

# Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

## Senate of the Associated Students 83<sup>rd</sup> Session

Agenda for Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\***

Senator Upton called the special committee meeting on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness to order at 8:07 am in the President's Conference Room. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Senators Carro, Loera, Upton, Jordan, and Hannah were present.

Senator Boulton was tardy excused.

Senator Fienberg was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**4. MINUTES**

a. **Minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Senator Loera moved to approve the minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Past Senator Projects**

Senator Loera asked if she could still do the tabling with the UNR police department.

Senator Upton said yes, they can schedule it in on Friday. They have a graduate club for a bone marrow drive and will be setting up a table. They just need to work on details. He asked Senator Loera if she talked to any services.

Senator Loera said no they but did talk about tabling since they are working on an initiative for distracted walking and have t-shirts and brochures so they would be creating brochures that are informational about distracted driving only. She didn't know how else to attract people to the table without food.

Senator Upton said that within the Senate budget, they don't have enough money for food since most of the money has gone to Health Week and CoLa Week. They might not

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also be able to get brochures done in time. It would be awesome to have music in Gateway Plaza to attract students.

Senator Loera said it would be a table with information about distracted driving only.

*Senator Boulton entered the room at 8:11 am.*

Senator Upton said he can contact her to later to work it out.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Future Senator Projects**

Senator Loera tried contacting the Wolfshop about switching to paper bags but they have not responded.

Senator Upton said that the director just had a baby so he might be busy but can contact them further, especially with the farm stand to push more green initiatives.

Senator Boulton said that he is working out the details of the safety walk. President Fabbi met with the admin and they have a date and it can be passed this session. He wants them all involved even if it does not happen this session.

Senator Upton said trying write a resolution. He spoke to a student that is aggravated with ASUN and talked about the issues he saw. He thought the lighting on Evans Street is a major issue so Senator Upton wants to write a resolution to talk about more lighting. He asked if anyone wanted to help.

Senators Carro, Loera, and Boulton volunteered.

Senator Loera said that University Affairs also talked about the issue with Evans Street. They came into issues with the city so they are waiting on the city.

Senator Upton said he will talk to University Affairs to see if they can collaborate.

Senator Boulton said they can work together since the crosswalk is also through the city. They can bring the two projects to the city and say that students feel unsafe and they want to know what they can do.

Senator Upton said that would be a good idea.

### **b. Legacy Binder**

Senator Upton asked what they could improve on if the committee continued. They thought the next session should create it as a special committee but wanted to talk about ideas to give future senators and what they think would be good improvements.

Senator Loera thought the plastic bag thing would be good to include if the initiative does not go through now.

Senator Carro said more of an over-arching thing to make the committee continue. They had a lot of goals but they got lost when creating the committee so they need to lay out goals for the year and planning them since. The committee is flexible and they don't get a

lot of legislation so they should be an initiative committee and have plans from the beginning.

Senator Boulton asked if they already talked about why they don't want to make it a standing committee at the last meeting.

Senator Upton said they touched on it. They don't know if they have enough grounds to make it a standing committee. They have good intentions and a strong base but also, it is very similar to University Affairs. It would be beneficial to have a separate committee but as they get into the second semester, senators dwindle out so it is harder to get initiatives but thought that starting it in the next session, it would be strong. They can get the opinion of the new senators to the committee.

Senator Jordan said they can keep it as a special committee but did not see why it cannot be a standing committee. He has heard many students talk about sustainability and this committee would be good start.

Senator Carro said that making it a standing committee worries her because they can't take it back and they have had issues with making quorum. She thought that one more year as a special committee would be good to see how it will work, then they should re-evaluate. She felt they needed more involvement.

Senator Jackson agreed with Senator Carro and Senator Jordan. She felt that most people don't know the overlap or don't delineate the differences. If they did, that would make it clearer.

Senator Loera said that they should include projects that go under what the committee is supposed to do. This would help them know what to do throughout the year.

Senator Upton wanted to make a decision today as to what they felt would be a good idea so he can work on any legislation over spring break

Senator Carro asked if they make the legislation or if the 84<sup>th</sup> session would make it.

Senator Upton said that if they felt it would be good then they should do it and then the 84<sup>th</sup> has it automatically.

Senator Jordan said they can pass a resolution stating it needs one more year of testing.

Senator Upton wanted to talk about projects they wanted to include.

Senator Carro said they talked about yoga and farmers markets. They can build off of that. They talked about having them focus on one aspect each month and then rotating throughout the year.

Senator Upton said the committee had a lot of potential for making students aware of things and letting them see that things are being promoted. It has been hard since it has been cold but within health week they will have camp grounded come with yoga sessions and tea bars. He explained that Camp grounded is a cell phone free event and you put it in the bag and don't get it back until after. They will have speed dating, and other

activities. It is really cool to promote mental health. With farmers marks in the past, vendors get really agitated with planning. The Wolfshop would not want to sponsor another farmers market so that is why they went with farms stand.

Senator Loera said that Vice President Salsman has been working on alcohol awareness and next year's senators can incorporate it. Sexual assault and alcohol awareness would be good to have and to collaborate with Exec.

Senator Upton said that next year's session needs to tackle it from the begging of the session. It has some potential to be huge and have different things. They have sexual health awareness so planning ahead of time would have been good. He wanted to talk about the three aspects. Originally, they wanted them to focus on safety, sustainability, and wellness but the next session can change it around if an aspect is not really working out but they do tie together well.

Senator Jordan asked if they got a map with blue lights.

Senator Carro said that was part of the resolution. The most updated mat had 28 and it asked for more. They didn't tell her why but they have been building and expanding and they are difficult it install so maybe they were not part of the original building plan.

Senator Upton said that lighting overall needs to be improved and that blue lights should be promoted in their session. Senator Ragnone was looking into ground lights but they are pricy and not something they can afford. They can look into capital expenditures.

Senator Loera said that Senator Ragnone wanted to work on the legislation to change the campus from tobacco free to smoke free.

Senator Upton said that is very CABNR based since they enjoy chewing tobacco. That is something they might want to take on and will include it.

There were no other suggestions.

Senator Upton said Health Week will be March 28-April 1. They have social media up so they should like it and share on Facebook. They don't have camp grounded on the schedule because they guy who does it had an emergency so they need to find out who will be coming to modify the schedule. Monday will have the health table out and have free physical health assessments and stress balls to promote health. They could not get the massages. Tuesday is the barbeque with healthy food and will launch the farm stand. Wednesday will be camp grounded. Thursday is sexual health fair and the bone marrow drive. There will be free STI testing and condoms. Thursday is environmental health and is working with Director Suppe for social media. Friday will be promoting getting people outside. He will only need help with the barbeque and if it goes well, then it could be something they incorporate.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 am.