

84th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, August 17th, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.
Room 320, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Teixeira called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM in room 320, 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Madeline Iroz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira and Senators Barragan, Crupi, Duvall, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Green, H. Jackson, T. Jackson, Jordan, Kohler, Oliva, Smith and Urquidi were present.

Senator Bond was tarty excused.

Senators Blair, Bradley, Crooks, Henderson, Jacoby and Macaballug were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

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

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Brandon Boone

President Boone said there has been a huge focus on the retreat. He has begun to discuss a new project with Linda Cliff, she is a retired professor who works with local businesses to get them to promote the Wolf Pack. She wants to try to get “wolf” stuff in front of their businesses. She is trying to get fiberglass wolves made for multiple big corporations to be put outside their businesses. There will be a lot of budget changes for iLead, elections and retreat. He and Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson gave a tour and a presentation to the TMCC student government this morning. They are currently having their retreat in the Chambers. They told them of all the great things we do. He believes that they got a good grasp on what ASUN does and even though some of the projects they do are out of their realm because their budget is much smaller than the ASUN’s, he believes that they still got an idea of how well they operate. Last week he reported that the mayor would love to have a letter written to every incoming freshman. The email he got back says she wants him to write it and she will sign it. Admissions and Records has already agreed to mail them out. Shannon wants to create an email where the ASUN president welcomes new freshman at the beginning of year. Director Rojas sent in a memo stating that he is working on the diversity bar-b-que with

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Casey and co-sponsoring an event with Elections Chair McNeece to try to target minorities to get them to vote in the upcoming elections.

Director Long sent a memo stating that the commission has been meeting and that they are working on policy changes for funding. They are working on the Club Fair and people are signing up but the senators need to keep telling their clubs to sign up. He has been working lately to make sure that the current clubs are renewed and he has been contacting them individually. He also emailed over 1,800 incoming freshmen who are interested in clubs and orgs. He told them about Club Fair, to follow ASUN social media and to sign up for Give Pulse.

Vice President Springmeyer sent a memo that he is working on a couple art projects for the Biggest Little Festival. He is also looking for other sustainable projects for campus. Senators Barragan and Jordan are signed up for the 24th Make Up Orientation Session from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. He asked if either of them aren't able to make it anymore to please let him or President Boone know. He is looking forward to the retreat and asks that everyone bring a positive attitude and an open mind.

President Boone said the date of the retreat was August 24th.

- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Jacob Springmeyer
- c. Chief of Staff, Sebastian Atienza
Chief of Staff Atienza said that they just got back from a big shopping trip. He thanked Senator Jordan for joining them. He said that everything was prepped for retreat, that is what he mainly wanted to talk about, including whether or not they had any questions for him. Last time they talked, he mentioned the gear that they were getting with the extra money that Senate granted them. He also said thank you to Senator Green for helping to stuff all the bags. He showed everyone what they would look like. They have each person's name on a tag and they have a bunch of fun stuff inside, including little booklets. They will each be broken up into groups based on the color of the jerseys that they receive. The first day will be tomorrow which are the draft picks. He said that if anyone has any questions, they can ask him. They will be using Give Pulse this time around for all of the community service that they plan on doing. He is hoping that each person will be signing up for their specific community act through the Give Pulse. Dr. Chen has been working really hard with that. They have also been getting other groups to sign up, just as Director Long mentioned. He said that was everything he had for retreat and again said that if they had questions, to let him know. The busses will be leaving at 5:30 AM tomorrow morning, so don't miss them otherwise you can't go. He got coffee for everybody for the event.
- d. Deputy Chief of Staff, Michael Upton
Deputy Chief of Staff Upton mentioned that the past week was not super eventful. He wanted to touch up on Pack friendly businesses, which he has now taken over. He has been updating the Excel sheet and dropped off stickers to a bunch of local companies, one of which was Tahoe Nevada Love, a cool store in The Basement. While he was there, he met a woman who works for Sierra Tahoe who wants to do something for the Pack. They talked about doing something such as providing discounted ski tickets or season passes. They are now moving forward with that. As for The Sniff, Rachel Lucas has sent all of her past emails and all of her contacts from other universities so now they are moving forward on who else they want to contact. He also talked about sitting down with Director Rodriguez to talk about what else is financially feasible. The last thing he wanted to remind everyone of was the Bicycle Tour on September 9th at the bike repair station outside of the Joe at 4:00 PM.

Please come out with your bikes. He will remind them every week and also post on the Facebook page.

- e. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brooklyn Lawton
- f. Attorney General, Dylan Tedford
- g. Director of Programming, Casandra Hurdle
- h. Director of Blue Crew, Kevin Bezick
- i. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Richard Long
- j. Director of Legislative Affairs, VACANT
- k. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Gabriel Rojas
- l. Elections Chair, Steven McNeece
Elections Chair McNeece said that his report will be short because he will be giving a Powerpoint presentation shortly that covers everything he wants to say. He said he will just give his whole report at once.
- m. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
Chief Justice Bruketta said that they have another Associate Justice candidate. He wants to bring them the best of the best. If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask him or Attorney General Tedford.
- n. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Hannah Jackson
Speaker Pro-Tempore H. Jackson said that she has been working on a lot of College of Education things so she does not have much to report. The only thing she has is that she is writing a few pieces of legislation, one of which is going through tonight, so watch out for that.
- o. Speaker of the Senate, Noah Teixeira
Speaker Teixeira said that he is excited for the retreat. They can talk about ideas and projects that they want to work on for the Senate. He wants to be sure that they achieve all of their goals that they talked about when they first got trained. He wanted everyone to make sure to bring a copy of their goals with them when they go to retreat on Saturday.

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 no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

Speaker Teixeira was seeking a motion to fast-track the appointments of Corbett Fleming and Veronica Charles.

Senator T. Jackson moved to fast-track the nominations of Corbett Fleming to Associate Justice and Veronica Charles to Director of Legislative Affairs.

The motion was carried.

- a. Nomination of Corbett Fleming to Associate Justice.
 - b. Nomination of Veronica Charles to be Director of Legislative Affairs.
- 11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**
The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on August 11th, 2016th:
- a. **NOMINATION OF CORBETT FLEMING TO ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.**
Speaker Teixeira told Mr. Fleming that he will be given three minutes to speak.

Mr. Fleming is going to be a senior and this will be his third semester at the University of Nevada seeing as he is a transfer student. He is a Mechanical Engineering major. His involvement on campus includes being a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, The Society of Mechanical Engineers and The Order of Omega. His goals through ASUN as an Associate Justice are making a professional environment, getting past the theoretical side of college, getting a practical idea of what it is going to be like and, moving beyond that, networking with his fellow students. A huge factor of going to college is networking; knowing you have someone there when they are needed. He doesn't see his position needing to be unbiased a problem. He said that they are all elected or appointed to their positions so they are seen as professionals. If for some reason something is to that point where he could show bias, he would pull himself from the situation as to keep his position professional.

Speaker Teixeira asked if there were any questions for the candidate.

Speaker Pro-Tempore H. Jackson asked how familiar he was with the Statutes of the Associate Students and the constitution.

Mr. Fleming said, as for the constitution, he read their part of it for the ASUN. He asked Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson if she could repeat the first part of her question again.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson said she was talking about the Statutes of the Associated Students. It is a legislative document that has all the different break downs of the Association.

Mr. Fleming said that going over his interview process, he said that he did have to do a few things with that and he did a case proofing so he feels that he is pretty capable with that.

Senator T. Jackson asked Mr. Fleming to touch on an example where there was a conflict of interest where a biased could have been shown in something he had done in the past.

Mr. Fleming said he played baseball his first two years of college, and there were multiple times he could have shown bias in that position. There were multiple times where a bunch of his buddies would be messing around. When the coach asked him what he thought about what they were doing and who was doing what, there were a lot of times where he had to rat out his roommate and really good friend. He had to do this to help the team. He thought the people who were messing around were just being reckless and they didn't want to be told what to do.

Speaker Teixeira asked if there were any further questions.

Senator Jordan asked what Mr. Fleming's experience was with reading judicial decisions.

Mr. Fleming said that he helped his sister with her applications to law school. There were times where he would also help her with her school work.

Speaker Teixeira asked if there were any further questions. Seeing none, he asked Mr. Fleming to leave the room while they discussed his nomination.

Speaker Teixeira sought a motion.

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve the nomination of Corbett Fleming to Associate Justice.

Senator Green seconded the motion.

Speaker Teixeira called for discussion on the candidate

Speaker Pro-Tempore H. Jackson said that she was worried when he didn't automatically know what she meant when she talked about the Statutes of the Associated Students.

Speaker Teixeira asked Elections Chair McNeese if he could elaborate on the case study that he did where Mr. Fleming did go over the Statutes.

Elections Chair McNeese said for the case study, he gave each candidate an outline that said what a case was. He said that the outline was an example of one produced for the university on a decision they had made. He didn't have Mr. Fleming's case study on hand but he was only one who followed the example outline correctly. Chair Elections McNeese said that each case study has a specific order, facts about the case, what the decision was and what the precedent of the case was. What Mr. Fleming did was he identified all of those items very well. He said that, though he may not have the best understanding of the document, he can understand the different pieces and how they function together and that is a huge asset.

Speaker Teixeira asked if there were any further comments. He then moved into a roll call vote.

Mr. Fleming was selected as Associate Justice by a unanimous vote.

Speaker Teixeira told Mr. Fleming that they would do the oath after they went through all of the candidates.

b. NOMINATION OF VERONICA CHARLES TO BE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

Speaker Teixeira told Ms. Charles that he would give her five minutes to speak then there would be time afterward for questions.

Ms. Charles said that she was a senior at the university, studying Speech Pathology and Audiology. After graduation she is looking to pursue a Masters in Public Health Policy. She thinks that the Department of Legislative Affairs is a good place for her to be. Throughout her time working for ASUN she hoped that there were two things that were apparent. First would be her passion for the student body and second, her love for Legislative Affairs and more specifically, how those affairs affect the student body. As Director of Legislative Affairs, it is her goal to combine both of her passions, to create the educational platform that the Department of Legislative Affairs is supposed to be. She said that there are a few different ways that she wants to do that. First, she plans on upping student participation and faculty involvement by providing different incentives. Faculty and professors are always under-utilized on campus. Students respect their professors and look up to faculty members for different things such as letters of recommendation. It is important that during the first few weeks of school, she and her department goes out to communicate and network with different professors and faculty members to let them know different activities that they have planned and ask them if they have any incentives for their students. That is a great way to up student involvement. They will also be having a biweekly political chalkboard. It will be just like the chalkboard that everyone sees around campus but every other week they will replace it with a new piece of legislation that is going to affect the students. They are going to ask students to write how that legislation is going to affect them and what it means in their lives. It is not only going to engage students, but it is also going to serve as a good learning opportunity. The next way they are going to engage students is through Rock the Vote. Rock the Vote is always a great event but it is going to look different this year. It is going to be a multiple day event. First, they are going to start with food and live music but they are also going to have a dunk tank. The dunk tank is going to consist of all ASUN officials and then students will ask them legislative questions from a list of one hundred things that affect the university. If an ASUN official gets the question wrong, the student can throw the ball and dunk the person. The only thing students need to do to attend the event is that they must be registered to vote through Turbo Vote. This is also an important year because it is an exciting election year. For the vast majority of the undergraduate population, this is the first time that so many of them have the opportunity to vote so it is crucial to make sure that everyone is being civically engaged on campus. The reason that the Department of Legislative Affairs was created was because it is way for student to be advocates at the Carson City legislature on behalf of the student body. That is something that she thinks is really important to get started sooner rather than later. Immediately after the election, her department will head to Carson City to take a tour to familiarize themselves with different ways that the legislature looks so by the next legislature session, they will be ready to go. She wants to know what they have to ask and what different things they will be facing in their legislature. There is also going to be a few educational workshops. One as an introduction panel where they are going to have different assembly men and women as well as state senators who are running for office come to the university to talk to the students. They can let them know their platform and let them know how it's going. Two weeks after the elections, they will come back to have another panel, "What's in It for Wolfie?" They will state how their policies and ideas will affect the student body and why the students should be paying attention. That is where she sees the department going at the moment and she said if anyone had any questions, she would love to hear them.

Speaker Teixeira asked Ms. Charles when she is planning to do the chalkboard.

Ms. Charles said that the chalkboard will start the first week of school.

Speaker Teixeira asked her what day of the week and time she was thinking to start it.

Ms. Charles said that it will have to be after she trains with her department. After that, she has five different pieces of legislation and it is all going to come out based on the time that it is relevant in the local area.

Speaker Teixeira asked her what she meant by a multi-day Rock the Vote. He asked if the first day was signing people up and the second day is the fun event if you signed up.

Ms. Charles said that the first day would be the kickoff event. That's when the dunk tank and food as well as the panels. The panels will have all the different people running for office talking about what they are doing. That is also when she wants to kick off another version of the political chalk board. Hers is going to be very similar except this new one would ask students what they wanted to do as far as legislation in the future.

Senator Jordan said that one of Ms. Charles' duties is to provide non-partisan advice to the president based on what she thinks student interest is. He asked if she had any plans to keep an ear to the ground or any programs to see what student's interests are.

Ms. Charles said that so many people don't know that her department exists. First of all, it is new. On top of that, people think that it serves in the ASUN's Senate so people don't access it the way they should be. It is a platform and an educational "classroom" where they want to be able to teach students. She wants to make sure that students know that it is open to them. Hopefully, through a new revitalization of that atmosphere, they will be able to get a lot more students involved in that and they can make sure that they are doing things that are directed to the student body's interest.

Speaker Teixeira asked if there were any further questions for the candidate. Seeing none, he moved into a motion.

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve the nomination of Veronica Charles to the position of Director of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Green seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Teixeira asked both candidates to join him at the front to give their oaths.

c. Senate Committee Changes

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

16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

Speaker Teixeira was seeking a motion to fast-track all five pieces of legislation.

Senator T. Jackson moved to fast-track S.B. 84, An Act to Amend the Title of the Junior Editor of NSURJ in the SAS, S.B. 84, An Act to Increase the Wage of the Chief Presidential Aid, S.B. 84, An Act to Recognize the Wage for the Chief Presidential Aid Position, S.B. 84, An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns, and S.B. 84, An Act to Recognize Rollover Funds from Fiscal Year 16 and Various Budget Adjustments.

Seeing as there was no discussion, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- a. S.B. 84 - An Act to Amend the Title of the Junior Editor of NSURJ in the SAS
- b. S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase the Wage of the Chief Presidential Aid
- c. S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize the Wage for the Chief Presidential Aid Position
- d. S.B. 84 - An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns
- e. S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize Rollover Funds from fy16 and Various Budget Adjustments

17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- a. 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 Title of the Junior Editor of NSURJ in the SAS
Speaker Teixeira invited Senator Jordan to introduce this bill.

Senator Jordan said that during the last Spring semester, he talked to the Senior Editor of NSURJ. One of the editor's big goals was to increase professionalism of NSURJ to try to get more people to submit their work. One of his biggest problems with how the program what ran and how it appeared in the SAS was that underneath the Senior Editor, there was the Junior Editors. They are the ones who review things and edit all of the submissions. The Senior Editor wanted the title for the Junior Editors to be switched to Associate Editor. Nothing else will change with the position, it is just semantics to make overall department seem more professional.

Speaker Teixeira was seeking a motion to approve the bill.

Director Beattie said that it was actually a suggestion that came from the office of the Director of Research that said that the title Associate Editor would be in line with what other professional journals are doing.

Speaker Teixeira seeked a motion to approve the bill.

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve S.B. 84, An Act to Amend the Title of the Junior Editor of NSURJ in the SAS by unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

b. S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase the Wage of the Chief Presidential Aid

Speaker Teixeira called on Senator Jordan to introduce this bill and told President Boone and Chief of Staff Atienza that they may speak after him.

Senator Jordan said that the bill was to acknowledge all of the additional duties that the Chief of Staff has taken on over the recent years. The 83rd Session added a whole bunch of duties, including helping interns learn data assessments, having reports read into the record, fundraisers for the Mackay Endowment Fund, etc. Additionally, this year they are adding more things into the SAS, including the setup of the ASUN Banquet and running the fall and spring retreats. They have noticed that he has been doing a lot more discretionary stuff with the president and vice president so he is a lot busier than the position was in the past. With all of the additional duties, Senator Jordan believes that a wage increase is justified from appointed officer level three up to two which is a \$3000 to \$5000 increase in pay. That falls in line with the majority of the President's Cabinet and the directors of a lot of the departments in the executive branch.

President Boone said that as the bill came from him and not from Chief of Staff Atienza, if anyone has any questions for outside the Senate table, direct them to him and not to Mr. Atienza to eliminate any conflict of interest. He said that he supports this bill and it was an idea that came up early. Chief of Staff Atienza has been killing it on the retreats and his work is not going to stop after that. Two years ago, the wage was justified at \$3,000. Former Chief of Staff Benford has made the position much bigger now and there is much more work and responsibility involved in the position and a \$2000 increase is justified. He is more than willing to put that towards his wages. Again, if anyone has any questions he asks that they send them his way.

Senator Jordan said that the reason they are writing the retreats and the banquet into the SAS is that if someone said that the last two Chief of Staffs had set a high bar then someone could go back to being lazy. They are writing it into the SAS so that can't happen and it keeps the wage increase justified.

Speaker Teixeira was seeking a motion to approve the bill.

Senator H. Jackson moved to approve S.B 84, An Act to Increase the Wage of the Chief Presidential Aid.

Senator T. Jackson seconded the motion.

Speaker Teixeira asked if there was any discussion.

Senator Crupi asked President Boone what the amount of time was that has been added to the position.

President Boone said that the planning of Mackay Endowment would be the equivalent of $\frac{3}{4}$ the amount of time it takes to plan a retreat. He also put in approximately 48-72 hours total into the retreat between all of the emails he sent out. President Boone wanted to point out that Chief of Staff Atienza has a ridiculous amount of duties that are not seen in the SAS because they come from him. If he sends a text to Mr. Atienza in the middle of the night, he does it. That is how position has evolved so it is hard to put a number on what his new

duties are value wise. His duties in the SAS do not paint an accurate picture of all that he actually does in his position.

Speaker Teixeira moved into a roll call vote.

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- c. S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize the Wage for the Chief Presidential Aid Position
Speaker Teixeira called on Senator Feng to talk about this bill.

Senator Feng said that this bill was just to authorize to move the money into the accounts for the bill that was just approved.

Speaker Teixeira was seeking a motion to approve the bill.

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve S.B. 84, An Act to Recognize the Wage for the Chief Presidential Aid Position by unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

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

Speaker Teixeira called on Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson to introduce this bill.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson said that currently, the legislative interns are required to go through the Oversight Committee before they are approved and ready to start their internship. There are two problems with this procedure. The first is practicality. The Legislative Intern program will only be going into its third year. In the first year there were around ten interns that went through Oversight while others joined that they didn't send through oversight. Even with those extra people added, it was a significantly small number. When they went through Oversight, it was the traditional experience that all of the appointed officers go through. They get very little platform and they get asked questions that make it a valuable experience for them in that since. Those interns get to see how Oversight works when they go through that process. Last year there were twenty-one interns and because of this they did not have enough time for each person to present their platform and be asked questions. They stood in public comment and they actually had to separate into two different senate meetings to accommodate so many people. What ended up happening was that it wasn't as beneficial of an experience for the interns. It also delayed the whole internship program by three weeks because they had to dedicate two weeks so that they could go into two different Senate meetings. It pushed back the program a lot. Another problem was that it was not consistent with the rest of the Statutes. A legislative intern is defined in the SAS as "someone who is serving as a volunteer active learning individual who is being educated and prepared to hold office in ASUN". This means that they don't answer to the Associated Students directly and they are not being paid by undergraduate student funds nor do they have direct power or access to student funds. Anything that a legislative intern does, whether it be a piece of legislation or a bill or resolution, has to be sponsored by a senator and then go through that same process. Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson said that was all she has to say and asked if anyone had any questions for her or Senator Jordan and they would be happy to answer them.

Speaker Teixeira clarified that the interns are basically like an undergrad student who is not a part of ASUN that volunteers at legislative events and goes to senate meetings. They are pretty much undergrad students that are learning about ASUN.

Director Beattie said that the whole point of an intern is that they are not supposed to have skills. He doesn't know why Oversight needs them to prove that they have the skills. He said that if someone were to have the skills, then they wouldn't be an intern. An internship is the most fundamental entry level position.

Speaker Teixeira was seeking a motion to approve the bill.

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve S.B. 84, An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns.

Senator Feng seconded the motion.

Speaker Teixeira moved into discussion.

Senator Crupe wanted to bring up a point of perspective from the previous session. Something similar was brought up but they wanted to hold it off until the 84th Session to see how the program was going to be run at the time. He agrees with Dr. Beattie that an intern shouldn't have skills yet and that they are there to learn but he does argue that they do still answer to the Association because an intern is assigned to each senator and they still contribute to the senate and committee meetings. He says that to say that they do not answer to the Association is not necessarily correct. The approval process is null in that they shouldn't have skills yet so they shouldn't be approving them based on that. It should be something that should be reviewed later on how they are doing rather than what they are going to be doing.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson clarified that what she meant by saying they don't answer to the Associated Students was that they do not have a direct responsibility to represent them because they are not elected or appointed.

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- e. S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize Rollover Funds from fy16 and Various Budget Adjustments
Speaker Teixeira called on President Boone to introduce the bill.

President boon said that there were multiple changes to the budget and to the rollover finally hit, quite a while after he expected it to but they are good now. He said that if anyone would like, he would go over every single account to tell them what the balance forward was but it was roughly around where they estimated it to be. He wanted to talk about the bigger changes that would be happening. The first change is in the Elections account. He talked to Assistant Chair Machado and Elections Chair McNeece about the importance of Elections this year. He made a very big deal when he went into his position this year about the importance of diversity and that starts with elections. He told everyone to look around the table. There was only one girl sitting there to the senate needs diversity. That goes along with elections. This will be the first time ASUN has marketed elections in the fall. They will be doubling the operating budget from \$4,000 to \$8,000. He asked Mr. McNeece to put

together a presentation so that they may be as transparent as possible about where that money is going.

Mr. McNeece said that in light of their enlarged budget, it would only be fair to show what they plan to use that money towards. As a break down, he said that they have \$6,000 allocated for the whole year. \$2,000 is allocated under Host which is primarily food for the receptions, information sessions, debates and art queues. The other \$4,000 is under Operations which includes everything else. They are doing a full year marketing plan. He wanted to start off with T-shirts to hand out at Dorm Storm, Club Fair and Wolf It Down so that they get it early on and they can wear it to Lombardi, the KC, to their classes and around campus so that people can become familiarized with elections. He also had the idea of doing pens that say "ASUN Elections March 2017" so that they can use them in class because everyone needs pens and they can see them when they are writing notes. He also thought of stickers that were vague. He thought they could say "Nevada Civic Engagement" or "Nevada Elections" that way they could pass them out at events. Some of the larger scale events coming up include the bar-b-que which is the biggest thing for him. In the past years, they have just handed out burgers and all people knew about the event was that there was free food. He thinks the event could be a lot bigger. He will go more into that later. Some other general events go into that budget and he will go into more detail about that later as well. The budget also covers all events in the Student Union. Since they represent the student body and all of their offices are in the Joe then all of the Elections events should be there as well. The receptions will be in the Great Room and the debates will be in the ballrooms and the theatre. Also, all of the info sessions will be in room 323. It will all be there and with that comes all of the individual fees from the Joe. This will also benefit their commission for years to come. He wanted to look into things that he could buy that could be usable for multiple years to come. He was looking into table cloths so that if they have a table, they aren't using a musical poster, as well as a big banner to drape over the park garage. He spoke with a former president whose biggest piece of advice was to bring back that huge banner on the parking lot across from the Knowledge Center because there is so much traffic that goes by so it would be good publicity for Elections. T-shirts are year round marketing so they will be passing those out at events. His main problem was that he wanted to do a \$1,000 order for the t-shirts and he was able to bring down the cost to \$4 a unit but even at that price, that is a total of \$4,000. That is why he knew he has to speak with President Boone about possibly increasing the budget because they needed money for more things than just t-shirts. He then showed a design of the shirts. They showed a wolf that looked much like the symbols of the Democratic Republican party. It also had three small stars on them. The main idea was to have it resemble something about elections but not too much that people don't want to wear them. That is what is going to be around campus and that will be the main publicity for Elections. As of right now, he has submitted a \$1,000 order but last year they had about 500 at the bar-b-que alone and they were all gone within an hour and a half. He says he may need to get more. 1000 for the entire year is very slim but they will just have to take it step by step. Next was the Elections Bar-B-Que Blowout. Every year in the past it was called Elections Bar-B-Que but this year, he added on the "Blowout". All of the food, including buns, hot dogs, burgers, drinks etc., for the event will be coming out of the Host account. There is a lot he has to do because he wants to make it a large scale event. Usually the event happens in mid-March when the temperature tends to get better and people want to come outside. He is thinking that this Bar-B-Que Blowout can be something that happens every year and people will get excited for it. He wants to pair with Programming so they can help make it a large scale event. Right now, it has been hard to get into contact with Director Hurdle because of BLF but he will be contacting her and he can be very convincing. One thing that could be interesting is having a backdrop like Orientation where people can take pictures with their preferred candidates so that way people can get

that interaction with the people who are running as well as giving Elections publicity on social media. Another idea is the Dunk-A-Candidate. You can never go wrong with dunking somebody into water. Whether you like a candidate or secretly hate them, you will get the opportunity to dunk that person while interacting with them and you'll have fun doing it. These are all just simple ideas that would require more money than they usually have. Some other Elections marketing items include pens and stickers. He has been speaking with Inkblot. The picture shown in the Power Point is planned to be the main Elections campaign posters for the year but with Wolfie. He also wants to get the Wolfie poster on a huge parking garage sign. It will catch people's eyes and cause them to read it. He has spoken with the Joe about the reservation estimate about booking all of those events he had mentioned earlier and they gave a quote of \$862.50 as a rough estimate. Things may rollover and if they need more labor the total may go up from there. This estimate does not include the reservations for the co-sponsor events. The estimated grand total that includes everything previously mentioned totals \$7,112. This does not include food, co-sponsor events, extra t-shirts, pens or stickers if needed or any other extras. That totals to about a \$800-\$900 amount for wiggle room in case they do need it.

President Boone said that if they were to give an extra \$4,000 to an elections chair, this is the one to do it for. Mr. McNeese already has the entire schedule for next year already planned out. He is the right person to give the money to. The next big change that they have is the Biggest Little Festival. They created an entirely separate account so there is a dramatic drop of \$210,000 from the Programming Board that was set to this new account. It was split into two separate parts, Host and Operating. Host includes \$10,000 while Operating holds the other \$200,000. The advertising revenue will be \$100,000 for that event alone. They will see two separate accounts on the budget now and if BLF happens again it will probably expand but if it doesn't, it will be removed. It is that simple but it is another transparency thing. Another change was that Insight Magazine, Brushfire, and all the other publications all sent in their requests that they wanted and he was able to match those requests. He worked very hard on making sure that the budgets they sent in were actually accurate to what they were doing. They will be doing a lot of traveling this year and establishing a name for ASUN at different conferences and whatnot so he tried to accommodate that for them. The biggest change after that is under Leadership Programs. He cut the funding to the iLead Nevada Internship Program. Fundamentally it sounds great, and they are a few years out from it, but when he allotted the budget, he based it entirely on what Deputy Chief-of-Staff Springmeyer said about the program because he was the only one who knew anything about it. He suggested \$15,000 to the program. Looking back at it and after Deputy Chief-of-Staff Upton has looked at the program, the best bet is to perfect the internship program before starting an internship program. Because he cut the funding for that, that is \$15,000 that went back into the reserves. That's it for changes. The reserves now total \$68,154.55.

Speaker Teixeira was seeking a motion to approve.

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve S.B. 84 An Act to Recognize Rollover Funds from fy16 and Various Budget Adjustments.

Senator Urquidi seconded the motion.

Speaker Teixeira moved into discussion.

Senator Crupi asked for the total amount of all of the changes.

President Boone said that he did not have the total balance forward. He said that he knew when they were added up it was approximately \$86,000 and once he put fringe back into the budget, it dropped to \$71,000. Now it is in its current form.

Senator Crupi asked for elections, what the current budget was.

Mr. McNeese said the current budget was at \$4,000, plus \$2,000 for posters. Now it is jumping from \$2,000 to \$8,000.

Senator Crupi said he just wanted to check because with the \$8,000, he wanted to make sure it was accounted for.

Director Beattie talked about raising the budget for Elections seeing as the Elections Chair started so early. He said it is refreshing to have someone start so early. They went over some Elections data three weeks ago. He asked if anyone saw anything from the Elections data that was tied into the presentation they went over earlier. He also asked if they had any suggestions for the Elections Chair based on that data. It was a lot of data to go through so he knows that it is hard.

Senator Jordan said that looking at the Elections data, the bar-b-que didn't affect the voting out-come that much. They need to do a huge push of advertising this year at the bar-b-que. Something saying why the bar-b-que is happening.

Senator Crupi said that in his opinion the biggest issue with the bar-b-que last year was that people weren't saying that it was an Elections event and people weren't talking about elections at all. It just looked like they were just handing out burgers. As long as they are specifically promoting Elections at the bar-b-que, then that will help a lot. Attendance at the bar-b-que is great, there just wasn't much of a push for the fact that it was for Elections.

Director Beattie said that the way he heard it, they wanted to start marketing early. Another big data point was the fact that the freshman class was not turning out for Elections in large amounts of numbers. They are getting about the same present of participants each year. They had 3,500 freshmen so they should have had more of them voting.

Speaker Pro-Tempore H. Jackson said that they just had a meeting with the RHA president and Elections Chair McNeese to work out what they can do to interact with the freshman that live in the resident halls so they can improve freshman turnout numbers.

Director Beattie said that they could just take some of the marketing material out just to target freshman. It seems that whatever they have done in the past hasn't been working to get the freshmen coming out to vote. The freshmen class is so big that if they all came out to vote, they would decide the whole election.

Mr. McNeese said that as for the bar-b-que, the reason why no one knew was because everyone that was on the commission was grilling the burgers. No one really knew and there were no signs posted. This year he will have signs all over the place and they will have people staffing the grills that aren't on the commission so that they can speak with people, tell them why the event is going on and hand out flyers that have all of the important dates for the events that will be happening. Like Pro-Tempore Jackson said, they met with the president of RHA. His plans for the pens and stickers were not to pass them out throughout the year. It was to have those things waiting for every new freshman on their dorm's desk.

Unfortunately, because of the budget, they didn't meet the deadline for that. That was the original plan so they have spoken with the president of RHA about other ways to get with the new class. Right now, they are swamped as they are about to start moving those freshmen in as well as school starting up soon.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson asked Dr. Beattie if there was a disproportionate number of women to men running for office.

Director Beattie said no. They are running the numbers now for appointed officials so they will know soon. He thinks the numbers will look better this year than they were in the past. From the elections data, more women turn out to vote.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson said that the only thing that she would suggest for the data would be some great workshops and programs that they could bring to campus that have to do with getting more women to run for office in student government positions. She can connect anyone to that if they are interested and if there is extra funding.

Speaker Teixeira moved into a roll call vote.

The motion was passed unanimously.

19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. WTF Nevada ASUN

b. Senator Reports

20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Jordan asked what they were doing about the WTF Nevada.

Speaker Teixeira said that he thought they had given it to Senator Bradley last meeting.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson said no.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they had given it to anyone at the last meeting.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson said no.

Speaker Teixeira said that they will discuss it at the next meeting. The reason why they didn't do it last meeting, if he remembered correctly, was because not all of Senate was present and he didn't know who would want to take the position. He was already working with Inkblot on it. He wanted to make sure that everyone who wanted to do it got to say that they wanted to do it. Just like when he put the Sniff legislation through to create that committee, it will probably be the first week of school, he just wanted to make sure that everyone was there so if anyone wanted to run for it or if they wanted to vote for someone for it, they could.

Chief of Staff Atienza hoped that he got everyone's accommodations accounted for retreat. If not, please let him know. He thanked them for being one of the easiest groups to get ahold of to make sure that they were able to get everything in on time. He really wanted to stress to everyone to be smart tonight because he is not taking any excuses. One drink is the equivalent of a \$120 rafting ticket for tomorrow so please make smart decisions.

Director Beattie said thank you for making quorum. He also thanked Senator Crupi for always asking questions. Some people are afraid to ask questions but that is not the case with him. Everyone should be asking questions. Any time anything with the budget comes up, if they look at data or think of something, they are not insulting the Elections Chair, but go ahead and bring it to his attention. More brains are better than one brain. Any idea is going to help. He wanted to talk about when the block party was and if they would have the stickers and pens by the time it comes up. All of the clubs and campus residents will be there.

Chief of Staff Atienza said that the block party was the 27th. That is a Saturday. They just talked about that at the meeting. It just depends on when he can send all of that through. Right now, his budget is maxed out because of t-shirts.

Director Beattie said that if anyone had any ideas or suggestions about the budget they should bring it up. They really wanted to get Elections up. Part of the Elections Chair's job is to get people to vote both locally and nationally. They need to start looking at ways to market that as well.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson said that Elections Chair McNeese just reminded her that in having the meeting with RHA, they are trying to figure out different ways that ASUN and RHA can work together on different things and the first one is having ASUN sponsor a game at the block party. She will be putting up a Facebook pole to see who can volunteer for that. They said that ASUN could either choose what game they want or they can choose one for them. It will be a way for them to be out there and to show their face and hopefully they can do more with RHA throughout the year. If anyone has any ideas or wants to get involved with that, they can talk to either her, Senator Jordan, or Senator Bradley.

Senator Crupi said that last week after the meeting, someone whose name he will leave out, talked to him about how he offended someone because of how he questioned a candidate for the Associate Justice position. If anyone is every afraid to question someone or ask a question because they might offend someone, they can text him and he will ask it. Their job is to be a check for the entire Association. If they are uncomfortable questioning someone or stating their opinion, feel free to ask him to do it instead. He does invite everyone to ask those questions. Their job is supposed to be difficult in that sense. If anyone doesn't agree with what is happening or what someone is saying or doing, or if they just want that on record, it is their job to do that.

Speaker Teixeira told everyone to say whatever they need to say. Don't feel like to can't say something at the table. That is why they were all elected also why they are each in their positions. Going off of what Chief of Staff Atienza said, last year there were issues at the retreat. This year, if there are any issues at retreat, the person's name will be read through the minutes and that person will have to write an apology letter and read it in the minutes if that person is doing any kind of questionable behavior.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.