1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Rashdan called the Committee on University Affairs to order at 7:01 PM on April 26, 2012, presiding Secretary Colesha Hill

1. **ROLL CALL**

Senators Beresid, Byrnes, Coffey, Corcoran, O’Shea, Rashdan, and Suri were present. Senator Sharma was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
2. **MINUTES**

There were no minutes at this time.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **Legislation to Honor the Life of Bill Raggio**

Senator Rashdan moved on to discuss the legislation to honor the life of the former Senator Bill Raggio who passed away on February 24, 2012. The 79th session were constructing a resolution to honor Raggio’s life but were unable to get it to Senate.

Senator Coffey motioned to strike “legislation for” on page 1, lines 19-20. Senator O’Shea seconded the motion.

Senator Rashdan seeked a motion to strike lines 3,4, and 5 on page 3 because it is a repeat.

Senator O’Shea moved to strike lines 3-5 on page 3 on Senator Resolution 80-1 by unanimous consent. Motion passed.

The committee discussed where to put the Resolution honoring the life of Bill Raggio.

Senator Suri suggested putting the Resolution in the College of Education because the building is named after Senator Bill Raggio.

Senator Rashdan reminded the committee that they would have to check with Buildings and Grounds about the posting location. Senator Rashdan suggested posting in the dean’s office in the College of Education.

Senator Suri motioned to strike the words “on campus” and insert the words “in the College of Education Dean’s Office” on page 3, line 15.

Speaker of the Senate, Maccallister Higgins who was in public attendance pointed out the misspelling of Geddes on page 3, line 11 and Stiteler in line 12.

The committee changed Geddes and Stiteler to the correct spelling.

Senator Suri moved to strike the word “for” and insert the word “form” on page 2, line 4 by unanimous consent. Motion passed.

Senator O’Shea moved to capitalize “Teacher’s Union” on page 2, line 4. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Senator Byrnes moved to report favorably the Senate Resolution x-x to the senate by unanimous consent.

* 1. **Freshmen Hub**

Senator Rashdan told the committee that he emailed President Huili Weinstock about the details of the Freshman Hub. He is trying to get in contact with former senator who was in charge of planning the Freshman Hub and hopes to work with President Weinstock on the issue.

* 1. **College of Business Display Case**

Former Senator Moore was working on replacing the display case on the first floor of the College of Business. He was planning on removing it and putting in a new one. He was working with a personal coordinator to have a partnership with the College of Business and the Senate. Senator Rashdan plans to discuss it with Budget and Finance committee to see if there is room in the budget.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Appoint Committee Vice Chair**

Senator O’Shea nominated himself for Vice Chair.

Senator Byrnes nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Senator Coffey asked what duties are for Vice Chair.

Senator Rashdan explained that the vice chair position works with the chair of the committee. The Vice Chair is to fill in for the chair if they are not at the meetings or act as the community secretary if one is not there.

Senator Byrnes expressed her desire to desire to want to be more involved. She said that the University Affairs Committee is her favorite. She explained that her experience in Student Ambassadors has prepared her for the Vice Chair position. She also stated that her previous leadership experience makes her qualified to be vice chair of the Committee.

Senator O’Shea gave an overview of different legislations he plans to work on. He explained wireless networks on campus, parking, and the poor conditions in some of the bathrooms on campus. He also discussed working on legislation for better outreach programs. O’Shea said he was qualified for the position because he has held different leadership positions and sitting in as secretary for IFC meetings. His explains how his ability to work a job on campus up to 20 hours a week and ability to maintain a 3.7 GPA is a reflection of his work

Senator O’Shea was appointed Vice Chair.

* 1. **Appoint Committee Liaisons**
     1. **IFC Liaison**

Senator O’Shea was appointed liaison of IFC by unanimous consent.

* + 1. **Panhellenic Liaison**

Senator Beresid was appointed to liaison of Panhellenic.

* + 1. **MGC Liaison**

Senator Coffey was appointed to liaison of MGC.

* + 1. **Residences Hall Liaison**

Senator Suri was appointed to RHA liaison.

* 1. **Committee Goals**

Senator Byrnes and Senator O’Shea discussed putting on more outreach programs for

high school students.

Senator Byrnes wants to change the bias against Nevada and against high school students. Her goal is to make Nevada a first choice instead of making it the last choice.

Senator Byrnes suggested that a shadowing program might help high school students more interested in coming to Nevada.

Senator O’Shea talked about an “adopt a student” program at a university in Pennsylvania where the students got to stay in the resident halls.

Senator Byrnes said Nevada Bound is similar to the program Senator O’Shea discussed.

She suggested that if students were able to go inside the classrooms it would be effective instead of just tours.

Senator Blank, who was in public attendance, clarified that Nevada Bound were for ordinarily students from the East coast or the Midwest.

Senator Corcoran suggested making the program longer than just until the end of semester.

Senator Beresid suggested setting up alerts for things going on on campus like Greek events or ASUN events through text messages.

Senator Rashdan suggested working in collaboration with Be In The Know to advertise it more and promote events within it.

Senator Coffey explained a course he is enrolled in Honors 300C that helps students apply for scholarships and fellowships. Senator Coffey suggested making it a service the Senate provides with counselors to help students prepare and get better acquainted with the process.

Senator Rashdan mentioned that the Centralize Career Office is being established.

Senator Rashdan expressed his desire to host monthly or bimonthly Senate town hall meetings or respective colleges town hall meetings. It would be in the budget to do so.

Senator Coffey stated his concern with having town hall meetings because in the pass no people have showed.

Senator O’Shea discussed getting better wireless network access for the students, improving the signal or adding more access points.

Senator Corcoran suggested putting a Chipotle in the Joe Crowley Student Union. Senator Corcoran also discussed expanding library hours an hour.

Senator Beresid discussed having Campus Escort start earlier for people.

Senator O’Shea told the Committee that Academics is working on expanding library hours.

Senator Blank explained the feedback he got after tweeting the idea of getting a new place on campus. He expressed that having a new place on campus would get more people to be excited about coming to campus.

Senator Byrnes agreed with Senator Blank that the college experience begins with the food.

Senator Coffey asked how ASUN got the restaurants on campus to begin with.

Senator Rashdan explained that there are building contracts and developing relationships. There are different committees on campus who work towards these things and they have to work with Chartwell, which is food and catering at the school. Senator Rashdan said it might not be feasible for it to happen soon but it is a possibility.

Senator Suri expressed wanting to get rid of the Las Trojes in the Anasari building.

Senator Blank informed the Committee that he already put in an interest form to get a new restaurant on campus.

Speaker Higgins explained it was not possible to get another Mexican restaurant on campus because it is in Cantina’s contract.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaker Higgins expressed that he was pleased with the Committee already appointing liaisons because it was something they lacked on in the 79th session. Speaker Higgins discussed a plan to create an outreach program for summer 2013 that would be an incoming freshman leadership conference. The Senate will work heavily to market the program to different high schools. Speaker Higgins told the Committee that he liked the discussion on food but for them to keep in mind location will be an issue.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the committee, Senator Rashdan adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.