

# Committee on Public Affairs

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

Agenda for Monday, September 19th, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

1664 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89503, President's Conference Room in the Center for Student Engagement, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Eshenbaugh called the Committee on Public Affairs to meeting on September 19, 2016 at 9:02 in the President Conference Room on the third floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union Building.

### 2. ROLL CALL

- a. Senator Barragan
- b. Senator Eshenbaugh
- c. Senator H. Jackson
- d. Senator Jacoby
- e. Senator Kohler

All senators were present.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Report from Director Charles: the department of legislative affairs has been working voter platforms and ways to get students more involved in their duty to vote. They worked in cooperation with senate on Constitution Day. The event passed out about 750 pocket constitutions and students wrote on chalkboards what liberty and the constitution meant to them.

We will have a presidential watch party in the coming week for the presidential debate. It will take place in the Joe Theater and will be hosted by the Young Dems and College Republicans clubs. The rock the vote campaign will be continuing as well as the university will be hosting a debate between Dr. Joe Heck and Catherine Cortez Masto for state senate. The dates have yet to be determined until the hall can be determined for where the debate will take place.

### 4. MINUTES

- a. There are no minutes seeking approval at this time.

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Official Meeting Time. The Committee decided that Mondays at 9am will be the meeting time for the fall semester.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Veterans Breakfast**  
Senator Eshenbaugh disclosed that about 50 people attended last year's breakfast. That is the current number to be expected again to use for quotes on catering.

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Senator Jackson said that last year there was a banner for people sign banner as they walked in express there thanks for the service members. Also, the ASUN President and elections chair spoke last year to encourage veterans t become more involved on campus.

Senator Jackson also said that Pinochios didn't get back to her via voicemail or email concerning catering.

Senator Barragan should have his quote for Blind Onion Pizza by Wednesday.

Director Charles asked the committee if they should plan for this year's event to be bigger and have higher attendance.

Senator Eshenbaugh suggested changing the planned number of attendees to 75.

Senator Barragan said he will reach out to the Veterans resource Center in the Pennington Student Achievement Center to get an idea of how many veterans might show up.

Director James Beattie asked if 50 people who reportedly were at the event last year were all veterans or if that number included faculty and other students.

Senator Jackson said that the number included all faculty and students in attendance.

Director Charles suggested setting a goal of 75 people to grow the event.

Senator Eshenbaugh said she would be in contact with Veterans Services to determine how many veterans we have on campus to determine a realistic goal.

Dr. Beattie asked if the veterans office staff might have a separate list serve to reach out to all identified veterans on campus. He also suggested contacting Wolf Pack Vets Club to increase attendance.

b. **Constitution Day**

Senator Eshenbaugh recapped constitution day. Saying that around 11:30am was the busiest time of the day.

Senator Jacoby apologized for his absence from the event.

Senator Jackson thanked everyone for helping with the event, especially the department of legislative affairs.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked the committee if this event should be tied to the Public Affairs committee as a yearly event because it is mandatory to host an event for Constitution Day because the university receives federal funding.

Senator Barragan said that he believes the event will continue to improve if it is attached as a duty of the committee.

Senator Jacoby suggested creating a legacy binder for next session with an outline of the event as well as ideas for future years.

Senator Jackson asked for opinions on whether or not to continue a partnership with the committee on legislative affairs for this event.

Director Charles said that because it is in the SAS that director of legislative affairs is required to sit on the public affairs committee, a tie between the two committees concerning this event will be inevitable.

Senator Jacoby suggested adding the partnership with legislative affairs into the legacy binder for this event.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked if there are any other days that aren't linked with a committee that should be going forward.

Director Charles proposed September 11<sup>th</sup> and Nevada day.

Director Beattie asked if Nevada day should be celebrated on Nevada Day or not as many people leave town for the three day weekend.

Senator Eshenbaugh will present the ideas to Oversight committee to get their opinion. Senator Jackson said that she thinks the committee should write in the legislation for Constitution Day and September 11<sup>th</sup> but wait on Nevada day until after this year's Nevada Day.

Senator Jackson volunteered to write legislation for these events.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Jackson asked the committee to attend a town hall for the state of Washoe County Schools on Thursday September 29 at 7pm in the Redfield Auditorium in the Davidson Math and Science Building.

Guest asked who is hosting and what the event will be about.

Senator Jackson said the event is hosted by KRNB radio station and will cover issues such as overcrowding and budgets.

Senator Barragan asked if there will be an open floor for people in attendance to ask questions.

Senator Jackson said there will be chances for questions as well as opportunities for social media questions from individuals who cannot attend the event but still want to be involved.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Eshenbaugh adjourned the meeting at 9:17.