

UNM Student Publications Board
Friday, September 20, 2002
Communication & Journalism Conference Room

Present: Julie Aicher, Leslie Donovan, Bob Gassaway (chair), April Hale, Sharon Oard Warner

Absent: Miriam Mara, Ashlynn Padilla, Cathy Sheridan, 1 ASUNM Representative

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

Also Present: Clay Holtzman

Bob Gassaway called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. He asked for a motion to accept the amended minutes from the April 12 meeting. Leslie Donovan moved to accept the minutes. Sharon Oard Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gassaway asked Maryalice Erickson for a report on Best Student Essays. Erickson passed out a written report. She said the Spring 2002 issue is out and distribution was ongoing. She said she has three assisting editors: Tara Burton, Keri Burson and Susanna Alcorn. She said she is considering three more volunteers. She said she is seeking a web person but so far no one is interested. She said the deadline for submissions is Sept. 27. She said she extended the deadline because she has received only two essays to date. She said she sent out a mailing to faculty in an effort to get more submissions. She said that BSE will retain its magazine format for the Fall issue and would like to have color if the budget permits. Erickson said she has not placed printing bids yet because she doesn't know a page count. She said she was nervous about the number of essays she's received. She asked for ideas. Angela Williams suggested visiting classes. Donovan said that it's early in the school year and professors don't have many essays and wouldn't have until the end of the semester. Erickson said she appreciated the input. Erickson said she currently taps the Anthropology, Political Science, University Honors, and Economics departments. Williams suggested she also contact the History department. Jim Fisher brought up a proposed amendment to the Student Publications Board policy statement that would include BSE and also proposes making the magazine an annual publication. Gassaway said his inclination was to create a committee of Leslie Donovan, Jim Fisher and Maryalice Erickson to review the policy statement and look further to see what changes need to be made and come back with recommendations. Gassaway asked Donovan to chair the committee. Donovan agreed.

Gassaway then asked Sahar Anwar for a report on Conceptions Southwest. Anwar said she was getting her staff together for this year's publication. She said to date she has a Spanish editor and a poetry editor and a number of other people who would like to be on her staff. She said she also has two people interested in production and someone interested in Web design. She said the first CSW newsletter has gone out on e-mail.

Anwar said Nov. 8 is the deadline for the cover art contest and Nov. 30 will be the last day to accept general submissions.

Gassaway then asked Angela Williams for a report on the status of the Daily Lobo. Williams said the paper is running quite well. She said she has a full staff and they all are working hard. She gave background on every member of her staff. She said they are all committed to producing a quality newspaper. Williams said she feels that the paper is moving in a positive direction.

Gassaway thanked the editors for their reports. He said he had another thought regarding the policy statement revisions. He said at times it has been difficult to attain a quorum. He asked the newly formed committee members reviewing the policy statement to think about requiring a quorum for student publication board meetings.

Gassaway then asked Fisher for the financial report. Fisher reviewed the Daily Lobo financial reports for the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 semesters. He said the Lobo lost \$43,000 in that time period. He said it was the largest loss he's ever seen. He said it was a bad year for advertising and that expenses increased. He said the Lobo lost an additional \$4,100 in the summer of 2002. Fisher said the Lobo is still in good financial shape due to the reserve fund. Fisher said he was budgeting for a 5 percent increase in revenue for the coming year and a 3 percent decrease in expenses for the Daily Lobo. He said Best Student Essays ended the year with a balance of \$1,982.61. Fisher proposed spending \$600 of their reserve for this year's budget. CSW ended the year with a balance of \$5916.13. Fisher proposed \$1,000 of their reserve for this year's budgets. Gassaway asked for a motion to approve the proposed budgets. Donovan moved to accept the budgets. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gassaway then asked for nominations for chair of the Student Publications Board. Leslie Donovan asked him if he would like to remain the chair. Warner nominated Bob Gassaway. Julie Aicher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gassaway then addressed the continuing situation of Grace Bologna, which was discussed in detail at previous meetings. He said Bologna has appealed the decision made by the Student Grievance Committee to the President of UNM.

Gassaway then asked if there was any new business before the board. Fisher said he heard rumors of the possibility that Marron Hall, which houses Student Publications, may be demolished. He said currently there are no plans to relocate Student Publications if Marron Hall is demolished. Fisher said he has been exploring options including the possibility of having Marron Hall placed on the historical register. Gassaway said there was talk of a new building that would house both Student Publications and KUNM to be constructed west of the C & J building, but he said that possibility was a long way off. Fisher said demolition was not an immediate threat.

Fisher brought up other new business. He said a board member could never make a meeting Friday afternoons and he asked if there might be a better time the board could

meet. Gassaway asked for input. All board members expressed that the current meeting time of Fridays at 2 p.m. worked for everyone present. Gassaway scheduled the next meeting for November 8 at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.