

Executive Summary

Founded in 1996, the Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) is entering its 30th year of ensuring fiduciary responsibility of the Mandatory Student Fee (MSF) paid by undergraduate and graduate students as part of a collaborative effort between both student governments and numerous UNM administrators. It is perhaps the best example of combined student input into significant university decisions at UNM. SFRB funds are limited to non-academic UNM units, and our governing policies are listed in UAP 1310 with additional operations stated in our internal Standing Rules. These can be viewed on the SFRB website: www.sfrb.unm.edu.

This year's SFRB group successfully managed allocation of just over \$34 million to various units across campus. It is important to note that SFRB does not make final decisions, only recommendations to the Budget Leadership Team (BLT), which subsequently passes recommendations on to the President's Office for final approval. Any changes in the MSF require Board of Regents approval. This year's SFRB did not recommend any changes to the MSF, and that was upheld by the BLT and President's Office.

The 2025-2026 SFRB Application Cycle (for FY 2027), was one of the most active to date. We received applications from 34 distinct units—a 26% increase from last year. Our applications are divided into recurring funding, meant for fixed costs including operational budgets, student employees, etc.; and one-time costs, meant for capital projects, pilot programs, etc. This year we received 30 recurring requests and 8 one-time requests. Of the 34 units, 23 of them (68%) requested increases in last year's funding amount. The total amount of requested funding across all units increased from FY 26 in recurring and one-time by 17% and 60%, respectively. This underscores that SFRB funds are highly valued and utilized effectively by the UNM community.

SFRB begins in the summer with the application opening in July. We hold two application workshops before the applications close in mid-September. All applying units, after confirmation of eligibility, are invited present their requests at hearings in mid-October. The SFRB then meets to deliberate and decide on recommendations before presenting these recommendations to the BLT in early December. In total, the 5 undergraduate and 4 graduate members of SFRB dedicated nearly 30 hours of time to ensuring a rigorous, transparent, and thorough process.

We are pleased to report that the SFRB reserves, which stood at just over \$6 million at the start of FY 26, are projected to stand at \$5.3 million after allocations are given in FY 27. Given that one-time funding is sourced SFRB reserves, it is essential to award appropriate one-time requests while ensuring fiscal sustainability for future years.

We are also pleased to report that our overall approved recommendation of \$34,002,138 is a 10.5% increase over FY 26 and represents coverage of 98.4% of requested recurring funds and 137% of requested one-time funds. Based on enrollment projections for 2026-2027, our recommendations will be \$90,846 under budget without any increase to MSF. Additional details can be seen below.

Table 1: FY 2027 Recurring Allocations

If a unit has recommendations as noted in the 4th column, those can be found on page 5. Please address these recommendations when submitting FY 28 applications to SFRB.

No.	Unit Name	Amount	Summary	Rec?
1	African American Student Services (AASS)	\$220,000	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
2	Agora Crisis Center	\$98,988	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
3	American Indian Student Services (AISS)	\$245,000	Request fully approved, including increase. Typo on original application.	N
4	Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center (AAPIRC)	\$200,000	Requested approved with partial increase over FY 26 amounts.	Y
5	Career Services	\$72,200	Request fully approved. Half of increase in recurring and half in one-time. See recommendation.	N
6	Student Learning Assistance (CTL)	\$558,414	Request fully approved. No increase requested.	N
7	College Enrichment Program (PLF)	\$150,000	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
8	Community Engagement Center (CLPS)	\$150,851	Request approved with \$5,000 increase over FY 26.	N
9	College Assistant Migrant Program (El Centro)	\$80,000	Request fully approved, including increase.	Y
10	El Centro De La Raza	\$380,000	Request fully approved, including increase.	Y
11	Dean of Students Office (SRR) - New for FY27	\$80,250	Request fully approved.	N
12	Global Education Office (ISSS & E/A)	\$147,021	Request approved with \$5,728 increase over FY 26.	Y
13	Graduate Support at CTL (GRC)	\$80,048	Request fully approved. No increase requested.	N
14	LGBTQ Resource Center / Arcoiris	\$125,000	Request fully approved. No increase requested.	N
15	LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center	\$53,848	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
16	Music Bands	\$75,000	Request fully approved. No increase requested.	N
17	Project for NM GS of Color (PNMGC)	\$95,400	Request fully approved at FY 26 levels.	Y
18	Recreational Services / Johnson Center	\$1,712,763	Request fully approved, including increase.	Y

19	Student Activity Center	\$310,310	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
20	Student Govt. Accounting Office (SGAO)	\$499,115	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
21	Student Publications (Daily Lobo)	\$65,000	Request fully approved. No increase requested.	Y
22	Student Union Building (SUB)	\$2,508,128	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
23	University Libraries	\$461,854	Request fully approved, including increase.	Y
24	UNM Campus Office of Substance & Alcohol Prevention (COSAP)	\$32,028	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
25	UNM Children's Campus	\$473,957	Request approved with \$144,161 increase over FY 26. This reflects 9% less than the requested increase from the final licensing policy effective 11/1/25.	Y
26	UNM Public Events (Popejoy)	\$65,000	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
27	Veteran & Military Resource Center	\$61,290	Request fully approved, including increase. \$15,000 given for ceremonies.	N
28	Women's Resource Center	\$135,772	Request fully approved, including increase.	N
29	GPSA Graduate Scholarship Fund	\$30,682	Request fully approved. No increase requested.	Y
30	GPSA Student Research Grant	\$61,075	Request fully approved. No increase requested.	Y
	Subtotal – Student Activity Fees (SAF)	\$9,228,994		

Table 2: FY 2027 One-Time Allocations

If a unit has recommendations as noted in the 4th column, those can be found on page 5. Please address these recommendations when submitting FY 28 applications to SFRB.

No.	Unit Name	Amount	Summary	Rec?
1	Career Services	\$40,000	This amount was moved from recurring to one-time funding for this unit.	N
2	Community Engagement Center	\$21,000	Request fully funded at FY 26 levels with \$3,000 increase for software.	N
3	UNM Children's Campus	\$233,900	Request increased to \$233,900. See recommendation below.	Y
4	LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center	\$10,000	No request submitted. \$10,000 awarded to expand hours for Lobo Food Pantry.	Y
5	Music Bands	\$15,000	Moved to one-time funding. See recommendation below.	Y
6	Student Union Building (SUB)	\$220,000	Request fully funded. See recommendation below.	Y
7	Parking & Transportation Services (PATS) Bike Valet Locker expansions.	\$354,234	Request fully funded.	N
8	PATS - Lobo Lift - President Stokes & SFRB Initiative- Program Launch	\$165,289	Request fully funded. See recommendation below.	Y
9	PATS - Transportation Information Center (TIC)	\$25,688	Request fully funded. See recommendation below.	Y
10	Recreational Services (Johnson Center)	\$750,000	Request fully funded. See recommendation below.	Y
11	Graduate Community Mentoring Program (GCM)	\$20,685	New unit for FY 27. Recurring amount moved to one-time and funded at \$20,685.	Y
12	Student Activity Center	\$124,240	Request fully funded. See recommendation below.	Y
13	University Libraries	\$38,000	Request fully funded. See recommendation below.	Y
	Subtotal – SFRB One Time Funding	\$2,018,036		

Table 3: Recurring Request Recommendations

Unit Name	Recommendation
Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center (AAPIRC)	SFRB prioritizes funding student staff positions and graduate assistantships over full-time staff positions, per our standing rules. SFRB recommends the increase in recurring funding be used for a graduate assistantship to support the unit's operations.
Children's Campus	SFRB reduced requested increase to recurring funding by 9% given revised licensing rules effective 11/1/25. SFRB also requests data on efficacy of productivity and service improvements given salary increases.
El Centro De La Raza	SFRB recommends aiming for more modest increase next year given substantial year over year increase for El Centro as a whole and the CAMP (College Assistant Migrant Program).
Global Education Office (ISSS & E/A)	SFRB recommends utilizing large reserves before seeking more new recurring funds. For FY27, given the large amount of request, direct scholarships were recommended to remain flat.
KUNM	SFRB typically does not fund staff positions except in limited direct student service roles. SFRB funds generally support direct student social and cultural activities and student support infrastructure. SFRB commends the public service function of KUNM but recommends alternative funding sources.
Parking & Transportation Services (PATS)	Requests moved to one-time allocations; see recommendation below (Table 6).
Project for NM GS of Color (PNMGC)	SFRB recommends that PNMGC seek to reduce their reserves before seeking new recurring funding.
Recreational Services / Johnson Center	SFRB recommends that Recreational Services fund 2 additional staff positions to maintain operations, safety, and quality of service during evening and weekend hours.
Student Publications	SFRB's initial recommendation was to replace \$120,000 in recurring funding for Student Publications from ASUNM's budget with the same value in recurring from SFRB given that this unit serves all students, not just undergraduates. The bill for this change did not pass ASUNM Senate, so the funding for Student Publications remains the same as Student Publications will continue to receive \$120,000 from ASUNM.
University Libraries	SFRB moved \$38,000 in new recurring funding request to one time (see Table 6). \$20,000 in recurring funding is recommended for an AI project assistantship.
GPSA Graduate Scholarship Fund and Student Research Grant	SFRB recommends GPSA seeks alternative permanent funding mechanisms for these programs for FY 28.

Table 4: One-Time Request Recommendations

Unit Name	Recommendation
Children’s Campus	SFRB is recommending one-time funding of \$220,000 for two type A buses for replacement in this funding cycle. SFRB recommends Children’s Campus seek alternative funds to replace the other 3 buses.
Graduate Community Mentoring (GCM)	SFRB is recommending funding to support a Graduate Assistantship for GCM. We also recommend Graduate Studies work to find efficiencies between GCM and PNMGC.
LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center	SFRB is recommending moving \$10,000 from recurring funding to one-time for a pilot project to increase staffing to extend the available hours of the Lobo Food Pantry.
Music Bands	SFRB is recommending \$15,000 for one-time equipment purchases to avoid using recurring funds for this purpose.
PATS - Transportation Information Center (TIC)	SFRB recommends exploration of co-locating the TIC at the Bike Valet for cost savings and visibility.
PATS - Lobo Lift - President Stokes & SFRB Initiative-Program Launch	If the program is successful, SFRB recommends considering a request for recurring funding for employment positions.
Recreational Services (Johnson Center)	SFRB recommends prioritizing value in project management and implementation of turnstiles (\$550,000). SFRB allocates an additional \$200,000 towards Johnson Center Feasibility study with recommendation that the remaining balance for the full feasibility study be collaboratively funded by remaining stakeholders.
Student Activities Center (SAC)	SFRB is recommending increasing the one-time funding by \$40,000 to cover the cost of additional security at large events in accordance with amended UNM policy. Additional one-time funding covers the cost of piloting strategic staff restructure with Graduate Assistantships for planning graduate student initiatives and supporting fraternity and sorority life. SFRB requests a detailed report on expenditure of the \$40,000 for security and long-term recommendations based on actual GA utilization for sustainable staffing.
Student Union Building (SUB)	SFRB is recommending one-time funding for capital improvements and is increasing one-time allocation by \$30,000 to add to the internal SUB budget for CSO event cost assistance.
University Libraries	SFRB is recommending moving \$38,000 from recurring funding to one-time to support installation of a collaborative learning space in the Centennial Engineering Library.

SFRB would like to thank the following individuals for their service on the board this year:

Name	Position
Soumyodipta Karmakar	Graduate/Professional voting
Hope Montoya	Undergraduate - 1 year appointment
Ryan Pauly	Undergraduate - 2 year appointment odd year start
Jonathan Martinez-Mayer	Undergraduate - ASUNM Senate Appointment
Bailey Rutherford	Undergraduate - 2 year appointment even year start
Bhawana Kafle	Graduate/Professional non-voting alternate
Ferdinand Kwarteng	Graduate/Professional non-voting alternate

We would also like to thank Ryan Lindquist, Rosenda Marrufo, Jeremy Hamlin, and Dr. Eric Scott for their time, invaluable perspective, and immense patience.

Respectfully submitted,

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