

UNM Student Publications Board Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2009
Marron Hall, Rm. 131

Present: Leslie Donovan (Chair), Robert Trapp, Karolyn Cannata-Winge, V.B. Price, Mario Hernandez, Michael Thorning, Pam Herrington, Rebecca Suttmiller, Cole Vertikoff

Ex-Officio: Jim Fisher, Damian Garde

Also Present: Carolyn Souther, Rachel Hill, Colin Bridge, Randi Kozik

Absent: Ryan Tynan, Jennifer Olson

Leslie Donovan called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Donovan asked for a review of the minutes for the February 6 meeting. Two corrections were noted. Michael Thorning made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Karolyn Cannata-Winge seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan asked Damian Garde for a report on the *Daily Lobo*. Garde stated everything has been going well. Garde said he had a discussion with the UNM Communications & Marketing department regarding the UNM Press story about the termination of three employees. He said they were not happy with the terminology used in the article, which was the use of the word – “fire.” Garde said he is trying not to adopt the language or spin of UNM administrators or public relations department. He said that the spring semester has been problematic for sports coverage after basketball season ended. He said it has been an opportunity to cover other sports not always featured in the Lobo.

Price asked Garde if the Lobo reporters are able to talk directly to President Schmidly. Garde said that the newsroom is no longer allowed to call Schmidly’s cell phone. He said now they have to go through more channels to speak with him. Price asked if the *Daily Lobo* has been attacked in any way or if any attempt has been made by the administration to muzzle stories. Garde said no.

Donovan, Price and Fisher thanked Garde for his work this year and congratulated him on his achievements as *Daily Lobo* Editor.

Donovan asked Jim Fisher to give the financial statement. Fisher reviewed a financial statement through February 2009. He said that expenses were down from the previous year but noted that revenue was lower as well. Fisher said he does not expect the March statement to look good, due to not publishing for the week of spring break. He said that classified and national advertising are down significantly and may never return to levels seen a couple of years ago. He said that if local ad sales continue to do well the Lobo should break even by the end of the spring semester.

Donovan discussed the selection of the next *Daily Lobo* editor. She said there were three candidates, Colin Bridge, Rachel Hill and Randi Kozik. She said that the usual process is for the Board to go into closed session and interview each applicant separately. Donovan said that after discussion the Board would return to open session for a vote. Price made a motion to close the meeting for the purpose of interviewing candidates for *Daily Lobo* editor. Cole Vertikoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting went into closed session at 4:20 p.m.

Meeting returned to open session at 6:15 p.m. Donovan thanked all three candidates for applying. Fisher then called the roll of Board members for their preference for *Daily Lobo* editor.

Donovan, Hernandez, Trapp, Herrington, Thorning, and Price gave their preference for Rachel Hill.

Cannata-Winge, Vertikoff and Suttmiller gave their preference for Colin Bridge.

Donovan and other Board members congratulated Hill.

Donovan asked for new business.

Fisher handed out the applications to the Board for *Best Student Essays* and *Conceptions Southwest* editor. He noted that there were three candidates for each position.

Fisher then discussed a subpoena served to the *Daily Lobo* regarding a wrongful death lawsuit. He said the *Daily Lobo* was not named as a defendant in the suit. He said that the plaintiff's attorney was requesting information regarding advertisements that bars had placed in the *Daily Lobo* from 2004 through 2008. He said after conferring with University Council about the subpoena he felt there were no damaging implications for the *Daily Lobo*.

Donovan reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.