

Fuerzas Unidas Caucus Membership Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023

After being welcomed by Vicky, Felice gave an update on the caucus account. Some members have paid dues. Reminder and request made to pay dues by going to website or act blue directly to pay dues or you can pay by check.

Action Plan Status- Vicky has been working diligently to put our Strategic Plan in order while looking over suggestions that were submitted. There have been a few revisions and we are hoping to present the final draft at the next membership in April.

Elections- Melissa has been gathering information and working with Vicky and Christina on the upcoming elections. Information about election and nomination forms will be posted on our website at www.fuerzasunidasnm.com Elections will be in May, specific dates will be posted soon. We are hoping our Rural Reps will run again, and any persons interested in running please let us know!

Youth in Leadership- Lorenzo de Zavala was our first speaker today. He spoke of the Youth and Government conference being held June 11-18, 2023 and the opportunities it provides to high school students. They host 150 sophomore and junior students from all around New Mexico. This conference mirrors governmental processes for the students and allows them to learn how our state government works. There are opportunities to gain an understanding of the politics that govern their lives and to discuss issues relevant to them and their communities. The program is free to the students except for a \$25.00 application fee.

UNM College Democrats- Andrew Schuman was our second speaker of the meeting. He spoke about his history in the political world and how he came to be part of the UNM College Democrats, joining his senior year of high school after being inspired by Bernie Sanders. He was admitted into the Fred Harris Program and lived in Washington DC where he worked for Theresa Leger Hernandez. He's worked with programs in Santa Fe that mirror the Washington DC experience and has shadowed state legislators. He plans to bring speakers to UNM campus next year and partner with ethnic resource groups to educate and do outreach. He is now one of two New Mexicans nominated for the Truman Award! What an accomplished individual!

Next membership meeting- Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:00pm. See you there!