

# 84<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Teixeira called the Senate meeting to order at 5:09 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira, Senator Barragan, Senator Bradley, Senator Charles, Senator Crupi, Senator Duvall, Senator Eshenbaugh, Senator Green, Senator Henderson, Senator H. Jackson, Senator T. Jackson, Senator Jacoby, Senator Jordan, Kohler, Senator Oliva and Senator Smith were present.

Senators Blair, Bond, Crooks, Feng, Macaballug, and Urquidi were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senior Editor for the Undergrad Research Journal came to day because Dr. Beattie asked him to come in to introduce himself and tell what the journal is trying to do. Few people are aware of the journal and they do not get a lot of publicity. It was founded because students who do research have little chance to publish it. This journal allows them to get published and have something to list when applying for grad school. His job is to get students published and to keep the journal's quality up. He also wants to get more students aware of research and the opportunity to get published. It is super important since it helps students and helps the university. He asked them to inform and encourage students to participate in research and publishing.

## 6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

- A. Resignation of Veronica Charles from the Senate seat of Division of Health Sciences.  
Senator Charles read the letter into the record.

Speaker Teixeira said that she was a great senator.

## 7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- A. President of the Associated Students, Brandon Boone  
President Boone said he, Mr. Larnerd and Speaker Protemp Jackson went to an SOS Washoe county meeting and ran into a local news station to hold a forum. He met with Neoma Jarden and Mayor Schieve to discuss the progress that has been made about the Campus to City Initiative and make the city aware of what the university would like to see from them. They gave advice and made sure the mayor knows they want to have a good relationship so that meetings like that are regular. Chief of Staff Atienza is still in Vegas but he is doing an incredible job with the retreat and has it almost all together. They had a record

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number of people sign up so they will be seeing a bill tonight requesting more money to pay for the retreat. They had to alter the schedule a little bit but it is stacked with many community leaders including President Johnson and Mayor Schieve. They will also have Angie Taylor, President of the School Board, to do a workshop and Rita Laden will be there. They will interact with influential people so he asked them to be on best behavior. He had lunch with John Carothers to discuss the statue project. He is learning more about the foundation and the Board of Trustees to see how they can help. For the Pack Friendly Businesses, he drove around giving them stickers. He met with many of the businesses and shared ASUN's mission and the Campus to City Initiative; they were all excited. Deputy Chief of Staff Upton will be taking over the project. If it is successful this year, he hopes they will build it into the SAS. He had a meeting for the Pack Internship Program and discussed for two hours the relationship agreement between ASUN and the Career Studio and updated how it would operate. They will see legislation about it through Senator Jordan soon once it is finalized. He wanted to inform them that he re-opened the position of Director of Legislative Affairs.

There were no questions.

**B.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Jacob Springmeyer  
Vice President Springmeyer was not present and did not send in a report.

**C.** Chief of Staff, Sebastian Atienza

**D.** Deputy Chief of Staff, Michael Upton

Deputy Chief of Staff Upton said the bike share program won't happen as fast as they wanted since there are complications with the city and the company they chose. He will work with the city to get something created. Marc Johnson is excited about it and on board so they will lay the foundation for next session. He has been in contact with High Desert Farming Initiative to talk about the farm stand in the Wolf Shop to revamp it and make it more accessible. He will be working on the Pack Friendly Businesses initiative; his next step is outreaching to retail stores to get them on board. He also wants to discuss High Desert Farming and local eateries to get a partnership between the two to close that gap. For SNIF, he is working with Rachel Lucas to get it out to students. He will meet with Rachel Lucas to see the changes she wants to make. He wants to have something that is visible so he will be meeting with her soon.

Speaker Teixeira asked if the businesses would be listed in the planner.

Deputy Chief of Staff Upton said he was not sure yet.

President Boone said the original ones that former President Fabbi found will be but by the time he took over and collected more businesses, the planner was already submitted so all the new ones will not. They are up to 43 Pack Friendly Businesses.

There were no further questions.

**E.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brooklyn Lawton

**F.** Attorney General, Dylan Tedford

Attorney General Tedford has been updating the SAS and will have the newest version in about a week.

**G.** Director of Programming, Casandra Hurdle

**H.** Director of Blue Crew, Kevin Bezick

- I.** Director of Clubs and Organizations, Richard Long  
President Boone read Director Long's report: "I will not be able to attend Senate this evening. With that being said, please see my report below. Good evening Senators. I apologize for my absence at this meeting. Something came up and I, unfortunately, am unable to attend. This has been a relatively busy week. We sent out the first newsletter for clubs and organizations that included dates and information about the coming year, as well as the sign up for the club fair and small biographies of the Commissioners so that they know who is sitting on my board this year. If you could, please reach out to as many of your constituents as you can to have them sign up for the club fair if they are involved with an organization on campus. The funding hearing went well, and we funded a lot of clubs for the Summer Period. We are working as a Commission to reach out to those clubs that did not get funding and make sure that they will not fail with our process into the future. I have also assigned most of the Commissioners projects for the coming year. One in particular that I would like to share with you is Commissioner Adam Tarr's. Together, Commissioner Tarr, Funding Manager Desamero, the full-time staff, President Boone, and I are working to revamp our funding process. We are working with ex-Commissioner Ian Stewart's research to put together a hybrid system that we think will fix many of the problems that we currently have with our funding system. As we develop a more structured and organized approach to this system, I will share it with you. We are still working on the iLead conference, and the agenda will also be shared with you soon. Thanks!"
- J.** Director of Legislative Affairs
- K.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Gabriel Rojas  
Director Rojas said the pride event went great and thanked the senators that attended for their support and participation the entire day. They had a lot of doubt but got huge response from the community with seeing ASUN at the pride event. The only other project he is working on right now is the diversity barbeque that he is planning with Director Hurdle. It will most likely happen during Welcome Week.
- There were no questions.
- L.** Elections Chair, Steven McNeece
- M.** Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta  
Chief Justice Bruketta appreciated them approving the associate justices sent last meeting. He will have two more nominees next meeting.
- There were no questions.
- N.** Speaker Pro-Tempore, Hannah Jackson  
Speaker Protemp Jackson said, "As for the legislative internship program meeting, I did not get a very good response on my Doodle Poll. Over the last two weeks I have just been meeting with people individually to talk about the program, if you would still like to be involved with that please let me know. Over the next I usually don't talk about my College of Education projects in my Speaker Pro Tempore updates, but I know that President Boone touched on SOS Washoe in his report, so if you have any questions or want updates on SOS Washoe please let me know."
- There were no questions.
- O.** Speaker of the Senate, Noah Teixeira  
Speaker Teixeira said he was not working on much right now. He was working on the DRC registration and found a possible project from another university. The university would pay for students to go to a

conference they pick because it would be good for students to travel and meet other students without having to worry about costs.

There were no questions.

#### **8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley
- g. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira

#### **9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were not comments or announcements at this time.

#### **10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Nomination of Max Larnerd to be Projects Coordinator for Legislative Affairs.  
Senator t. Jackson moved to fast-track the Nomination of Max Larnerd to be Projects Coordinator for Legislative Affairs.

Senator Bradley seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

**The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on July 27, 2016<sup>th</sup>:**

- a. **NOMINATION OF MAX LARNERD TO BE PROJECTS COORDINATOR FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.**

Mr. Larnerd was born in Henderson and raised there but went to high school in Kentucky. He to the university as a freshman and immediately became involved at ASUN but also in political organizations and SOS Washoe County. He is really excited to serve them. He also appreciates their support for the position and looks forward to serving the students and ASUN.

Senator Duvall asked for his goals while in the position.

Mr. Larnerd said event organization is strong quality of his and wants to be involved with Carson City. Right now, he is compiling an SOS playbook with key players and the sides they are taking regarding the issues. He is not very informed about ASUN but is excited to learn about it.

Speaker Teixeira asked if he had ideas for Turbo Vote.

Mr. Larnerd said no but believed voter registration was very important. He wants to plan voter registration where they can partner with orientation to get them to sign. He wants to have kids out ther to show how easy it is.

Senator Green asked if he had any other event ideas.

Mr. Larnerd said that political differences is very important; he is liberal himself but does not want to leave anyone out as they should all voice their opinions.

There were no further questions at this time.

Senator Bradley moved to approve Max Larnerd to the Office of Projects Coordinator.

Senator Jordan seconded.

Senator Duvall said he presented himself very well but

Senator Barragan said that he was happenable and has been out there. It is difficult to be out there, get turned down constantly. It takes al to of commitment to be out there. He found it important even though he had no plan

Senator Green wanted to see more experience in the event running part of the job. Being a part of SOS and having had people register is part of the battle but not enough.

Speaker Teixeira asked them to think about the fact that they will have a new Director of Legislative Affairs and that person will have different standards for the department.

A Roll Call vote was taken; Max Larnerd was appointed unanimously to the Office of Projects Coordinator.

Speaker Teixeira swore in Max Larnerd.

**A. Senate Committee Changes**

- i. The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.

**12. ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS**

There are no Senate officers to elect at this time.

**13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There are no veto messages at this time.

**14. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

**15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

There is no legislation to be considered under first reading at this time.

**16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

**A.** S.B. 84- An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns

**B.** S.B. 84- An Act to Move Monies Within the Budget and Finance Account

Senator Bradley moved to fast-track S.B. 84- An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns and S.B. 84- An Act to Move Monies Within the Budget and Finance Account.

Senator T. Jackson seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

#### **18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

- A. S.B. 84- An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns
- B. S.B. 84- An Act to Move Monies Within the Budget and Finance Account  
Speaker Teixeira

President Boone said they had record number of attends and thought they would save money but they need money for food since it is not included in the package. They really had more people register than expected; this is the most they've ever had for a retreat.

*Senator Barragan left the room at 5:37 pm.*

Senator Bradley moved to approve S.B. 84- An Act to Move Monies Within the Budget and Finance Account by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; S.B. 84- An Act to Move Monies Within the Budget and Finance Account was approved unanimously.

#### **19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

##### **A. WTF Nevada ASUN**

Speaker Teixeira asked them to look into the position since Senator Charles was no longer a senator and they need someone to run the account. He would like to put it up to a vote next meeting if they have two candidates or just appoint someone if only one person would like the position.

Senator Bradley suggested moving this over to a committee since it might be easier for a committee to take care of everything rather than just having one person manage it all. She felt that this could easily fit into what University Affairs does.

Senator Crupi said that that is the most involved committee and having one person in charge is easier.

Speaker Teixeira said that the reason they have it presented to the senate is so that they can discuss the problems right away. If it stays in a committee, then problems must go through the committee, then senate. That delays the results their constituents see. He did like the idea though.

##### **B. Senator Reports**

#### **20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Crupi said that the reason he almost objected during the bill was because it was money being spent. If anyone had an issue with the way money was being spent, they can review it after to make sure it was done properly.

#### **21. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Green congratulated Director Rojas for the pride event. There were many officials and students there and he had many students approach him asking how he felt about ASUN. He is still looking for more organizations for

service palooza and asked anyone with possible ideas to contact him. He is looking to for people for a BLF Cleanup Committee.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm.



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Speaker Teixeira,

Due to a class conflict, I will be unable to attend Senate meetings.

For this reason, it is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation from the Division of Health Sciences Senate seat, effective August 3, 2016.

I will continue to be an active member of the association and serve as an asset to senators in any way that I can.

I wish your session great success.

Respectfully,

Veronica L. Charles

Senator, Division of Health Sciences