

UNM Student Publications Board
Friday, April 11th, 2003
Communication & Journalism Conference Room

Present: Julie Aicher, Leslie Donovan, Miquel Gandert, Bob Gassaway (chair), April Hale, Miriam Mara, Ashlyne Padilla.

Ex-Officio: Jim Fisher, Angela Williams

Also Present: Clay Holtzman, David Landry, Arthur Simoni,

Bob Gassaway called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Gassaway asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the February 21st meeting. Leslie Donovan made a motion to accept the minutes. Ashlyne Padilla seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gassaway said the next item on the agenda was to select the Daily Lobo editor for next year. Fisher said one applicant, Michael Carasco had withdrawn his application. He said four applicants, April Hale, Clay Holtzman, David Landry and Arthur Simoni were present to be interviewed. Gassaway said that one board member had applied for the position and she has agreed to not participate as a board member from the interview and discussion of the applicants. He said the board typically interviewed the applicants in a closed session and then the board would return to open session to make the vote public. Miquel Gandert moved the board close the session for the purpose of selecting the next Daily Lobo editor. Padilla seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board went into closed session at 2:15 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 3:45 p.m. Fisher called the roll of eligible board members. Leslie Donovan – Simoni, Ashlyne Padilla – Simoni, Miriam Mara – abstain, Miguel Gandert – Simoni, Bob Gassaway – Simoni, Julie Aicher – Simoni.

Gassaway congratulated Simoni on his selection as Daily Lobo editor for the 2003-04 term. Aicher said she was very impressed with the high level of applicants and was impressed with the ideas expressed by all the applicants. Donovan encouraged the applicants who were not selected to continue to work for the Lobo.

Gassaway then asked Fisher to update the board on the status of the lawsuit filed by Megan Anderson. He said the plaintiff filed an amended complaint dated March 24, 2003. He distributed copies of the amended complaint to the board members. Fisher said it looks like the case will go to federal court.

Gassaway said there was a new issue that has come to his attention. He said a group on campus that run a program trying to discourage alcohol abuse and they are unhappy with Lobo ads that have been published sexual and alcoholic connotations.

He said the group had met with the editor and ad managers last fall. He said they have now asked to meet with the board chair. He said he was inclined not to want to speak for the entire board and suggested the board might want to meet with the group. Julie Aicher asked if the board had to meet with the group at all because it would set a precedent for every faction who was unhappy to meet with the board. Gandert suggested the group write a letter and Donovan agreed. Aicher said if the board could receive a letter before the 25th meeting then the board could discuss a possible meeting with the group at that meeting.

Gassaway suggested the board discuss changes to the board policy statement at the April 25th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.