

Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, September 21st 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 4:03 pm in the President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira, Senator Blair, Senator Bradley, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Henderson, H. Jackson, and Jordan were present.

Senator Green was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker Teixeira asked Dr. Beattie if they could approve the minutes since they were agendized under public comment and not the minutes.

Dr. Beattie said no, they were misagendized.

- a. The minutes from April 26th, 2016
- b. The minutes from April 27th, 2016
- c. The minutes from May 4th, 2016
- d. The minutes from September 7th, 2016

4. MINUTES

5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate
Secretary Godoy had no report.
- b. Speaker Pro-Tempore-Senator H. Jackson
Senator H. Jackson thanked everyone that helped with Constitution Day, they saw a lot of participation and it was a well enjoyed event. For the town hall, it will be next Thursday at 7:00 pm. she hopes to see them all there since they want a big ASUN presence there. She will need them to volunteer to direct people from the parking garages to the Redfield Auditorium in DMS. For their interns, they should start to think of project that they want to. She will be telling interns that they can do a project. She will be starting interviews tomorrow and it would be cool to meet them. She will have a specific date so that they can learn about the committees and would like if they could go to present about their committees.

Posted at 1664 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89557 in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement inside the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Ansari Business Building, The Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center and online at www.nevadaasun.com.

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Speaker Teixeira asked if she had decided on a date for the committees.

Senator H. Jackson said not yet but will have the dates by next week.

Speaker Teixeira asked her to use the listserv to keep them all updated.

c. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson

Senator Henderson said the committee is working on their projects. They will have a meeting tomorrow and will get into some new projects at the meeting. The director of undergrad research will be there and to give a presentation because she wants to get the committee members in on what he does.

Speaker Teixeira said she should have someone come in to talk about the silver core curriculum.

d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng

Senator Feng said they had no meeting last week but they will start the financial reviews this week.

e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green

Speaker Teixeira said they started going to SEAB for the Toys for Tots event.

f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan

Senator Jordan they started to go over the scholarships at their last meeting. The vice chair ran it and it was 6 minutes so there is probably some confusion but he will clear it up at the next meeting.

Speaker Teixeira said he will send stuff his way that Dr. Beattie and Secretary Godoy have been talking about.

Dr. Beattie said that during the 82nd session, the exec. admin. were moved over to be under the senate secretary by former Speaker Fabbi. He moved them over but did not change the titles. It did not make sense to have secretaries report to the senate secretary and the exec. admin. report to the president but also because some exec. admin. were not going to meetings like clubs and orgs. The duties are all the same and it makes sense for one person to oversee them. Speaker Teixeira and President Boone do not have time to make sure they go to meetings and are doing their jobs.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they had questions.

Senator Feng asked if they would need to write legislation.

Speaker Teixeira said yes.

Senator Feng asked if they would need to change line items.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they changed the line item.

Dr. Beattie said no money is moving, they have enough money to pay for them.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they would have to move over their line item on the budget.

Dr. Beattie said yes.

Senator Jordan said they could strike the position and add more secretary positions.

Dr. Beattie said they are all there for committees, they just have different names. The senate secretary has his/her employees and assigns them meetings based on their schedules but the skill set for each is the same. The only one that has different duties is the legislative clerk. It makes sense to let the senate secretary dictate who covers what since the availability of secretaries change based on schedules. A very small part of the committee secretaries' jobs requires them to be here. Most of the job can be done from home and it is flexible. The person who covers President's Cabinet this semester may not be able to next semester that is why the senate secretary should assign committees.

Senator Jordan asked if they wanted to write legislation to strike the exec. admin. positions and add more committee secretaries.

Speaker Teixeira said they could do that.

Secretary Godoy said that she and Dr. Beattie had discussed hiring additional secretaries and an additional legislative clerk since there is a lot more work and not enough of them. The legislative clerk is supposed to archive everything – agendas, minutes, opinions, legislation, etc – at the end of the session; but that has not been done since the 79th session, and they are in the 84th session currently. She wanted to hire a legislative clerk to archive only so that Legislative Clerk Hansen can focus on SAS changes and legislation for this session. She also wanted to hire additional secretaries since the Judicial Council, Clubs and Orgs, and Elections are all asking for secretaries but two sessions ago, they didn't.

Speaker Teixeira said that another thing is that if the next speaker has the same situation, it is hard to hire and train an entire board. If there are more secretaries, it is more likely that someone will be here at the end of the year to help out the next year.

Dr. Beattie also reminded them that the 81st session added the committee on Civic Engagement and they also have the Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness up for consideration. The Association has continued to grow but the secretaries have not.

Senator Jordan asked if they wanted to hire 1 more legislative clerk, 1 more secretary to bring it the total to 6, and strike the exec. admin. positions.

Speaker Teixeira said they should hire 2 extra secretaries for a total of 7 secretaries because striking the exec. admin. doesn't change anything.

- g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh
Senator Eshenbaugh said they are working on the veterans' breakfast and contacting different people. November 10th will be the date and is in contact with veterans services to let them know about the event and to ask them how many veterans are on campus to try and get estimates for the caterers. They had 50 people go last year and she is shooting for 75. She is in contact with a few other veteran organizations on campus so that number might change. She and Senator H. Jackson are working on legislation for the Constitution Day event.

Speaker Teixeira asked her for the date again.

Senator Eshenbaugh said it was the 10th of November. November 11th is the actual day but they don't have school.

- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley
Senator Bradley said they had no meeting last week but will have one this week to talk about an outreach event that will be senate-wide.
- i. Special committee on Safety, Sustainability and wellness- Senator Blair
Senator Blair said the committee is working on something for health week and have been in contact with VP Springmeyer. They were thinking on doing some kind of wellness event like yoga on the quad since many people have suggested it before.

Speaker Teixeira said that for wellness day, since they moved the services over to Pennington, it would be cool to have the event there; maybe some yoga on the roof since a lot of students would see that. They have the patio on the rooftop and it can be reserved by students. They could also ask Pennington if they can table between the Jot and Pennington since there is a lot of open space in between. She should contact the Joe since they are staffing it now.

Senator Blair loved that idea and would love to get more people involved for that.

- j. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira
Speaker Teixeira apologized for misgendering the minutes, but he will fix it for next week. He canvassed with President Boone for SOS Washoe and it went well. They were the only two from ASUN. If they supported it as a senate body, then they need to all be there to support it. He will also talk about that in Senate. They have four candidates coming to senate tonight. One is for the DHS seat since the other candidate cancelled, for the Interdisciplinary Programs Seat, they have 3 candidates that are all super energetic. The assistant director of public relations has been on the agenda for a long time and she is finally coming to senate. He asked them to please ask her about that since if she couldn't go to senate she might not be able to meet her job duties but she does seem like a capable candidate. They will also have President Johnson coming to senate. He will be addressing the goals he talked about in the state of the university address and how they are reaching those goals. He had a good presentation and is prepared to answer questions.

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

Dr. Beattie said they as committee chairs will have a lot of administration coming to them to ask for stuff, but it is not mandatory they put them on the agenda. Some things are a waste of time and they can use their discretion and judgment when writing agendas, it is a perk that comes with the position. It is always the admin.'s task to convince them of what is being asked. Also, Dr. Ellis reminded him President Johnson said they would not implement new fees until the fall 2019 if students were ok with the general increase for the new gym. If students can demonstrate they are in support of a new fee, he might consider it. But if counterparts keep pressuring them, remember there is actual power vested in them as committee chairs, they can turn down hearing things.

Speaker Teixeira said that is something he discussed in his meeting with President Johnson and Dr. Ellis. If someone drops a name saying they are in support of a fee, make sure to CC all the names to see if there is actual support. If someone says that the last senate supported something, remind them that they are a new senate body.

Dr. Beattie said that was also true. People name drop all the time and it is natural human nature. If someone really supported something, they would come out and speak about it themselves. When the high level administration really wants something, they will come ask for it themselves.

Senator H. Jackson said that just because Students Helping Students is over, that doesn't mean they can stop supporting SOS Washoe. They need to do more than just supporting the resolution.

Speaker Teixeira said that last night, President Johnson talked about SOS Washoe in the state of the university address so this is something that the administration also believes in.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.