

UNM Student Publications Board Meeting
Friday, September 28, 2007
University Honors, Room 16

Present: Leslie Donovan (Chair), V.B. Price, Caleb Fort, Stephanie Martin, Jesse Stark, Karen Moses (provisional), Karolyn Cannata-Winge

Ex-Officio: Jim Fisher, Chris Sanchez, Clara Boling, and Jay Reidy

Also Present: Carolyn Souther, Pam Herrington

Absent: Adrian Carver, ASUNM President Representative

Leslie Donovan called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Donovan asked for a review of the April 27 minutes. V. B. Price made a motion to approve the minutes with two corrections, Caleb Fort seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan discussed the Student Publications Board adoption of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Donovan presented an outline highlighting the main points of the Act and recommended that the Board use the guidelines from the NM Open Meetings Act to conduct the Board's business for the upcoming school year. Price made a motion for the Board to adopt the New Mexico Open Meeting Act for the 2007-08 year. The motion was seconded by Karolyn Cannata-Winge. The motion passed.

Donovan asked Clara Boling for a report on Conceptions Southwest. Boling said the first submission deadline for CSW will be October 8. She said that advertisements have been placed in various publications and locations around campus publicizing submission deadlines and recruiting volunteers. She said that this year the magazine will be including sheet music, architecture and screenplays as additional categories for submission. Boling said she currently has 6 staff members. She said she has received 3 submissions to date but noted that early submissions will be eligible to be considered for prizes in the various categories.

Donovan asked Pam Herrington to give a status report on the guidebook for CSW editors. Herrington said that much of the initial work has been completed on the guidebook and she will be finishing the written portions as soon as possible. She said she is also creating a 24x36 poster that features all the CSW covers from the past 30 years to commemorate CSW's 30th anniversary. She said she is currently looking for a few missing issues and hopes to find them all before the poster is printed.

Donovan asked Jay Reidy to report on Best Student Essays. Reidy said the deadline for the fall issue will be October 5. He said that there have been only 2 submissions so far but he expects many more around the deadline. He said he has given letters to all faculty members explaining the nomination process and has posted flyers around campus and placed ads in the Daily Lobo. Reidy said he has also spoken to many classes about BSE. He said he would like some photo essay submissions for this issue. He said he currently has 3 copy editors and 1 photo editor on staff and would like to have a couple more copy editors. He also said that the BSE Web site

needs to be updated. Cannata-Winge said her students, who need portfolio pieces, could possibly help with the Web site. She asked Reidy to e-mail her with specifics. Chris Sanchez said he would mention BSE in his copy editing class to recruit copy editors.

Donovan asked Chris Sanchez to report on the Daily Lobo. Sanchez said that he now has a full staff. He said that hits on the Daily Lobo Web site continue to increase and the site now includes video, podcasts, and blogs. He said he wants to work with the C&J broadcast department to help with content on the Web.

Donovan asked Jim Fisher to give the Student Publications financial statement. Fisher said that the Daily Lobo is in relatively good financial shape. He said that the Lobo had a little better than expected summer revenue including good summer mail-out and orientation issues. Fisher discussed the proposed budgets for the Daily Lobo, Conceptions Southwest and Best Student Essays for the 2007-08 year. He said the proposed CSW budget reflects some additional costs due to spending beyond the yearly budget for producing a CSW editors' guidebook and related costs for the magazine's 30th anniversary. Fisher said that CSW had money in reserve to cover the additional costs. Fisher noted the proposed budgets for the Daily Lobo, CSW and BSE for the school year and asked the Board to approve the budgets. Caleb Fort made a motion to approve all three budgets. Jesse Stark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fisher mentioned that the Daily Lobo is now publishing an events calendar that should help groups both on and off campus publicize their events for free. He said information can be entered via the Web, which will appear on dailylobo.com and also in the Daily Lobo. He said the Daily Lobo is also offering free classifieds for all students in the personals and for sale categories. He said a photo reprint service will soon be available on the Lobo Web site that will offer photos taken by Daily Lobo photographers available for sale.

Donovan discussed an issue that came up over the summer pertaining to reorganization of Faculty Senate committees. She said that, due to the reorganization of committees, the Faculty Senate had voted not to recognize the Student Publications Board as a standing committee. She said that she and Fisher met with the Operations Committee for the Faculty Senate and clarified that the Student Publications Board is a student committee and should retain faculty representation appointed by the Faculty Senate. She said the Faculty Senate only makes appointments to the Student Publications Board and has no other role beyond making appointments. Donovan said that the Faculty Senate Operations Committee reinstated recognition of the Student Publications Board as a standing student committee with faculty representation and appointed Karolyn Cannata-Winge for a two-year term to the board.

Donovan asked if there was any new business. Fisher said he is concerned about a new construction project, planned to start in December, that will expand the Biology building. He said the construction could have a major impact on the Student Publications' work environment for the next two years. He said he is still concerned about the future possibility of the demolition of Marron Hall. Fisher said he and Donovan were planning to schedule a meeting with the Vice President of Student Affairs to address these concerns.

Donovan scheduled the next meeting for Friday, Nov. 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.