

Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness

Senate of the Associated Students 84th Session

Minutes for Wednesday, September 14th, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

1664 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89503, Group Study Room 423, 4th Floor of the
Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Senator Blair at 3:06 PM in Group Study Room 423, 4th Floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. Presiding committee secretary, Madeline Iroz.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Barragan, Blair, Bradley, Crooks, Duvall, Jordan, and Macaballug were present.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes seeking approval at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Official Meeting Time

Senator Blair said that the committee still has to decide on the official meeting time.

Senator Barragan asked what times worked best on the Doodle Pool.

Senator Blair said that this was the best meeting time and the second best meeting time was on Monday at 5:00PM. She asked if there was any conflict with the current time.

Senator Macaballug said he has his supervisor meeting right before at 2:30PM so he might be running late sometimes. If they could push it back a little bit, it would work for him.

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Senator Bradley said she would be fine with moving it to 3:15 PM if that would work better.

Senator Barragan agreed on the time. He was running a little late this time because he was talking to a professor during his office hours today.

Senator Blair said the official meeting time will be at 3:15PM for the rest of the semester.

Senator Barragan moved that the committee change their meeting time to 3:15 PM, Wednesday with the location to be determined.

Senator Macaballug seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

b. Nominations to Fill Position of Committee Vice Chair

Senator Bradley moved to nominate Senator Macabullug to the position of Committee Vice Chair.

Senator Macaballug accepted the nomination.

Senator Blair asked Senator Macaballug to give a speech to the committee.

Senator Macabullug said he is in the College of Science. He co-wrote the legislation for the committee and he wants to make this the year that they make it a standing committee. It had a trial run last year so it would look bad trying to propose it a third time. He wants this to be the year that recognizes it as an official committee. He does have a couple of ideas that he wants to work with. One of which he started with the previous president, Boone. He talked to previous Chair, Upton about what he wanted to happen. He asked if anyone had other ideas.

Senator Blair called the committee to vote.

Senator Jordan said since Senator Macabullug was one of the ones in charge of making its legislation, he has a good idea of where he wants the committee to go. Being in the Vice Chair position, he will be in close contact with the Chair so it is a good place to do that.

The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Senator Macaballug was voted the new Vice Chair.

c. Discussion on Future Legislation

Senator Blair said they needed to talk about possible future legislation.

Senator Barragan said he wasn't sure if it would really be legislation, maybe a resolution, but he wanted to know if they could, as Associate Students, draft a resolution on their stance on solar energy and make educational decisions as a committee off of facts and not emotions. They could draft a resolution for how they stand as a university when it comes to renewable and solar energy issues.

Senator Blair asked Senator Barragan if he wants to be in charge of that.

Senator Barragan said he would be okay with being in charge of it but he doesn't want it to be just his opinion. He would appreciate other people's input.

Senator Bradley asked if that would be more like Public Affairs.

Senator Barragan said this committee will have a lot of overlapping. It is Public Affairs but it is also sustainability. They can talk to Senator Keeley about how she feels about that.

Senator Blair said they should definitely work with Public Affairs on this to have a collaboration between everyone because they want to see where they stand as a university. They'll need more people on board to help to get those facts.

Senator Jordan asked what the plans were for stuff left in the Legacy Binder.

Senator Blair said she hasn't received the Legacy Binder yet. That will come up in the next committee meeting.

Senator Bradley said she ran on a platform to look at a composting system. She will keep looking into that. They can start with grass clippings and see where that goes before they move towards food. It will be a hard battle so they need to ease into it. She will be looking into that.

Senator Blair asked if anyone knew when the next meeting for the Arboretum Board is going to be.

Senator Bradley said the meeting is September 30 at 10:00AM in the Knowledge Center, room 305 N. It is in the Basque library. The resolution that was proposed was found to not follow the board of Regent's rules so that will no longer be coming into committee or Senate. They are looking into doing an event like they did at Homecoming last year with the volunteer tree planting. It will be a better use of student's time and money to have them help plant trees or help with maintenance. That would be a lasting effect.

Senator Blair asked if that is an event they want to do in the spring and if that is something they also want Senate a part of.

Senator Bradley said yes. She is keeping it on what they want to do at this point. Last year they had it during Homecoming, but Homecoming is early this year. It should be

something that is really quick so they will see what the Arboretum Board says about that.

Senator Duvall said they could do that during Earth Day week. In the previous session they were working on getting more flash warning lights on the crosswalks along Sierra Street. There aren't many lights on that street and it is an area where people drive fast. Senator Upton was working on it previously.

Senator Barragan said that is part of campus and he talked to Senator Upton about it and they have been talking to the City of Reno. He asked if Senator Duvall was talking about Evens Street.

Senator Duvall said no, she was talking about Sierra Street.

Senator Barragan said that issue is also at Evens, Senator Upton said they need to be partnering up with the city. They at least need to help out because those streets are technically not campus property.

Dr. Beattie said Senator Boulton started with this issue last year through Public Affairs. One of the problems was that they couldn't nail down whose responsibility those streets were. They contacted a lot of people about it. One sidewalk is the university's responsibility but it is partially a city street as well as a state street because it is technically a part of the business route of 395. They emailed a lot of people but no one took claim of the streets. They need to go back and find the legislation from when the other lights were put in because it is on the same street. They just need to find out who they sent it too. That was something that was started but it dwindled out over the year. They had been trying to get something like that done for a long time and it finally took individual being hit and killed before they did something about it. He has been talking with some people who have been saying that would be overkill but those are dangerous crosswalks that are hard to see. It is a possibility but they need to find out whose responsibility it is. There was legislation that was written but he doesn't remember if it was actually passed. If anyone knows Jacob Boulton, he can send that information to everyone.

Senator Duvall said if they need a lead on that, she will do it.

Senator Macaballug said someone was already working on a composting thing so they don't need to worry about that. He hasn't heard anything about it since so maybe the person running it ran into a problem. He's not sure.

Senator Bradley asked Dr. Beattie if that was Sniff or if it was the conference. Sniff was originally for composting but now she is not too sure.

Dr. Beattie said that last he heard was that there was going to be a conference with speakers from around the area. Director Rodriguez was helping with that so he doesn't have all of the details.

Senator Jordan said one of items on his platform was to develop an outreach program with Lombardi to increase student physical activity. He took a hardhat tour of the new gym and they already have outreach programs where they bring the gym to them. They are working on getting a mobile gym to set up at different events within the community. He now wants to talk to Director Fitzsimmons of Lombardi to see if they have a data run of the demographics of the intermural, swimming pools, basketball courts and memberships to the gym to see where the holes are, what students aren't getting time for physical activity and what programs they can do to intensify the involvement of those groups of students.

Dr. Beattie said that sounded fantastic. Dr. Fitzsimmons did his dissertation on the gym so he has a ton of data and it is all statistical. Students swipe in so they keep track of students coming in. He also knows which students are intermurals and crossovers. They are also excited to partner in any way they can.

Senator Macaballug said as part of the legislation, they would assign liaisons to different organizations. He asked if that is something they might want to do.

Senator Bradley said it was amended in Senate so that is not in the actual legislation anymore. They can still talk about that as a possibility.

Dr. Beattie asked if it was supposed to be President Boone's job to submit liaisons to University Affairs.

Senator Bradley said that when she and Senator Macaballug wrote the legislation, they had the idea of having liaisons through this committee as well. Looking at her committee's job descriptions, there are fifteen liaisons that were given to her from past agendas but when she looked in the SAS, there are thirty-five to pick from. It is a matter of seeing which overlap. That is a problem that this committee is going to have throughout the year because it overlaps a lot with other committees so they need to be specific. Most things can get done through University or Public Affairs so they need to be intentional with why it relates to the committee. That is one of the toughest challenges.

Dr. Beattie said that is something they should discuss briefly at Oversight.

Senator Blair said she thought they should assign legislations before they look into assigning liaison positions. Senator Duvall already said she would take over the warning lights and Senator Barragan said he would work on resolutions. She asked if there was anything else they want to work on and assign right now.

Senator Macaballug said he would still work on the recovery. He is waiting to hear back.

Senator Blair asked Senator Bradley if she wanted to continue to work on the Arboretum Board and get that going.

Senator Bradley said yes but she doesn't think it will need legislation. She will be working with Programming Director Hurdle to see what they can do with it. She will look into it.

Senator Jordan said he will get in contact with the gym and maybe later down the road they can get a bill or resolution passed to get an ASUN sponsored outreach program going with Lombardi.

Senator Barragan said to Senator Jordan that he thought they had talked with Dr. Fitzsimmons about doing an event during Health Week. That would be easier and more useful than trying to pass legislation in this situation.

Senator Jordan said he didn't think there was much overhead to it. They knew about it and were excited about it but to everyone else, it just looked like the bar-b-que had veggie burgers that week. There needs to be more promotion that actually said health on it.

Senator Barragan said it focused more on having a technology free zone but there are more aspects to health than what was portrayed. The idea of having a Health Week is a great but they can expand and work with Inkblot to get the proper promotion going.

Senator Blair asked if he had specific ideas.

Senator Barragan said he liked the idea of partnering with Lombardi and teaching people about nutrition and healthy habits. It would be a great opportunity to promote the new fitness center. Students are already paying for it is extremely useful to be promoting that it is included in student fees. They need to promote the new center to promote wellness on campus.

Senator Blair asked if they wanted to do a Health Week close to the opening of the center.

Senator Barragan said that is what he was thinking. That would be in the spring.

Senator Bradley said they encompassed things that weren't originally recognized as health. She enjoyed the No Technology Tent and the Safe Pedestrian stuff. It would be cool to add environmental health into it. It would be a good push and they could get different clubs involved. There are a lot of health clubs on campus so Health Week is a good way to reach out to those clubs.

Senator Jordan said promoting the new fitness center is important. It opens in February so they need to keep in mind what they want to do during Health Week if it is going to be in the Winter. They might be doing some things outside. They can do something to promote the fitness center in January or February but they should keep the Health Week in the spring when it starts to get warmer so that more people will come out.

Senator Duvall asked if RHA was doing a Mental Health Week.

Senator Bradley said one of the RA's is taking it over this year. She was the person who headed it last year. It is going to be in the spring.

Senator Blair said it would be nice to have an event for the opening of the new gym that is separate from Health Week. That way people can really understand that they can use it because it is payed for in student fees.

Senator Bradley said that Vice President Springmeyer said in his last couple of reports that he is working with Lombardi about how they are going to market the new gym. They already have events planned so they can check when theirs are so that they are not doing events simultaneously.

Senator Bradley said that for Health Week, they can do self-care packages and they can talk about how to avoid sickness, including washing hands and not sharing drinks. They just need to talk about the little things that people don't always talk about to stop the spread of germs. That didn't get included last year.

Senator Jordan said they could have seminars or speakers. That could be an ASUN official who can speak or they can bring someone in. They could also have student speakers who can submit ideas and they can give the committee their speech. If it is good, then they can speak at the event and get their message out.

Senator Blair said that at this point, they have so many ideas that they couldn't all go into one week. Sickness should be focused on before it gets into cold season. She asked if they would maybe want to do a Health Week and then other events outside of that. Maybe they could have a Health event per month. This could be a student seminar, talking about the new gym or learning how not to get sick. She asked what they thought of doing those events outside of Health Week.

Senator Bradley said she thought it would be a good idea. They could do it once a month. Health Week is cool even if the campus does a lot of "weeks". Each month can be something specific. They could have one whole day that is just nutrition and they could make different coalitions where they can brainstorm ideas. They could break them up into five to seven categories within that week. They can also have different speakers each week.

Senator Jordan said they can do different aspects of health every day. They can have each day that revolves around physical, emotional, social aspects, etc.

Senator Barragan said that is a good idea. That encompass' different ideas of health. Each person has a different idea of what health entails. For example, Senator Bradley is an environmental "extraordinaire". Personal health is also important and engineering students break down because of their lack of stress management. They should do a different day for each big thing.

Senator Bradley said they could talk to Peavine because they focus on wellness and they could help. It may also bridge the gap between ASUN and RHA. There are over 2,000 students in the Halls that can go to events as well.

Senator Macaballug said that with the residence halls, they can make that a form of outreach. The senators can attend the monthly forum meetings so that they know exactly what is happening.

Senator Blair asked Senator Macaballug or Senator Bradley if either of them wanted to make that part of their outreach. They are already required to go to those meetings anyway. She asked if they would rather have other Senators attend.

Senator Macaballug said if they were to do every single floor in every single dorm, then they couldn't do it.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said they needed to start talking about RHA. It is also very interesting to do a health thing a month. They have all these new freshman and the "Freshman 15" happens to them. They should look into planning something with the residence hall students on eating habits mixed with going to the gym. Someone can do a piece on nutrition as well. The residence hall advisors and the association can get the students there. It will be a good opportunity to provide them with information about health while they are still new.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Blair adjourned the meeting at 3:36 PM.