

UNM Student Publications Board
Friday, May 7, 2004
Communication & Journalism Conference Room

Present: Nancy Baca, Johnyne Barraclough, Leslie Donovan, Miguel Gandert, Bob Gassaway (chair), Jeff Kellywood, Karl Linzmeyer, Kelly Shaffer.

Ex-Officio: Marisa Demarco, Jim Fisher, Pamela Herrington, Stephanie Martin.

Absent: GPSA representative

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Bob Gassaway asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16 meeting. Leslie Donovan noted one correction. Kelly Shaffer said her name was misspelled throughout the minutes. Miguel Gandert made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gassaway asked Stephanie Martin for an update on Best Student Essays. Martin passed out copies of the new issue. The board congratulated Martin on the issue. Martin said she has emailed contributors to inform them of the issue's release and would be distributing copies immediately.

Gassaway asked for the Conceptions Southwest editor report. Pam Herrington said a CSW event is scheduled at the Theatre X this evening. She said she and the assistant editor are working on a production schedule for the next issue.

Gassaway then asked for the Daily Lobo editor report. Marisa Demarco said the papers have had a large page count and the news staff is relatively new, but she feels the first week has gone well. Gassaway agreed. Gassaway asked if the staff selection was complete. Demarco said all positions were filled with the exception of sports editor and two copy editor positions. She said the former sports editor and copy editors had agreed to stay on though the summer, which will give her time to fill those positions.

Gassaway then asked for the DailyLobo financial report. Jim Fisher said the report covered through March 31. He said March was a good month for revenue, and things were looking good for the rest of the school year. He said expenses have been following what had been budgeted, and the ad revenues have exceeded expectations. Fisher said there will be some more expenses related to computer network upgrades. He also said that the Daily Lobo's subscription to The Associated Press will be expanded to include photo and graphic service. He said the service will be available for Communication & Journalism professors to use in their classes. Gandert said he had announced that AP service will be available for C&J classes at the last faculty meeting. Fisher said printing costs for the Daily Lobo will likely be going up as much as 8 percent.

Gassaway said the next item on the agenda is the selection of a Best Student Essays editor. He said there is one applicant for the position, Stephanie Martin. He suggested

that the interview process be similar to Conceptions Southwest and Daily Lobo editor selection with the board going into closed session for the interview and returning to open session for board members to select the editor. There were no objections. Gandert made a motion for the board to go into closed session for the purpose of interviewing the prospective candidate for the position of Best Student Essays editor. Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed. The board went into closed session at 2:25 p.m.

Gandert made a motion that the board go back into open session. Donovan seconded the motion. The motion passed. The board returned to open session at 2:35 p.m. Gassaway asked Martin if she was confident she had all the submissions from the previous editor. Martin said she had found a few submissions in the office when she became editor for the spring issue. She said she is confident they were the only submissions before she took over. Donovan asked how many submissions there were for the current issue. Martin said 35 essays were submitted and seven were published. Gassaway asked Martin if she thought she would be able to assemble a volunteer staff for the next issue. Martin said she had two volunteers who had helped with the current issue and saw no problem having more for next semester. Gassaway asked Fisher to call the role of board members present to state their preference for Best Student Essays Editor. All board members present selected Stephanie Martin as Best Student Essays Editor for 2004-05. The board congratulated Martin.

Gassaway asked for new business. There was none.

Gassaway asked for any agenda items for the board's first fall meeting. There were none.

Gassaway thanked all board members for their service to the board this year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.