

# Committee on Academics

## Senate of the Associated Students 82<sup>nd</sup> Session

Minutes for Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.  
DeLaMare Library Room 102

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Golez called the meeting on Committee on Academics in the DeLaMare Library Room 102 to order at 1:01 PM on May 12, 2014, presiding secretary Janice Bautista.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Senator Brounstein, Golez, and Sung were all present. Senator Ramirez was absent unexcused. Senator Bustos was absent excused. Quorum was present.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

### 4. MINUTES

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Liaisons- Academic Colleges

- i. Senator Ramirez; College of Business and College of Engineering
- ii. Senator Brounstein: College of Engineering and College of Science  
Senator Brounstein said that he has spoke to the College of Engineering and he is schedule to meet with the dean of the College of Science over summer.
- iii. Senator Sung; CABNR and Interdisciplinary Programs  
Senator Sung said that he has plans to meet with the dean of CABNR.
- iv. Senator Bustos; Division of Health Sciences, Reynolds School of Journalism
- v. Senator Golez; College of Liberal Arts, College of Education

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Chair Report

Senator Brounstein asked how often the faculty senate meets.

Senator Golez said that they meet once a month. There are also Provost meetings.

#### b. Major and Scholarship Exploration Day (joint venture with University Affairs)

Senator Golez asked for ideas so he can pass this along to the Senator Feenstra.

Senator Brounsteins said that he wants to ask every department to be at the event. He asked who they would need to talk for funding for a barbeque for this event.

Senator Golez said that he is planning to ask the programming board to help with funding the event. They do not want to make a resolution because they want to see how the event will go first before making it a yearly thing.

Senator Brounstein suggested a banner that may go across the quad.

Senator Sung suggested grouping the tables by college.

Senator Brounstein asked if they can contact alumni to help with the event.

Senator Sung suggested getting faculty and staff to attend the event as well.

Senator Golez asked if they are thinking about doing something like the club fair.

Senator Brounstein said yes, similar to the club fair. He suggested contacting Inkblot for creating banners for the event.

Senator Sung asked when they would be planning the event

Senator Golez said that they spoke about doing the event around November.

Senator Sung suggested maybe planning the event for inside since the weather may not permit the event to be outside.

Senator Brounstein said that if not outside, they should do it in the Joe Ballrooms.

Speaker Fabbi suggested going to the Undecided Major Office.

c. **Research**

Senator Golez said that tomorrow they will be having a VP council meeting from 1:30-5:00 pm at the Clark Administration building. They will be giving a presentation about '15 to Finish.' There is a concern about the 15 credits Millennium Scholarship.

Senator Sung asked if 15 to Finish is already approved.

Senator Golez said that this will be applied this fall.

Senator Brounstein asked if this is a one year trial or if they will be implementing it year after year.

Senator Golez said that he think that they are implementing this since they have a huge budget for it.

d. **Creation of Core Advisory Group Liaisons**

- i. The committee will assign themselves to liaise to the following Advisory Groups:
  - A. Writing
  - B. Math
  - C. Social Science
  - D. Fine Arts
  - E. Natural Science
  - F. Diversity
  - G. Core Humanities
  - H. Capstone

Senator Golez said that these liaisons are for the core curriculum. Last session, the senators spoke with individuals in these advisory groups and found out any updates that the groups may have.

Senator Brounstein asked to liaison for the Capstone and the Math Advisory Group.

Senator Sung asked to liaison for the Diversity Advisory Group.

Senator Golez will liaison for Core Humanities Advisory Group.

e. **Summer Projects**

Senator Golez asked the committee for any summer project ideas they may have.

Senator Brounstein said that he is going to look into how the Scholarship Committee is formed. He spoke to Director Amy and she said that there are more people applying for scholarships so it is becoming more difficult.

Speaker Fabbi said right now they asked for chairs and members-at-large to sit in the committee. The process is informal.

Senator Golez suggested making a formal process.

Senator Sung said that he will try to see if the grade replacement policy in the Chemistry Lab can be changed. He explained that Reno students who took AP Chemistry in high school, they get a grade that transfer into UNR. If these students wanted to replace their grade, they can only take Chem

Senator Golez said that he will be doing more research on '15 to Finish' as well as the Silver and Blue plan.

Speaker Fabbi suggested the committee to look back from previous sessions to find ideas as well as looking at other Universities.

Senator Golez also spoke about working on the Undergraduate Research Journal. He hopes to do advertising for them next semester.

Senator Brounstein said that he has connections with UNLV's CSUN and asked if he should speak with them about the Undergraduate Research Journal.

Senator Golez said that would be a good idea. Next semester he would like to have the Faculty Advisors on the Undergrad Research Journal to come and speak to them.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments at this time.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the committee, Senator Golez adjourned the meeting at 1:29 pm.