

**UNM Student Publications Board**  
Friday, February 21st, 2003  
Communication & Journalism Conference Room

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

Ex-Officio: Sahar Anwar, Maryalice Erickson, Jim Fisher,

Absent: Adrienne Betzen, Ashlynn Padilla, Cathy Sheridan, Angela Williams

Also Present: Arthur Simoni, Susan Romano

Bob Gassaway called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the Nov. 8 meeting. Donovan moved to accept the minutes. Julie Aicher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gassaway asked for the report on Best Student Essays. Maryalice Erickson said the fall 2002 issue delivery date is still pending. She said the printer is having computer problems, which is causing the delay. Erickson said the deadline is today for submissions for the spring issue. She said she is hoping to have 48 pages for the spring issue. Erickson said she is accelerating the schedule for the spring issue in hopes that it will be delivered before finals week.

Gassaway asked Art Simoni, managing editor of the Daily Lobo, to give the report on the Daily Lobo. He passed out a letter from Daily Lobo editor Angela Williams. Simoni said that the staff has pulled together to produce a strong paper. He said Williams has arranged to have a guest speaker give a workshop once a month to the editorial staff. He said the editorial staff is also conducting weekly peer critiques and working to increase communication.

Gassaway then asked Sahar Anwar on the status of Conceptions Southwest. She said the magazine is in the production phase right now. She said Cottonwood Printing has been selected as the printer. Anwar said that 750 magazines will cost around \$5,500, which is within the budget. Anwar said production should be finished the week of March 17.

Gassaway asked Jim Fisher for a Daily Lobo financial report. He said the report is through December 2002. He said the Lobo is in much better financial shape compared to the same time last year. Fisher said revenue is up and expenses have been reduced to keep the Lobo in the black. He said that the Graduate and Professional Student Association has eliminated its funding of the Daily Lobo due to a change in the GPSA constitution in 2000. Fisher said the board was informed by the past GPSA president that the funding had been cut due to a suspension of GPSA by-laws and could be restored the following year. Fisher said that Lorena Olmos, current GPSA president, confirmed that the funding has been permanently eliminated due to a constitutional change. Fisher said that \$1,500 is not a large part of the Daily Lobo budget, but he is concerned that GPSA is

no longer supporting the student newspaper. Miguel Gandert questioned whether GPSA is no longer supporting the newspaper should it have a seat on the Student Publications Board. He asked if GPSA financially supported the magazines. Fisher responded that GPSA currently does financially support the magazines. He said both CSW and BSE apply for funding through the GPSA budget process. Gassaway asked if the Lobo could participate in the budgeting process. Fisher said the Lobo could participate but he didn't think the Lobo should go through the process for political reasons. Aicher suggested writing a letter asking why the funding was eliminated without letting the board have any say. Gandert agreed and said he thinks the process needs to be questioned. Gassaway agreed. Gassaway asked for a motion authorize the chair to write a letter to the GPSA president asking GPSA to reconsider the decision not to fund the Daily Lobo. Gandert moved for the chair to send a letter to GPSA, Aicher seconded. The motion passed.

Gassaway then asked for status of the letter to the editor complaint. Fisher said he attended a preliminary hearing before Judge Conway on Dec. 18 in state district court. He said the judge allowed the plaintiff to change the original complaint to a constitutional rights violation, the right to privacy. He said the case would most likely be moved to federal court. Fisher said the plaintiff now has 180 days to proceed with the suit. He said so far the plaintiff's attorney has not. Gassaway said he is not inclined to settle and asked board members if they agreed. The board agreed. Aicher asked if there were procedures in place to keep this from happening again. Angela Williams, who had just entered the meeting, responded yes. Fisher said that the Lobo will be represented by a new attorney because the previous attorney was dismissed from state risk management due to a recent change in leadership in state government.

Gassaway then addressed the selection of editors for the 2003-2004 term. He asked Fisher for a proposed schedule. Fisher proposed advertisements begin March 3 for the Daily Lobo editor. Advertisements for CSW and BSE editors begin March 10. April 7 would be the deadline for the Daily Lobo editor applications. April 14 would be the deadline for CSW and BSE editor applications. April 11 was proposed to conduct interviews for Daily Lobo editor. April 18 was proposed for interviewing applicants for both CSW and BSE.

Gassaway asked for a motion to approve the schedule for selection of editors. Gandert moved that the board accept the proposed schedule to select editors for the 2003-04 term. Donovan seconded. The motion passed.

Gassaway then called for a discussion on the policy statement revisions. Donovan said the committee of Erickson, herself and Fisher had revised the initial draft of the policy statement to address suggestions made by board members at the last meeting.

Gassaway suggested a few changes to correct technical errors.

Discussion followed regarding revising sections in the policy statement concerning staff dismissal. Fisher suggested that the committee go back and rewrite the section pertaining to staff dismissal. Donovan agreed and said she would e-mail board members corrections.

Aicher suggested that a lawyer should review the section concerning employment issues. Donovan and other board members agreed. Fisher said at least UNM student employment guidelines should be reviewed.

Gassaway then addressed the proposed change in the publication schedule of BSE to an annual publication. Erickson said it has been difficult to obtain submissions for BSE in the fall semester. She said an editor has essentially one month to solicit essays in the fall. She said this year fall deadlines had to be extended at least two months making the magazine late. Aicher asked if she thought the magazine should be published once a year. Erickson responded that the quantity and quality of submissions for the magazine would be a better if it were an annual publication.

Gassaway said he disagreed. He said the change might make the life easier for the editor, however, he is interested in providing a proper and frequent showcase for the student's work. He said publishing once a year is not useful. Donovan said soliciting work in the fall can be difficult. Susan Romono, faculty advisor for BSE, asked Erickson to detail how she calls for submissions. Erickson said she sends out flyers to full-time and part-time faculty and sends out at least 400 copies of the magazine for promotion. Gassaway asked for a motion. There was none.

Gassaway said in the absence of a motion the publication schedule should remain the same. Romano asked the board members if they had any other ideas for Erickson regarding obtaining submissions. Gassaway suggested being somewhat flexible with submission and publication deadlines. Aicher said one possibility might be publishing an issue in early fall and also in mid spring. Gandert said having deadlines more in line with the academic calendar might be appropriate. He suggested a deadline in May with that issue published in September and then a deadline in December with an issue published in early spring. He said this schedule would serve to promote and educate students about BSE earlier in the semester.

Aicher moved that the board take out deadline dates regarding BSE in the policy statement and continue publishing the magazine twice a year for now. Gandert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan asked if the changes in the policy statement needed to be adopted before a March 3 in order to advertise for Daily Lobo editor. Aicher moved that the board accept the portion of the revised policy statement concerning copy-editing changes and change the Daily Lobo editor requirement from full-time student to a student enrolled for 6 hours or more the previous two semesters and throughout the term of office. Mara seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.