

UNM-Los Alamos  
Student Government Meeting Minutes  
17 Sept 2009  
10:15-11:15AM

- I Call to order – James called the meeting to order, and will supply the minutes. Student Government Members James, Libbi, Allen, Tea, Shoshana attended. Kay, Kate, Dr. Page, Steve, Kristen (for Lisa), and Bonnie also attended. Pat served as advisor until Jackie showed up later. Elena has resigned and Victoria was in Chama and could not make it to the meeting.
- II Questions/Concerns
- A. Class Cancellations – posed by all Student Government Members and Kate answered.
- a. Before classes begin, any class with 0 to 3 students is automatically cancelled. Another reason why classes might get cancelled is they are scheduled in advance and the teacher decides to quit, and no replacement can be found in time. This year one of the main reasons for class cancelations was due to budget cuts proposed by the Governor and there was no money to pay the instructors. Smaller classes are allowed to go because the people in the class absolutely need the class to graduate.
  - b. Allen's problem that the class has never been offered at UNM-LA. Neither Kate nor Kay has ever heard of a class in a program ever being offered at UNM.
  - c. Tea asked if the discounts on early registration still apply if the original class is cancelled and a new class been chosen. Kate believed it should, but might need to check with Gale in the cashier office to make sure.
  - d. If students are having trouble then they can contact their curriculum coordinator to see if anything can be done.
- B. Expenses at UNM-LA – Allen originally brought this question up on the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Steve and Kristen answered this question.
- a. Who sets the prices here at UNM-LA? Kristen stood in for Lisa who couldn't make it because of other meetings. There was no increase at UNM-LA in almost 4 years. To try to increase money coming into the campus, Steve and Lisa did a price comparison between other businesses in Los Alamos. They came up with a price that allowed them to remain competitive and make cover expenses, but do not make a real profit. Steve gave the example that it costs him 97 cents for a candy bar.
- C. Tutoring – Libbi presented this idea at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kay received the idea.
- a. The idea was to pick some of the gifted students in each math class and have them become student tutors to help students who might be to afraid to go to the tutor center to ask for help. To reward students, give them either extra credit or student government would give the students a stipend.
  - b. Kay liked the idea and would be more than happy to explore it. There is no money in the program to reward students, so student government would have to fund them. However, if Student Government would be willing to come up with a proposal she would help get it going. Maybe visit some of the math classes and

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see what the students might think. Libbi volunteered to meet with Kay and start looking into the program.

- D. Collaborating with Marketing and Communications – James brought up this idea about how UNM-LA is never really noticed at community events. Bonnie offered responses.
- As for UNM-LA never really being noticed at the community events or not even being able to show up is because Bonnie is the only person who goes and she can't do it all.
  - Bonnie has started to put more ads out in Los Alamos and Espanola news papers, and also at the Los Alamos and Espanola movie theaters.
  - Some other ideas to get information out to people is Facebook and Twitter, and Bonnie is looking for ideas to build them and is willing to work with student government to get them built. Also, Bonnie is looking for people who can blig about UNM-LA and has the money to pay them \$50 per month. Possibly some day have classes have their own webct like website so students can connect with each other.
  - Finally, Bonnie is willing to build a website for the Student Government. James is willing to volunteer to get that going.
  - Libbi brought up the college fair that the high school and suggested that she did not see UNM-LA and said that we should sponsor one. Jackie could not remember never being invited to one. Dr. Page said that One-Stop will be reopening and will allow people to go in there and get help with colleges and job searching.
- E. Bookstore Transition – All members shared concerned about the closing of the bookstore. Steve answered.
- The store will be shutting down the selling of books. There will be a terminal to help students order their books and someone will be in the store to offer help.
  - This will not eliminate the buy back. The new company issues and buy back price at the time of purchase.
  - There will be a major marketing campaign to help educate students and staff about the change.
  - The hours of the store will still be 10-2 but will remain open longer during the rush times on books.
  - Electronic versions of the books maybe bought and can be downloaded with in 30 minutes.
- F. H1N1 – Not in the original agenda but presented by James.
- With the death of a of a UNM-LA student without risk factors for H1N1 what can the university do to help students who might be worried about it?
  - Proposal for handwipes will be being presented here in the next few days and will probably go to student government. Maybe also having public health come and present at the school. Jackie also presented the idea that Student Government take H1N1 leader classes, so Student Government can act as leaders in educating the other students on campus.
- G. Construction at UNM-LA
- Stalled because of the hail storm and deciding on who would fix the roof.
  - Construction will begin in mid-october.
  - Jackie will provide drawings to all the new Student Government members.

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H. Homecoming Parade

- a. Last year Student Government gave money to the project and volunteered to be on the float, but did not want to be apart of the planning. Does Student Government want to do the same or help organize the float?

III Next Meeting

Tuesday 29 September 10:15-11:15 Student Government Room

\*Next meeting will actually be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the same time\*

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