

UNM Student Publications Board Meeting
Friday, April 19, 2013
Marron Hall, Room 131

Present: Leslie Donovan, Robert Trapp, Timothy Carpenter, Miguel Gandert, Kris Miranda, Isaac Romero, Taylor Bui, Damon Hudson

Ex-officio: Jim Fisher, Junfu Han, and Elizabeth Thayer

Also Present: Gianna May, Anna Adams, Carolyn Souther

Absent: V.B. Price

Leslie Donovan called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Donovan asked for a review of the April 5, 2013, meeting minutes. Bob Trapp made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. Miranda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donovan asked Jim Fisher for a *Daily Lobo* financial report. Fisher reviewed the financials through March 2013. He said there have been reductions in spending in a few areas but expects that to be offset in April with extra expenses for sports travel and an ad staff conference. He said April is looking to be a good month for revenue and is hoping to end the year in the black.

Donovan asked Junfu Han to report on *Conceptions Southwest*. Han said the magazine is finished and distributed copies to everyone in the meeting. He said there were 120 submissions in total and felt the magazine includes a good balance between art and writing. He noted the roadrunner and tumbleweed design elements on the magazine pages that move when the magazine pages are flipped through. Fisher asked Han what his biggest challenge was as editor this year. Han replied that having enough time was challenging due to his being busy with graduate school. He said the challenge of having enough time was helped because he had a great staff and delegated a lot to the staff. He said he is very proud of the people who worked with him. Han said the staff came in every day of spring break to finish the magazine. He said the magazine was going slightly over budget and one option he had considered was to print fewer copies to save money. However, Han said that after consulting with Fisher they decided to keep the press run at 500 copies and remain slightly over budget. He said *CSW* is having a joint release party with *Best Student Essays* on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Honors Forum. The Board thanked Han for doing a great job as *CSW* editor.

Donovan asked Elizabeth Thayer for *Best Student Essays*. Thayer said the spring 2013 issue has been published and passed out copies to the Board. She said the magazine includes eight essays, including one photo essay. She said there were 22 total submissions. Fisher asked Thayer what her biggest challenge was as editor this year. Thayer said the spring issue was a bit stressful because it had a shorter deadline, but it ended up going well. She said the greatest challenge was the design editor could not work in the spring semester due to some personal issues and she ended up doing much of the design herself for the spring issue. She said she lost one staff member over the winter break due to graduation, but noted that some staff members should be returning next year. Thayer said she is proud of her staff and also appreciates the opportunity to gain experience in magazine publishing. The Board thanked Thayer for doing a great job as *BSE* editor.

Donovan asked for old business.

Taylor Bui said the ASUNM Constitutional amendment to increase student fees, and in turn Student Publications funding, did not pass with a two-thirds majority vote. He said he expects the measure to be back on the ballot for the fall 2013 election. He noted that Isaac Romero was elected ASUNM president. Donovan asked

Romero if he intended to remain on the Board or would he be appointing someone else. Romero said he most likely would be appointing someone else.

Donovan asked the Board if there should be a special meeting in June to review some of the issues that occurred over the past year. Trapp asked if the *Daily Lobo* has an employee handbook or guidebook. Fisher responded that there was nothing in one book. He said he had mentioned last fall that one should be compiled and hoped to be working with Kate Nash and Elizabeth Cleary over winter break to complete one. However, he said it had become apparent last winter that it was going to take more time to complete that project and so would most likely have to be done over the summer. Trapp said that some of the issues from the past year could have been addressed in such a handbook. Trapp asked who would be responsible for creating such a handbook. Fisher said that Kate Nash, Antonio Sanchez and himself should meet to discuss what the book should contain but the Board should approve the final product. Fisher said he thought that in the months when the Board does not meet that the three editors and he might consider submitting a written report to the Board. He said that usually he lets the editors do most of the reporting at the meetings, but thought it might be best to give his perspective as well beyond the financial reports. The Board agreed to meet in June to discuss the matter further.

Donovan reminded the Board of the scheduled meeting with President Frank's team that will be evaluating communication at UNM will be April 26, 2:00 p.m. in Scholes Hall, Rm. 141. Fisher said Frank's team will also meet with the *Daily Lobo* staff, Kate Nash, and the past and current *Daily Lobo* editor the previous day. He said the meeting also would include himself and Daven Quelle, the Lobo advertising coordinator.

Donovan asked for new business.

Taylor Bui invited everyone to the *Scribendi* release party to be held that evening in the Honors Forum.

Donovan said the Student Publications Board Banquet will be next Friday, April 26 at O'Neill's at 6:30 p.m. She said all Board members are invited.

Kris Miranda said the decision on permanent GPSA funding for *CSW* and *BSE* would be decided tomorrow, April 20.

Donovan noted that this is the last meeting of the semester and the Board needs to elect a new chair for the upcoming school year. She made a request for nominations. Miguel Gandert made a motion to nominate Leslie Donovan. Bui seconded the motion. The motion passed. Donovan was unanimously selected chair for 2013-2014 academic year.

Donovan reviewed the process for interviewing *Best Student Essays* and *Conceptions Southwest* magazine editor candidates. She said there were two applicants for the both positions, but noted that one person had applied for both positions. Donovan said that person had dropped out, leaving one applicant for each position. Donovan suggested interviewing each candidate individually in closed session and then returning to open session to record the vote for both positions.

Tim Carpenter made a motion to close the meeting to interview both *CSW* and *BSE* editor candidates. Miguel Gandert seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Board went into closed session at 3:47 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 4:28 p.m.

Donovan thanked both the candidates for applying. Donovan asked Fisher to call the role of Board members present for their preference for *Conceptions Southwest* editor. Leslie Donovan, Robert Trapp, Miguel Gandert, Kris Miranda, Timothy Carpenter, Taylor Bui, Damon Hudson and Isaac Romero all selected Gianna May. The Board congratulated May.

Donovan asked Fisher to call the role of Board members present for their preference for *Best Student Essays* editor. Leslie Donovan, Robert Trapp, Miguel Gandert, Kris Miranda, Damon Hudson and Isaac Romero selected Anna Adams. Tim Carpenter and Taylor Bui abstained. The Board congratulated Adams.

Donovan noted the terms of Board members Hudson, Carpenter and Miranda are expiring at the end of the semester and thanked them for their service to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.