1. **call meeting to order**

Speaker Higgins called the meeting on the Senate of the Associated Students to order at 5:30 PM, presiding Secretary Andrew Chais.

1. **pledge of allegiance**
2. **roll call**

Senator Baig was tardy excused. Senator Malin and Senator Sharma were absent excused. All other Senators were present.

A quorum was present.

1. **adoption of minutes**

Senator Swanson motioned to approve the minutes from October 31, 2012. Senator Corcoran seconded.

Motion passed.

1. **public comment**

Dr. Marcyznski said there is a problem on campus with bike theft. He said if students used U-bolts they would not lose their bikes but they are having a problem with getting students to do so. He said they have partnered with the Bookstore and are giving coupons for five dollars off locks. He said not one student has used this yet. He said another big problem is that the vast majority of bike users have not registered their bikes with Parks and Services. He said they are looking to the Senate to brainstorm ideas for this problem.

Director Rodriguez gave a reminder that Veteran’s Day is Monday. She introduced Nicky Damania, the new Associate Director for the Senate. She said they are very excited to have him on board.

Nicky Damania said he is excited to be here and meet everyone. He said he would be emailing everyone to meet and get to know them. He said he would also like for them to give him a tour of their colleges and introduce him to the faculty members.

1. **receipt of petitions and correspondence to the senate and referral**
2. **reports of asun officers**
	1. President of the Associated Students, Huili Weinstock

President Weinstock said he heard back how much the remodel will be and said it will be about $45,000. He said that doesn’t mean they will use all $45,000 dollars and if they don’t use it all the money will stay in the capital account. He said January 15th is the day they hope the remodel will be completed. He said he would also like to meet with Senators about marketing strategies and other ideas for the space.

Senator Snyder asked what happens if they go over budget.

President Weinstock said that he won’t go over budget.

President Weinstock discussed Family Weekend. He said he had a meeting about what Basketball games they can pair it with. He said they are looking at February 19th which is the Fresno game but they are worried because it is a Tuesday. He discussed other events that would be going on that weekend as well.

Senator Coffey asked if they chose that weekend because of President’s Day Weekend.

President Weinstock said he is looking at schools that are closest to the University. He also discussed the idea of a class gift. He said the class gift is something that the students give back to the University. He said he will be donating $20.13 to the fund because he is graduating in May of 2013. He said the foundation is looking to them to see if this is something that they want to do. He said there are issues with this idea because many students don’t identify with a specific graduating class.

Senator Byrnes asked where the money would go to.

President Weinstock said they would go into an endowment account. He explained what other universities do and explained where the money could go towards.

Senator Coffey asked if the idea is based on other college’s experiences.

 President Weinstock said he would be getting more information within the next couple days.

Senator Coffey said he thinks this idea would work well for a smaller college and would be more difficult for a larger university. He said he still feels that it is a great idea.

 Senator Byrnes asked if they should email him if they are interested.

President Weinstock said right now they are trying to figure out if this is something they are interested in pursuing. He said they have also had suggestions about some type of reward for Alumni.

Senator Suri asked if they have to donate the amount that he stated.

President Weinstock said they can donate whatever amount that they want.

Senator O’Shea asked about students that graduate in December.

President Weinstock said that he does not have an answer for that yet.

Senator Snyder said he wouldn’t feel comfortable asking his constituents to donate to an account without hearing ideas or goals and asked for those ideas. He also discussed how students that are graduating may show more loyalty towards their specific colleges.

President Weinstock said that has been brought up and there is a 15 page proposal that will be sent out.

Senator Biggs asked how the donation would be applied. She asked if it would be a fee on MyNEVADA.

President Weinstock said that is something that is still being discussed.

*Senator Baig entered at 5:40.*

President Weisnstock said Vice President Lopez and Senator Rashdan gave a presentation on a student run eatery to some of the higher-ups on campus. He explained some of the ideas for the eatery. He said it would be a Zero balance eatery that would be run by students. He said he is putting together a business plan and asked for any Senators that would be willing to help him.

* 1. Vice President of the Associated Students, R.J. Lopez

Vice President Lopez said he met with President Johnson and some of the higher-ups about the new student success center. He said they really liked the idea. He said Senator Rashdan will be giving a presentation at one of the next upcoming meetings. He also said the proportionality plan is not done yet.

* 1. Chief of Staff, Erik Edgington

Chief of Staff Edgington discussed the proportionality plan and said they are moving forward with the plan that they have discussed. He said he had his conference on Saturday and that no one showed up. He said he learned a lot from it for the next conferences. He said they will be working on the middle school outreach program and hopes to have it started by November or December. He said the executive internship applications closed on Monday.

Senator Snyder asked how many applications have been turned in for the internship program.

Chief of Staff Edgington said they have received nine applications. He said if they are interested in the middle school outreach program he will need help with that.

* 1. Director of Programming, Wesley Nilsson
	2. Attorney General, Kathryn Merrill

Attorney General Merrill said the September 12th and the October 17th charges have not been consolidated and written up by the Justice Board yet. She said this brings up some issues. She said they still need to come up with some type of punitive action and outlining this. She said that Government Operations needs to work on outlining the internship positions so they don’t breach on any ethical issues. She said they should also add something about the resignation process. She said the Gender, Identity, and Power conference had its first meeting and they will be sending out workshop proposals on November 14th.

* 1. Elections Chair, James Kuzhippala

Elections Chair Kuzhippala said this is a key time for advertising for the elections for next semester. He said Inkblot is making posters for them and they will be done by next Tuesday. He said he would like the Senators to go to classes and make announcements about the elections. He also discussed making a video about the day in the life of a Senator that would allow people to have an idea of what they do.

* 1. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Christopher Gomez
	2. Director of Traditions, Shaun Carroll
	3. Director of Campus Unity, Jenelle Yee
	4. Director of Legislative Affairs, Michael Stannard
	5. Presidential Assistant on Campus and Public Relations, Jessica Fagundes
1. **report of the senate committees**
	1. Report of the Chair of the Committee on Academics, Senator Alvarado

Senator Alvarado said he met with the Undergraduate Research Office last Friday. He said they are looking opening positions within two weeks and they will remain open indefinitely until they have work for them. He said they are setting up a presentation regarding the process of applying for grants. He said they decided on the format and explained the process. He said there is a research fair on April 16th. He said they met on Saturday and discussed tabling for professor reviews and getting something in addition to that so ASUN can receive feedback. He said they worked on legislation as well.

* 1. Report of the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance, Senator Sharma

Senator Jay said they met last Thursday and they reported favorably a bill to purchase an ASUN vehicle. He said they discussed financial reviews and they will be meeting tomorrow at 7 PM and will be discussing four more reviews.

* 1. Report of the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Malin

Senator Baig they are meeting this Friday. He read the attendance into the record: *Senator Baig and Senator Swanson were absent excused. All other Senators were present.*

* 1. Report of the Chair of the Committee on Public Affairs, Senator Jay

Senator Jay read the attendance into the record: *Senator Beresid was absent excused. Senator Waldeck was absent unexcused. All other Senators were present.* He said they are still working on mining taxation and pedestrian safety. He said they formed new goals since they have new committee members.

* 1. Report of the Chair of the Committee on University Affairs, Senator Rashdan

Senator Rashdan read the attendance into the record: *All Senators were present.* He said they reported a Senate Bill about time and courses that they will be looking at in Senate two weeks from now. He said they discussed some events in regards to the female mascot.

* 1. Report of the Chair of the Special Committee on the Cooperative Housing Initiative, Senator O’Shea

Senator O’Shea said they met Sunday and said they went over the project in detail. He said they also assigned Senators to specific projects. He read the attendance into the record: *Senator Baig was absent unexcused. All other Senators were present.*

* 1. Report of the Chair of the Committee on Oversight, Speaker Higgins

Speaker Higgins said at their last meeting they discussed ideas for accountability for Senators. He said they had a lot of good ideas that they will see coming up. He said they discussed the project that Members-at-Large will be working on. He said they will be investigating Senate turnover and voting for the budget. He said the Chair will be Abhay Sharma.

1. **comments and announcements**

Senator Walberg said the Veteran’s Breakfast is on November 14th. She said Inkblot will have the poster done either tomorrow or Friday which leaves Tuesday to be the only tabling time. She said she will be passing around a signup sheet for tabling.

Senator Byrnes gave information on the canned food drive. She said there are flyers in everyone’s boxes for them to hand out. She said all the boxes for the colleges need to be finished and decorated by tonight. She said they want the Senators to go out to the colleges and let them know about the food drive. She also asked people in the Greek Community to reach out to their houses about getting involved. She said that there will be booths for the actual event and that they want everyone to be there running the booths.

Senator Corcoran asked when the event is.

Senator Byrnes said the event is November 20th from 8:30 to10:30. She said there will be more information at the next meeting.

1. **motions to fast-track apointments**
	1. **NOMINATION OF MYLES BUTTON TO THE OFFICE OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Senator Suri motioned to fast-track the nomination of Myles Button to the Office of Member-at-Large. Senator Swanson seconded.

Motion passed.

Myles Button introduced himself and said he wants to be a part of ASUN and the Senate anyway he can.

Senator Swanson motioned to approve the nomination of Myles Button to the Office of Member-at-Large. Senator Rashdan seconded.

Senator Rashdan asked if he has gotten involved in anything since they spoke with him last.

Myles Button said he has signed up for attending JSAC meetings, said he sent in an application for an executive internship and the assistant chair for the elections committee.

Senator Rashdan asked what committees he is interested in.

Myles Button said he is interested in the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Committee on Academics.

Senator Rashdan asked if he is interested in any specific programs.

Myles Button said he wants to focus on communication but nothing specific yet.

Senator Rashdan asked if he has played around with the ASUN website yet.

Senator Corcoran asked if he plans to run for anything in the future.

Myles Button said he would like to run to be a Senator.

Attorney General Merrill explained that he could only run for one position at a time.

Senator Snyder asked about his goals.

Myles Button said he wants to learn as much as I can and see how the committees work and that he has a strong opinion that can be contributed.

Motion passed.

* 1. **NOMINATION OF AMANDA WALTERS TO THE OFFICE OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE**
	2. **NOMINATION OF SHAY TAYLOR TO THE OFFICE OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE**
1. **approval of appointments of senators and asun officials**

Senator O’Shea motioned to remove Senator Baig from the committee on. Senator Baig seconded.

Senator O’Shea explained that Senator Baig has a time conflict with the meetings and it would be best to remove him from the committee.

Motion passed.

1. **election of senate officers**
2. **veto messages from the president**
3. **consent agenda**
4. **first reading of legislation**
5. **mOtions to fast-track legislation**
6. **referrals to committee**
7. **second reading of legislation**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

* 1. **S.R. 80-A: Resolution in Support of Adding a Voting Student Regent to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents**

Senator Swanson motioned to approve S.R. 80-A. Senator Jay seconded.

Senator Rashdan presented the resolution and said that it is to recognize their support for adding a student regent. He said there has been a big push for this position but there are no documents saying that they want to have this position. He said this document serves as a resource for the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Swanson said she agrees with what was said about lines 27 and lines 23 and 24 being redundant.

Senator O’Shea motioned to strike line 27. Senator Coffey seconded.

Senator Snyder said that the line adds more power to the resolution.

Senator Swanson asked if it would be more appropriate to strike lines 23 and 24 and keep line 27.

Senator Coffey said he agrees with Senator Snyder.

Senator Jay said that lines 25 and 26 follow lines 23 and 24 so striking them would not make sense.

Senator Suri said she doesn’t feel it is necessary to strike line 27.

Motion passed.

Motion passed. S.R. 80-A was approved.

* 1. **S.B. 80-A: An Act Making Appropriations for Operating for Inkblot Promotions for Fiscal Year 2013**

Senator Swanson motioned to approve S.B. 80-A: An Act Making Appropriations for Operating for Inkblot Promotions for Fiscal Year 2013. Senator Alvarado seconded.

Senator Jay presented the bill. He explained what the app is and the costs that come with the app. He said if they don’t move forward with this app then AT&T will pull the program that gives the University money from student’s and faculty’s phone bills. He said the Committee on Budget and Finance also recommended tabling this bill until they see the contract that they will be entering into.

Chief of Staff Edgington said that $4000 would be paid by Inkblot. He also said the contract is tough to get without the money for it yet.

Senator Coffey asked Chief of Staff Edgington about what he means when he said they need the money to see the contract.

Chief of Staff Edgington said that IT has the contract and that they would be pulling the funds from Inkblot’s account.

Senator Jay said that if AT&T is willing to pull the program now they still may pull the program next year. He said if they don’t go with the app they would still lose the $12,500 that they put up initially. He said he wanted to see something in writing so that they have comfort knowing they wouldn’t pull the program.

Chief of Staff Edgington said it is not something that they can ask them for.

Director Rodriguez provided her understanding of how the money comes back to the university period.

Senator Jay explained to Director Rodriguez of their understanding that AT&T may end that program.

Director Rodriguez said her understanding is that isn’t how it would work. She said the question is what IT would do with the money that comes back from AT&T.

Senator Jay said they were under the wrong impression.

Chief of Staff Edgington said only 1,000 students are on this program. He said they should be able to get more students to know about the program and to sign up

Senator O’Shea went to the unr.edu website and said they have a mobile site. He asked what the app would provide them that the mobile site doesn’t.

Chief of Staff Edgington recommended looking at the app. He said you would be able to see your courses and events that will be going on. He also said they will be able to see the sporting events as well.

President Weinstock said he would show the video for the app.

Senator Swanson said there is a mobile blackboard app and asked if it would be more beneficial to have the app.

Chief of Staff Edgington said the app would allow them to get everything all under one hub.

Speaker Higgins asked if the committee report is incorrect or if they are worried about what IT will do with the money.

Chief of Staff Edgington said that was brought up to him and they are concerned with both issues.

*Senator Alvarado left the meeting at 6:18.*

Senator Biggs asked if the app would work on all smartphones.

Chief of Staff Edgington explained what phones it will work for.

President Weinstock explained that all the apps that are on campus could be put into this app.

 Senator Coffey asked if they would require extra investments.

President Weinstock said there are extra costs but that they are optional. He said they could incorporate their own apps into this app.

 Chief of Staff Edgington said that training comes with the app.

 Senator O’Shea asked who would be deciding what modules get put into the app.

 President Weinstock said it would be them and IT.

 Senator Jay asked why IT wasn’t at the meeting to discuss this.

 President Weinstock said they could have them come when they are available.

Senator Coffey said that it seems that not all the information that the Chair wanted was given and asked why the bill was referred to Senate.

Senator Jay said they referred the bill because they were told more information would be given one they referred the bill.

Senator Carley Tesser said that this app is cost efficient and said the other apps that they were looking into were substantially higher.

President Weinstock said they looked into the Stanford App and it would cost them $98,000 a year.

Senator O’Shea clarified that the information that they were missing was from the AT&T side. He said they thought it would give Chief of Staff Edgington enough time to get that information.

Chief of Edgington said that IT has the same information that they have.

Senator Coffey said they should be discussing if they want to pursue the app. He also said he feels that the app would be beneficial.

Senator Snyder asked how would this app be marketed towards students.

Chief of Staff Edgington said marketing would come from Inkblot since they are playing the yearly fee.

President Weinstock said they would target students during Orientation. He said he wants to catch them when they are freshman and sophomores.

Senator Swanson asked if students would be charged to use the app.

Chief of Staff Edgington said the app would be free.

Senator Byrnes said they shouldn’t have a problem getting students to use the app.

President Weinstock said the app would have the blackboard app and be a one-stop shop for everything.

Senator Coffey asked since they have to pay for the blackboard app now if they would still have to pay for it.

President Weinstock said they wouldn’t have to pay since it would be incorporated into this app.

Senator Jay asked who would be managing the app.

Chief of Staff Edgington said it would be ASUN, the Webmaster, and IT.

President Weinstock said mantainence and repair would go through AT&T.

Senator Carley Tesser said that she feels that AT&T is a credible company and it would be beneficial for them to purchase the app.

Director Rodriguez said that it is a valid question about them pulling the program. She asked if they would be pulling it from the University or nation wide.

President Weinstock said that they would be pulling the discounted plan nation wide if they were to do so.

Senator Coffey asked about other universities using the program.

Chief of Staff Edgington said the program is not at all universities.

Motion passed.

1. **miscellaneous business**
2. **comments and announcements**

Senator Byrnes reminded the Senators to decorate their boxes for the food drive.

Senator O’Shea asked to move back to 11a.

Senator Coffey said ATO and SAE have an event called ball for boobies. He said the event is on Saturday November 17th and will be at the Freight House. He said they are selling wristbands for $5 before hand and $10 dollars at the door. He said the money would be going to breast-cancer research.

Senator Ashley Tesser said next week is the College of Education and announce events that they would be having.

1. **public comment**

Director Rodriguez asked if there would be a meeting the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Speaker Higgins said he hasn’t decided yet.

1. **adjournment**

Seeing no further business to come before the committee, Speaker Higgins adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.