

# Committee on Oversight

## Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, September 14th at 4:00 P.M.

Presidents Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Teixeira called the committee meeting on Oversight to order at 4:02 pm in the President's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the JCSU. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira and Senators Blair, Bradley, Feng, Green, H. Jackson, and Jordan were present.

Senator Eshenbaugh was tardy excused.

Senator Henderson was absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie asked the committee chairs were using the listservs just so that the committee secretaries can know when they schedule meetings.

Speaker Teixeira said if they use the listservs, it helps out the secretaries and the professional staff.

Dr. Beattie agreed. He asked Secretary Godoy if she had sent a list to Raul Rodriguez to let him know who was on each committee.

Secretary Godoy said she can but because there do change committees the lists will always be subject to change.

Dr. Beattie said that Raul also needed to know when there were changes.

*Senator Eshenbaugh entered the room at 4:04 pm.*

Secretary Godoy said she will send him a list and also keep him updated on committee changes.

Speaker Teixeira informed Senator Eshenbaugh of what they were talking about. They should be using listservs since it sends emails not only to their committees but also to secretaries and the professional staff.

Secretary Godoy asked if Speaker Teixeira wanted her to start updating the lists.

Speaker Teixeira said she can do it or have the legislative clerk do it.

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Senator Jordan asked if the listservs would be up to date if they start to use it.

Speaker Teixeira said probably not immediately within a couple of days it will be.

#### **4. MINUTES**

There are no minutes up for approval at this time.

#### **5. REPORTS**

a. Secretary of the Senate

Secretary Godoy brought points memos but informed them that Senator Barragan did not actually have points. He did his office hours but did not write them down by the time she had processed office hours.

b. Speaker Pro-Tempore-Senator H. Jackson

Senator H. Jackson was getting all the internship applications today and will start interviews next week. She wanted to have the intern meetings to happen after senate. That gives the interns an incentive to go to senate and it will be easier for them to go to intern meetings. She is excited to get started and asked them to contact her if they had any suggestions about the program. The town hall is coming up and she asked them to start pushing the advertisements; they will have their final site survey on Friday. She is more than willing to give them flyers to hand out if they want them. Constitution day is this Friday. Thanks to Legislative Affairs and Public Affairs they will be putting on a passive event in front of the KC. They will be asking questions and picking quotes from the Constitution and having people write their responses on the big chalkboard. They also ordered 1000 pocket constitutions and 100 small American flags to give out. Legislative Affairs also created a prezzi to play on a loop in the Joe that day. She wanted to add more events like that and also 9/11 memorial events to be duties in the SAS so they can be executed in a timely manner.

Senator Jordan asked if she wanted to write them to be done by a specific committee.

Senator H. Jackson said her plan was under Public Affairs since they only thing they have right now is the veterans' breakfast.

Senator Green asked if she had considered giving events like that to the Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

Speaker Teixeira asked why.

Senator Green said that a lot of those kinds of events affect veterans and that is part of his job. He doesn't really have a staff to help him out but he can work with committees; but he felt this was part of his job.

Speaker Teixeira said that would be awesome since veterans are underrepresented on the campus.

Senator H. Jackson said they can have this conversation later.

- c. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson
- d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng  
Senator Feng said that last Friday, the director of the Wolf Shop came to give a presentation on the financial standing of the Wolf Shop. They hire 43 students and paid out \$2.3 million in wages over the last four years. He wanted to remind them to shop at the Wolf Shop because it is by and for the students. Some projects for the Wolf Shop include getting a concessions contract with Athletics since they had previously gone with Silver and Blue Catering. They are also looking at a south campus store under the current bridge and getting a computer repair station. There were some miscommunications with the NSURJ bill, they actually wanted some money moved around within their account, not more money so he will be amending by substitution.
- e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green  
Senator Green said they meet at 8 am and expect it to be fun. He is still working on the service engagement series and would like to start it early November. They are starting to work on READ Week and have contacted a school and will have officers go there and wants to see if the football and Greek members players can go too or if they are interested.
- f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan  
Senator Jordan said they will have their first meeting Friday. He already assigned the first sections of the SAS and will start with the scholarships. He is will be talking to Dr. Beattie or Director Rodriguez about what they should review so they don't go into it blind.
- g. Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh  
Senator Eshenbaugh said they discussed veterans' breakfast at their meeting and decided the date will be November 10, since there is no school on November 11<sup>th</sup> the actual day of Veterans' Day. They are looking into different pack friendly business to partner with to cater the event but committee members are also looking into various caterers to get some quotes. They will also look at past events to see what falls under their committee.
- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley  
Senator Bradley said the committee did not meet this week but met last week and they talked about outreach events they could do. They assigned some liaisons to current members but wanted to wait to assign them all in case a new member joins. They will not be changing their meeting time to accommodate previous members. The agendas she saw had 15 liaisons but the SAS listed about 35. They want to decide if they want to add more positions and will meet with President Boone to decide. There are so many things they can do that they can basically do anything so they are unsure.

Speaker Teixeira said that in his meeting with President Johnson, he mentioned some of the events they were having this year and one of them was the safety walk. They did not have it last year but when they did do it the first time it was great to see how the campus was keeping students safe and he boasted about it to other departments. Campus carry is also something they will see this year and they can combat it by saying they should do a safety walk first; he suggested they look into doing it

Senator Blair asked if the safety walk should be part of SSW or University Affairs.

Senator Bradley said they can talk about it as oversight. A lot of their duties overlap between them and they need to define the roles so they know what the actual role of each committee is and what they can collaborate on.

Speaker Teixeira said that for the safety walk, he didn't think about SSW but they should do it. He didn't picture University Affairs putting on many events but the two committees could collaborate on the event.

Senator H. Jackson agreed. She visualized it as University Affairs working with the institution's functions, but then technically anything can fall into that category. She thought SSW should do the safety walk.

Speaker Teixeira said that as the university goes towards sustainability, there could be a day that University Affairs does something; maybe they can tour the Wiegand Center. SSW can do the wellness initiatives.

Senator H. Jackson said she thought about creating in committee duties the SAS that define the responsibilities of the committees. This would help clear up some of the confusion for future senators.

Senator Jordan said it would be a good idea to clear everything up. They should frame the SAS so that if there was an apocalypse, someone could pick it up and know how they need to run the Association. It has to be general enough it doesn't constrict but specific and relevant to committees.

Speaker Teixeira agreed but said that an opposing idea was that when the 83<sup>rd</sup> session created SSW, they didn't want to make it a standing committee since they didn't know if the 84<sup>th</sup> would want it. If the next session doesn't like something they do, they can easily amend it; they need to do things that will last more than just their session.

Senator Bradley said that the senate rules outline committee duties; they can just amend the senate rules or add the senate rules' descriptions to the SAS.

Senator H. Jackson said it would be better to have an articulation of specific roles of committees. In her mind, SSW is initiative based and they find ways to make students and the university be safer and more sustainable. University Affairs is more liaison based and deals with how ASUN interacts with the campus overall.

Senator Eshenbaugh said that SSW is special because the people that join it are passionate but that is true of all committees. Not having the roles outlined in the SAS allows for those passions to come through and lets them have creative freedom. There is some beauty in not having the duties listed out. That could change in the future but it is good to think about how students are changing since they need to make sure the changes they do last with students.

Speaker Teixeira said that made him return to the idea that he didn't want to change things this session just so that the next session changes them back.

Senator Jordan said he didn't think they had to specific events but rather general descriptions. That would help them when they are vetting out specific candidates for positions since that is what they do know. When they have a candidate come up, they use the general descriptions to base their questions off of.

Senator Bradley said it was already listed in the rules and it'd be redundant to add it again.

Senator H. Jackson said that on that, SSW needs to have the differences outlined; they don't need to be concerned with specific events. They are just making sure there isn't too much overlap. Last session, they did many of the same projects and there was confusion on who was responsible for what initiatives.

Speaker Teixeira said this should be taken to senate to see if anyone wants to write the legislation. He liked the idea of defining it for future sessions but also wanted to make sure it wasn't too specific so that passions can still come through.

i. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira

Speaker Teixeira asked them to use the listservs to keep the secretaries in the loop. Director Rodriguez sent him an email about important civic dates and the first is September 26 which is Public Lands Day. He didn't know what it actually was but he told her they would talk about it in oversight.

Senator H. Jackson asked if it was specifically a Nevada holiday.

Speaker Teixeira said that Nevada is the state with the most public owned land and thought it was just something related to that.

Senator Bradley said Nevada is the state with the most public lands, which might fall under CABNR. They can look at range land ecology majors to see what they know.

Senator Eshenbaugh said she looked it up and National Public Lands Day is the largest hands volunteer day to enhance and protect public lands that Americans it enjoy. It could be an SSW project.

Speaker Teixeira liked it since they are a land grant institution.

Senator Blair asked if they wanted to officially make it an SSW project or wait until next meeting.

Speaker Teixeira asked if she had any CABNR senators on the committee.

Senator Blair said Senator Bradley was on the committee.

Speaker Teixeira said SSW should take it but specifically her and Senator Bradley. The next date is early voting on October 22 – November 4 in the Joe. They just registered with NSPA and now they are a voter friendly campus; they should do an event for early voting since they just got the endorsement.

Senator Jordan asked if they talked to Director Charles.

Speaker Teixeira said no but they can invite her later. He asked if he wanted to be involved.

Senator Jordan said yes.

Senator Green said that Civic Engagement should be involved if they needed help.

Senator H. Jackson asked when rock the vote would be.

Senator Jordan said October 10-14.

Speaker Teixeira said they can have that conversation later and will send out an email to Senators Green, H. Jackson, and Jordan and Director Charles after the meeting. The next big event is Nevada Day and they are one of the only states that actually take the day off and do a celebration. He will be in Carson for the parade but they can hand out flags or do something on campus. Director Rodriguez said they needed to do something with the state's birth.

Senator H. Jackson wanted to hand out mini Nevada flags.

Speaker Teixeira asked the state's age since they can put flags outside the Joe in the shape of the number or the state.

Senator H. Jackson said the KC lawn is easy to reserve and it is in front of democracy plaza.

Senator Blair supported doing the event in front of the KC since doing the event where they do Veterans' Day might be disrespectful.

Speaker Teixeira asked who wanted to take over the project.

Senator Feng volunteered.

Senator Eshenbaugh said Nevada would be 152.

Senator H. Jackson said she and President Boone had a meeting with the president of the river walk district and they talked about doing something for Reno's birthday in May. She has been talking to programming since it would be cool to do that.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they would still be in session then.

Senator H. Jackson said no but they can put it in the legacy binder.

Senator Feng asked if they adopted the senate rules back after suspending them.

Speaker Teixeira said they didn't need to since they put a specific date on the suspension.

Senator Bradley said that for the public lands day, civic engagement could do a volunteer cleanup.

Senator Teixeira said they can use the shuttles since it was for volunteerism.

Senator Green liked the idea and will ask his vice chair and the committee to give him ideas.

Speaker Teixeira asked SSW and Civic Engagement to talk with each other to see who would take over the project.

Senator Jordan said they should talk to the BLM first to make sure they go to a place that they want them to focus on.

Speaker Teixeira agreed.

Senator H. Jackson said she had a connection to BLM if anyone wanted it.

Senator Feng said that Senator Duvall met with the dean of the College of Business and he said that if they wanted a posting board back in Ansari they would have to pay for it; he also suggested they move to Ansari.

Dr. Beattie said he would talk to Attorney General Tedford before they decide but he wanted to have a board in both. The dean said that if they wanted to put a board in Ansari they would need to get on that is locked so that their boards don't look unprofessional; but he isn't against them posting them there.

Senator Green said it would be good to have one in Pennington since student services is located in Pennington. Ansari's board had people walk by but never actually stop to read it

Dr. Beattie said Dr. Ellis sent out a request to the director of Pennington and he will follow up since he had not responded.

Senator Jordan asked if the bulletin board was theirs.

Senator Green said they talked about how they put money into building it last meeting.

Speaker Teixeira agreed with everyone in that Ansari might not be the best place for that. The deans of College and Business and Liberal Arts are there and that makes him shift back and forth on that.

Senator Jordan said they shouldn't just discount their attorney general's requests. They should look into what it would take to get a board back.

Speaker Texiera agreed. But he didn't like Pennington since most students don't necessarily have to go there. He doesn't have a class there and can study in the library. Student Services is there but they are scattered around and the café is on the side, not centralized.

Senator Green said there is a learning center on 3rd floor; not many students go there but by putting it there they do reach a different group of students than in Frandsen and KC.

Senator Eshenbaugh said that at the last meeting they said that ASUN pays into the lounge; if they are then they should be able to use it.

Dr. Beattie said that was a long time ago. The Association allocated \$150,000 to fund the lounge, but they don't pay into it now.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they wanted to see it in both.

Senator Bradley thought they didn't need to have one in Ansari. While not all students have to go to Pennington, many do go there. They don't really need to have posting boards so close to each other.

Senator Jordan said PSAC allows them to reach out to a specific group of students but Ansari has more foot traffic.

Speaker Teixeira said more people walked through Ansari this year because of the construction. It is easier to walk through Ansari or by it than by PSAC if you want to go to like Raggio. If they are trying to hit more students then it wouldn't make sense to take it away from Ansari. He will mention it in senate later that they want to have two posting boards but that they might move it out of Ansari.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business at this time.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business at this time.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Green said next week is ally week; he thought senate should do something and maybe should reach out to Director Rojas and other clubs.

Speaker Teixeira said he loved ally week but thought that putting on an event was more of programming's thing, they should just volunteer at as many events as possible.

Senator Green meant they should write legislation to support it.

Speaker Teixeira asked what it would say.

Senator Green said it would be similar to SOS Washoe; they just support students being inclusive of each other.

Speaker Teixeira said that the difference was that SOS Washoe is a ballot initiative and ally week is an event. It would be like them putting a resolution through that says they support homecoming. They can get pins that say they are allies.

Senator Blair asked when they will paint the N.

Senator Green said the second day.

Senator Blair said they should just support the painting the N and also use it as a way to start to promote the public lands day.

Senator Eshenbaugh said the state of university address is Tuesday from 4-5 and they are asked to RSVP if attending.

Speaker Teixeira said they should all go and he will be there.

Senator Blair asked for the date again.

Senator Eshenbaugh said she will send it over the listserv.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 4:43 pm.