I think that's most of the updates that I have from the graduate union. I guess open up to questions. So we're gonna go for that. Grievance question. Okay, so you can come to me, you can come to your department steward here in sociology. Um, so you know Alyssa Esquidel. Yeah, she's your area steward. Um, so you can go to her, but you can come to any steward from any department or any of the folks on bargaining committee or the executive council, and we can help you with that. The important thing is that grievances are timely, so we have to submit the first part of it within like a uh a few weeks. So it's important. If you notice a grievance to come to us as soon as possible, um just so we have as much time to get that sorted. That's our individual grievance, not like other students, right? Um yes, although it helps for us to know if there is a grievance happening somewhere else and so we can reach out to those folks. Um actually, I guess something that uh I forgot to mention, we just had a really big grievance that we won in a department it was a pretty blatant um the violation of their contract in that they raised the course cap from 50 students to 55 students. Um, but their contract still said 50 students and they want a



pretty big settlement out of that actually. So they got more pay um from so like stuff like that is what we as at the union wanted doing because that's how we protect drug workers. So yeah, so it doesn't have to be more specific grievance.

Right. Anyone else for our guest speaker? Can I ask another question about grievances? Yeah. Um, at least in my department, there's been trouble with um students engaging in hate speech in classrooms and not having an avenue within the university to remove the student or to like deal with that. Is there any grievance avenue here because I know that like it's a a great process for if there's a violation of contract. I don't know, like, and you might not have a specific answer, but is the union a place where that could potentially be addressed? I believe so for because I think there are a couple of different articles we could even now that we could go through because if it's creating an unsafe work environment, that's a violation of our contract. Okay. And so the department say I think that you might need to say that you've gone to your department whoever the supervisor is for your department and complained about the issue and then they didn't do something about it and that would be kind of the treason. But with this new article with the non-discrimination uh thing we're uh Read that which it still hasn't been passed so it's still not something we can Read yet but I think that would also be another avenue. So yeah absolutely like I hope that you'll reach out to one of us and we can meet with you and talk more about the situation and how we handle it. Right. Anybody else have any questions?

I have a question actually about the dental and vision that you guys want to add. Yeah. How are you trying to add that or what are you asking for? Sure. So we do have as graduate workers access to the student dental and vision plan. The problem with the student vision and dental plan is that it's expensive and it doesn't cover very much. So um what we were asking for and what we're still asking for is to be like To be added to the staff and faculty vision and dental plan because it's both cheaper and it's better coverage, or at least that's our understanding. The vision, so the way that it works for the faculty and staff is that they get a certain percentage of their dental plan covered or their premium covered. And then the vision is only like \$8. So for most of us, that's probably a reasonable premium, I guess. And that's what we're looking for is to be added or have some sort of uh compensation or coverage of those fees as they currently exist because um it's from all the there's only like 30 people literally out of the 1500 people who work as a grad student here who actually have opted into that coverage because it's bad and because it's expensive. Um so we're looking to uh and we've heard from a lot of grad workers. About how they forgo dental care, for example. Um so that's how we're trying to address that at the table. And we've seen some movement actually, because before they were like, oh, just go to the free clinic, just go to the clinic. And we were like, well, that's not really enough for grab workers or for anyone really, I think. Um although it's a great service that we have available where we're at with it right now. Would you mind differentiating? You mentioned uh discrimination grievances and non-discrimination agreement. What are the two? What's the Yeah, so I think what I was trying, um so there we have a non-discrimination article which says that you know we can't be discriminated against for like the list of uh protected classes um in the course of our duties or um that sort of thing so it's not I I guess what I meant to say is that that non-discrimination article Discrimination, or it's supposed to. The other thing is there's a couple of different places in our contract where we can kind of go around that because, like I said before, uh the non-discrimination article is as it stands right now, we have to go through university processes in order to



resolve it. And that doesn't always work. Or um, we heard from a lot of graduate workers that they've gone through it and it doesn't work. So the the new article will allow us to agree more directly and have That other process, but there's also an article or language in our contract that um we're entitled to a safe working environment. So you can argue under that particular article that uh discrimination is creating an unsafe working environment. Does that make sense? Okay, sorry. No, I appreciate that. Well, if anybody else has any questions, yeah, please feel free to reach out to me. Big round of applause.

All right, so now we're moving on to officer reports and we have two. Uh we have Joseph Conte for the president. Joseph, do you have anything?

Am Joseph Conte, I'm the Chief of Staff for the Graduate and Professional Student Association. And I bring you the love and greetings from Travis, who is not here with us. He traveled and has been kind of busy and this weekend. He wanted to take some some time off and rest and relax. He extends greetings to all of you guys and he encourages you guys to reach out and also extends greetings and want you to know that GPSA is there for you in your respective avenues. And so some of the few thoughts or reports that I have, one of it is what we have been doing so far. And one thing I really love about Travis's administration, he's his kind of inherent love for fellow graduate students. All the time in the office he will ask me, so what can we do to better to create more access that's graduate student access and resources. And what can we do to really support our body? Which is something I really see in him. And we because of that, I was able to buy into his vision that we share the real lines and vision to really see that our students get the help need that they really need. And so what we have been doing so far, I think in the past meeting, he I think he might have explained something about that. So with regards to the finance uh allocations to uh Respective CSOs, you, you will see that we have increased, uh, we have increased the kind of the number and amount of allocations in respective areas like food and other items because we really want to see that student organizations get together, students get together, and do those activities that will better help them to, to, uh, make their life more easier and relaxed on campus. And we have done that, and we are also really intensified on, on, the funding that is available to the graduate student organizations. So if the finance director can also testify to that, we will see that we are now receiving a lot of requests for allocations. You guys will see it from our respective CSOs, which is very impressive because that is what we wanted to to see and that is what we fought for. When we promised that when we have a fee increase, we're going to give all those money back to uh our student body and that is exactly what we are doing. We are we are increasing the funding allocations to our respective CSOs and then we are expanding the pool so that we can also encourage more graduate student organizations to come out and and request those fundings and so that they will not go back to the general pool. And in terms of what we also really look forward to is grants, grants funding to graduate students. So far, the grants application closed yesterday and we had a lot of students request and a lot of students applications. The two key areas that stands out, which emphasizes the need, is on research and graduate scholarship funds. The graduate scholarship fund, we have a lot of um applicants for it. I think uh when I checked last night and before it closes, it was about 67 students applied for the graduate scholarship fund. The graduate scholarship fund is a need base that kind of assists graduate students towards tuition and other things. So it's also emphasizing the need that it seems like assistance advice and more student needs being met. And most of the students do not have assistantship. And so currently we fund up to \$1,000 for that graduate



scholarship fund. And another one I see very much with increased applications is a student research. Funding, both the NMIG and that of the student research grant. A lot of students are applying, we really like to see that students are applying for this grant. And one thing we are doing for the very first time since the establishment of the GPSA, we will we are planning to really have a drastic increase in the amounts and allocations to guide the students towards those respective grant fundings. What I mean is we are looking forward to really increasing the number of awards that we are going to give out. For example, uh the SIG query that we for the fall and spring semester we are up to uh 35. So we want to double that amount, that number, because we see that we have money in our disposal and that we want to give all that back to ourselves and and to see that we promote the needs and that we really care about. And so far we we're open up to comments. Feel free to always um come around and share your thoughts about how we can make the lives of students much more better. And we are open up to attend meetings if you send us an invite that's we want you guys to come around and answer some few questions we open up to that or if you want to to just meet with us and talk to us and tell us, give us feedback about what we are doing, even if it's whatever feedback- feedback helps If you guys are not enjoying some thing, just let us know. And we are always there to listen and to see that we work towards actually, the goal, because we are all together today. And at this time, I really appreciate your time and I I wish you guys the very best. And I look forward to working more with you guys. Thank you so much.

All right, well, I'll be brief with my reports. Y'all know I'm not normally leading today's meeting, so I appreciate your patience as I learned to navigate this meeting. Uh Jacob has left me a very handy cheat sheet, so this should go very smoothly. But uh thank you all again for being here on your Saturday. I know we all value our time. But this is very important and y'all obviously know that and otherwise you wouldn't be here. So thank you again for your time and we'll see about getting through the rest of this meeting without any hedges. All right next we've got uh committee reports we've got Our finance committee chair, Uh, for the finance report we have Soumyodipta Karmakar.

Hello everyone, I'm Soumyodipta Karmakar, a fifth year graduate student of physics, and I'm the finance director. So in the I will explain the appropriations later when it will come, but like in the budget report, I don't have that much, but I would say like this semester, we are getting a lot of appropriations. As our chief of staff said, like already after two meetings, we received 26 appropriations. Like I was checking the last semester, previous semester sort of year, like sometimes it didn't cross all over, like 20 ones. So it was good. And lots of like new student organizations. And we also received from North Campus, like from Law, from Medical, which is good. Like when today, when I opened my laptop, I saw another appropriations already submitted from a new charter. So it is going great. And as Chief of Stuff stated, Chief of Stuff said that we updated our standing rules, which we already discussed in our last council meeting, and which was really effective. And we are happy that we are able to support the student charter graduate student organizations, whether it is like departmental, country-based, cultural, religious, anywhere. Anything. So yeah, and it is going good. And if you have any questions related to the finance committee you can ask here or you can also email me. At gpsafin@unm.edu/ That's all right, thank you. And now apologies for switching screens so much. We are going to move on to the appropriations. We have quite a few today. So um first off I'd like to send chair entertaines a motion to open all finance



appropriations as sweeping motion. That way we only have to vote once rather than voting on every individual motion. So motion by Law seconded from Physics. And then any discussion on that?

Um, just also a note of potential concoct interest since I'm the also president of EGSO. So um I'm okay to opt out on the morning not for the first one. Great. Thank you for letting us know. Uh you can vote to your comfort. All of us are very involved on campus, so in all likelihood at some point we will have a similar situation. If you'd like to abstain, you absolutely can, but you can't vote as well. Thank you. This proposal says that two students are presenting and the rest are just associated with your conference. So we'll have questions on the appropriations here in a second. This is just about the Sweeping motion. Okay. So any questions on the sweeping motion? Seeing none. We had that discussion. And let's have a voice vote here. All in favor say aye. All opposed. Motion passes. And oh, any abstentions? Seeing none. So now we have Shomo. You have two minutes for each of the appropriations. Feel free to come on up here. I've got them all pulled up and I'll go through them individually.

Hello everyone. So this time with a lot of appropriations. So please bear with me. So first one from economics graduate student organization. So they so first of all I would like to make a general I mean, like the purpose of funding I put for each association. That's just a summary. I wrote it like if you want the detailed descriptions, I already shared in the agenda the link of each of the folders of each appropriation. You can go to the folder and you can check the appropriation sheet they submitted, so all are public. This is just a brief. Okay, so the uh economics registration organization requested money to support their graduate students to participate in the Southern Economic Association Conference in Florida. So for that, I think 12 students they want to support the first category they requested for airfare for 12 students, and I mentioned there the cheapest, like according to the Standing rules, they have to submit at least three quotations, which they already submitted. The cheapest one is \$362 dollars. So as per the standing rules, we have a funded 75 percent of 362. So all total is \$3801. And then the next category is student travel per diem, which includes lodging and like me. So for that, they requested uh \$5,586. So as per the standing rules, the maximum allocation is the \$2,500. So that's we have a Allocated and they also requested for the conference fees, I think 50 per student. So the our maximum allocation is 900, which satisfies. So this is for the economic graduate student organization.

So the next appropriation is from Indian Student Association. So they requested uh money for two events they're planning to organize in fall. One is a welcome party for Indian origin students and their cultural heritage night. So the first category they requested food for the welcome party, uh like \$1590, but as for the standing rules for larger events, the maximum allocation is \$1500. So that we have even then they requested like facility lane to book UNM Kapuna Hall for both of the events. So as for the standing rules, we have a like funded 70% of the quote in price, that is 70% or 1400. Then the next category is the food, like, the requested for the event night. And as usual, like we uh have funded like \$1,500, the maximum allocation, then they requested office supplies, um \$150. So as for the standing rules, we have given \$150, then they requested like promotional events, like they say, like they will do a table in international festivals. So that's why they requested money and we have funded like 70%. Then it was a supply cost like napkin's place, 70% we have allocated, then for printing uh flyers for their events. So we have allocated the whole amount as per the standing rules, then requested advertising like for social media



platform. So we have allocated \$150 and lastly they requested food for general body meetings. So as per the standing rules, we have like for each meeting they can uh request a \$200 up to and up to. For four events for general budget. So I think they requested \$100 So for total \$400. So we have allocated \$400 per general board rules.

Okay. So the next appropriation we received from Intellectual Property Matters at the University of New Mexico School of Law. So they are planning to organize a welcome, like not party, like welcome meeting with the professional law students and also planning a networking event with attorneys for those two events, they requested money for food, and we allocated the whole amount because it satisfies every requirement. The next appropriation is from Feather Client, it's a chartered graduate student organization, it's a kind of a badminton sport club. So they requested money uh for their like badminton-related stuff, like racquets, shuttle cocks, net. You can see like in the first two categories, like in the supply costs, they requested, and we allocated like 70% of that. Then they requested a storage box to contain all the stuff. Uh, for that, we allocated the full money in the description. Uh, then in the last two categories, they requested money for their like for energy bars and event materials for when they will organize like uh tournaments. The normal, like game friendly events, and they requested money in the last like week for their general body meetings, \$200 each for two events, so \$400.

The next appropriation we received from Institute of Transportation Engineers. So they are planning to organize a movie documentary screening. Uh they requested the money for food and other stuff. But in this appropriation, so they are expecting for total one around 150 attendees, but they also mentioned in during the hearing that around 50 will be the graduate students, other will be undergrad and the community from you uh from other grad. So we cannot provide like we cannot allocate fund like more than 5% to the community members. So that's why since they mentioned around 50 graduate students, they're expecting to add the um uh like movie night. So that's why we allocated the fund based on that. So that's why in the fourth they requested total \$707, so we allocated \$236. For supply costs we get up given 70 percent of that, the also we allocated the half of that, they requested \$200. And lastly, they requested the sub rental so that we allocated the full amount.

Then the next appropriation is from Nepali Student Associations. So they mainly requested money for their two cultural events: one is called Tashe, and another is called Diwali. So the first category they requested. Money for the general body meetings. They requested food for their first big event, which is called "The Chain." So, we, as for the signing rules, have given \$1,500. Then, in the next category, they requested supply costs, like for their decorative star—no, sorry, specifically for serving, when they will serve the food. So, for that, we allocated 70% of the quoted price. Then, they requested for Diwali celebration and we have allocated 70%, then they requested food for their next beginning that is for Diwali. So we have allocated the maximum allocation \$1500, then they requested like facility rental So they are planning to do at sub ballroom. So they have attached the quotation in the folder. So as per the standard rules we have allocated 70% that is like \$715, the line number line item six. Then they requested uh like for board games like Chase Uno, who we have upgrade 70 percent, then they requested posters, flyers and we have given the full amount. Then they requested for a Nepali traditional music. So as for the



standing rules, we have given 70% of that, and lastly, they requested uh for a dolly to uh like move their stuff from one place to another place, and the finance Committee allocated for full amount.

So the next appropriation we received from Cardiology Interest group. So they are planning to organize two small events, lunch with the students and cardiologists. So in the first two categories, they requested food for that. So for the or smaller events, less than 100 people, we can allocate at most \$500. So that's why we have \$500 and line item three. Requested food for two general body meetings. So we allocated the full amount, and lastly, they requested like for paying the supply cost, and we have allocated 70%. Um, so I'm sorry, I think I for I forgot to put the student organization name in the next slide. Yeah, I will put that, but in the description, the student allocation name is mentioned.

So the next appropriation. We received from Surgery interest group, and similarly, like earlier on cardiology, they also requested food for the two small events they are planning to organize in the semester. And as for the standing rules, we have even maxed to max like \$500. Then in the line item three, they requested money for their general body meetings. I think four. So and we allocated the full amount as for the standing rules. And lastly, they requested uh money for plates, napkins, and we have even like 70% of that.

Then uh the next one we received from African Student Association. So in the line item one, they requested money for facility rentals. So they are planning to organize two events in Visa Lounge at SUB. So for that they requested money and we allocated the full amount. Then they uh requested money for a small, I think it's kind of a Welcome party for the students and they are expecting around 50 attendees. So as for the since it became a small event, so we allocated \$500. And lastly, uh they have a big event that is the African night and as for the standing rules, we have given the maximum allocation \$1500 for larger events.

Then the next appropriation we receive from Law students against imperialism. So they are planning to do, organize a small event like a lunch. The first one is around 30 attendees, so for that they requested money. So, as for the side, like it's kind of a general body meeting, so we allocate around \$200, at most \$200, for one general body meeting. Then, they requested money for peanut, or they are expecting fifty attendees. At an event only, a panel is, so we have allocated the full amount, \$500.

Lastly, they also requested it's uh they already organized our general body meeting in September. So they requested for reimbursement. And in GPSA, we allow the requests like anyone asked for reimbursement, which they have done in this case.

So they requested fund basically like to support their graduate members to attend the annual law conference in Chicago. So the first category is the student travel airfare. So I think they are like planning to support five graduate members of their organization. So the first one, actually, they put the 75% of the quoted, like of the shared quotation. So that's why we allocated the full amount. Then the next category is the conference fee, we allocate the full amount. Then they requested like student travel which includes lodging and meal. So they requested like for each student, like \$50 per day, but the full finance committee of the discussion uh like suggested like we should give \$85, uh, which is the maximum limit per day. So



that's why they have an increasement. Like you can see the origin link is a thousand and we allocated 700. And lastly, they requested general body meetings. Uh actually, they didn't put here, so I mentioned like three general body meetings, but they also included one general body meeting. They already organized it, and they requested for the remote, which actually I forwarded to mention.

The next appropriation we received from the American Society for Photography and Remote Sensing. So, they are planning, to organize club meetings, to also, a camping trip to Bandelier. So for those events, they requested money. So first one is the events fee, like that camp site. So as per the UNM policy, the place should be like must be at least above 50 miles from UNM or out of the 50 miles. So it is satisfied So that's why we allocated the full amount. Then they requested food for that camping trip. So we allocated the full amount. Then they requested like uh camping supplies, we allocate the full amount. And then for their club meetings, they requested money. It's kind of a general body meeting. It comes under general body meetings, we have got the full amount. And lastly, since they requested uh for a remuneration for a guest speaker, but unfortunately, they were unable to provide a quotient, which is in mandatory if you are uh requesting money above 200. So that's why uh there was no rule we haven't yet put in our standing rules, but the whole finance committee decided like if the student association is like unable to provide anything we will give the minimum like \$200. We will reduce it even though it is, for example, they're investing \$1,000. If they are unable to provide information, we will reduce it to 200.

So next appropriation we receive from Association of Public Interest Law. So they are planning to organize some general body meetings, some networking meetings with attorneys. So for that they requested money like what food in both line items, the first two line items, then they requested like money to um print their flyers for the events, so which we allocated the full amount in line item three. So in line item four, they requested money for their t-shirts and swag, and they are they were planning to distribute that among the mem like among the graduate students, which is violating. The UNM anti-donation law. So that's why we didn't allocate the money.

And the next appropriation we received from Sports law association. So similarly, they are planning to do a small specific event like a food event. They like they requested money for food, like for a tailgate related to a football game, I think. Yes, so that's where we are getting the full amount for. Line item like two. So the thing is they requested separately for the general body meeting. So what we did actually, we summed up all the money and allocated in line item two and put zero in line item three, four, and five. And lastly, they requested money for like printing flyers uh for the event, so we allocated the full amount.

And I think that this is the second last. So we is from American Civil Liberties Union UNM School of Law chapter. So they requested money for a specific event. They are expecting around 50 attendees. So they requested \$500 as for the standing rules we allocated 500. Then they requested money for food for another specific event. So they requested \$750 but since it is a small event so we allocated \$500 and lastly they requested like money to print posters for the educational event, like to distribute among the attendees who will attend that those events. So that's what led to the full amount. And lastly, it's from Environmental Law Society. So they in the first line item, they requested money for like the general body meeting, and we have events of full amount, then they requested money for networking events and the combination small event, so that's why we, uh, allocated 500. Then, they requested money for printing



flyers, so we have allocated a full amount. Lastly, similar to earlier, uh, they requested money for T-shirts, which is violating the UNM anti-donation law. That's why we did not allocate. Yeah, so that's—thank you. Okay, so with that.

So now the chair entertained a motion to vote all finance appropriations as a sweeping motion. Motion by sociology. Second, Law. And now we move on to questions. Any questions about any of the appropriations on the book? Yes. History. Yeah, I I wanted to know why the southern economic conference?

Um so um one of the reasons is because SCA is considered the largest and most recognized um gathering of economic association in the US. And for example, they do have specific uh supporting graduate student program. For example, their registration is only fifty dollars to register earlier compared to like um next week, I think more.

So that is to make our students more accessible and to just yeah, it just enlarge the ability to encourage graduate students to join the conference, and that is actually the main reason. And for example, the Northern Econ American Association- they are holding a meeting too early during the semester, so our students may not be able to have the work to submit, and if I mean our department, does encourage students to join a lot of conferences. But if no students are going to present, um, they probably won't like read a whole lot of sound in the department saying, "Hey, I'm going to this conference; you want to go with me?" Just like support each other. So, I think it's because our department does have two students going to present, and that's why we are more interested in this. And if you're asking for a national, like, conference, we... Have one that is coming up next year. January happens, should be, happens in Japan. And we probably have, uh, three students are trying to submit abstracts. And we do, we do have a chance to get accepted. We are voted to, like, going to work in. Just hope this answers any questions. Maybe okay. Any other questions regarding any of the Seeing none, we'll move on to discussion. Any discussion about the All right. Seeing none, let's have a roll call vote. Alyssa? Okay.

This is a roll call vote for the finance appropriations.

American Studies Hennessey Star- aye
Biology, Will Bieker -aye
Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Emmanuel Quartey -aye
Economics. Ziqing Xie -aye
History Megan Chavez -aye
Law, Mason Leachman -aye
Medicine Roni Parrales- aye
Native American Studies Marisa Page -aye
Physics, Saheed Oyeniran. -aye
Sociology Kodiak Ly -aye



Thank you so well on that. And now we'll move on to the council announcements. We'll just go around the room here. Uh you have three minutes each. And if you don't have any updates, feel free to absolutely just say no updates. So we'll start over here with American Studies. Economics. Biology. No updates. Chemistry. No updates. Economics. History. Economics. Law. No updates. Law. No updates. Native American Studies. Medicine. Physics. And sociology. Next month. Next month.

Okay. All right. And now we just have the announcements for the upcoming meetings. We have next full council meeting on October 25th, 2025, at 10 a.m. Uh room is TBD. This, I believe there was a conflict. There was potentially a conflict with this room. We will send out that announcement as soon as we know. Put that on your calendars. It is going to be in person. And then we also have the finance committee meeting on October 14th at 6 p.m. In Fiesta A and B. And the legislative steering committee, which I will be chairing, will be October 15th at 5 p.m. So with that, we will adjourn at eleven seventeen AM. Thank you all for coming. Thank you.