

# 84th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Teixeira called the Senate meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Andrea Godoy.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira, Barragan, Blair, Senator Bond, Senator Bradley, Senator Crooks, Senator Crupi, Senator Duvall, Senator Eshenbaugh, Senator Feng, Senator Green, Senator Henderson, Senator H. Jackson, Senator T. Jackson, Senator Jacoby, Senator Jordan, Senator Kohler, Senator Macaballug, Senator Smith, and Senator Urquidi were present.

A quorum was present.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- A. The minutes from April 27th, 2016
- B. The minutes from June 22nd, 2016
- C. The minutes from August 3rd, 2016
- D. The minutes from August 10th, 2016
- E. The minutes from August 17th, 2016
- F. The minutes from August 31st, 2016
- G. The minutes from September 9th, 2016

Secretary Godoy said they had the minutes for items A-F; minutes for September 9<sup>th</sup> did not exist. She suggested that Speaker Teixeira must have meant September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve agenda items 4 A-F by unanimous consent.  
There was no dissent; motion carried.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. President Marc Johnson

President Johnson thanked them for having him tonight. He was asked to address a few things and to respond to questions. Some comments to start off, what he expected from the student government. He had no expectations since the administration recognized them as an independent body and liked working with them. He has been there 8 years and is has been impressed with the maturity throughout all 8 years. Some students feel that their job is to oppose the administration but they are lucky since they have never had a body do that; he

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appreciated that. As to what he does, he and Dr. Ellis meet with the student leadership monthly and discuss goals. He hears from Speaker Teixeira and President Boone about what is going on and the head of GSA and President Boone have seats at the board of regents so they try to discuss points of differences. They try to identify what the issues are and what impacts those issues will have. That communication and willingness to let him come in keeps up the communication. They are very careful in charging more fees and with things that affect their lives. If they have a notion for a fee increase, like the tech fee they supported, they will come to them and get their opinion and support. If something is not supported, they will not take it to the board of regents since they are also very supportive. They had tremendous discussions led by student government when they discussed the 4% fee increase. Students endorsed the fee increases since they knew what would happen with the money. They have a responsibility to maintain their responsibility by doing what they say they will do. From time to time, they have different groups coming in and asking for fees. They as a student government body don't raise fees and it is not a final vote. Only the board of regents can do that, and the requests must come from colleges and universities. If they endorse a fee, it eventually bubbles up to the administration where they have to decide if they want to agree to that. It then has to go to board of regents for a vote. Their representatives will be there to hear about the increase and President Boone can speak for them, against them, or say nothing. They have a broader responsibility to make sure their fees don't get too high and make them become noncompetitive with other institutions. They don't want to raise fees and price themselves out of the market, or the university will stop growing. They would appreciate it if they heard the other side of the story as well. They might write a resolution against something but would appreciate the courtesy of having the administration's side heard before that happens. It's not required but would appreciate it. He thought that the student government was doing great things. Their purpose is to communicate with students and community and make a great and active living environment for the students. They are supporting 300 clubs so they are doing their job, he just hopes students are still going to class. He thought the student government was very active and supported them. Number one reason they fall out is they are not connected socially which is why freshmen residence halls set up a lot of activity. It is essential that all students have the opportunity to interact. Now onto what he does: this is like a chief executive officer position in that he is responsible for the balanced development of the campus and the vice presidents are responsible for individual aspects of campus. His job is to work with all the vice presidents to maintain a balance and a cohesive position on how the campus develops. He has particular responsibilities for athletics and need to control athletics so they don't have things like Penn State situations happening here. He deals more with the outside community, the mayor, and legislators and represents the university and what they can do. He is a principle fundraiser for the university. Whoever is in this position has the ability to ask for larger gifts to construct large projects like programs and buildings. They have a great campus and thanks to those they saw at the state of university address, they are developing well and rapidly on all their missions. He said they can always come to see him if they set up an appointment.

Senator Eshenbaugh said she attended the state of university address and thought the presentation was excellent. She said that he talked a lot about the growth of campus; she asked how facilities would be able to keep up with the growth. Many have a problem with parking

right now but he mentioned three new buildings to come by 2018. She was wondering if they had parking plans and if they would have to increase fees despite promising not to.

President Johnson said yes he would be open to debating it but the concern is they have a general fee increase that students endorsed so that students could access the new center. If they could argue for a general parking fee that would support all students, they would listen. The alternative is to put up a parking structure based on their ability to raise enough parking fees to pay off the bonds. He can tell them that if they went on to the provost page and saw the master plan, they would see they have already included plans for parking on the southeast corner and north central part of campus. They already have three parking garages with Whalen, West Stadium, and Sierra. They are clustered by the middle of campus but they know they need more capacity in the far south and north where they have a lot of academic activity happening. When they have opportunity to expand parking, it is the first thing they do. For example, when they closed the tennis courts by Mackay stadium, they immediately laid out 300 additional parking spots and they just opened another 300 slots up by the north. They recognize that parking is important; ironically though, it is the only topic brought up by students, faculty, and community members. They do have it on the master plan and have a parking garage coming up soon. He was just told on Monday that there is a private person willing to come and use their own money if the university had the right price. They would also be willing to let the university manage and use it.

Senator Bradley said she was also an RA and wondered about upper classmen housing. Right now, the only residential house for upperclassmen is Canada. She asked if they had any plans to increase upperclassmen housing.

President Johnson said they are looking for a spot to offer more housing opportunities. There is a high demand to live in the res halls. The next hall will not have access to a dining facility and will need to cook for them. He hopes they understand their priority on locating freshmen rooms. They took away a number of upperclassmen housing to accommodate freshmen growth. Studies show that freshmen that come into housing have better chance of being retained and becoming a part of campus life and that is a trade off they made; losing some on campus housing to accommodate for the freshmen.

Senator Green said that many students want to have the opportunity to talk to him to voice concerns. He asked if he had any plans for events for students to come talk to him in an informal environment.

President Johnson said he had a busy schedule but would be happy to talk to them if they set up an appointment. If they come by with an appointment they can find the time. A great time to discuss things with him is at Pizza with the President at the Blind Onion. Usually, the dining area of the restaurant is pretty full of students so it is a nice time for questions and answers. He and Dr. Ellis and others will be taking questions about a variety of topics. He really enjoys having conversations with the students and encouraged them to stop him if they see him on the sidewalk.

Senator Green asked if they had any plans to make accommodations for more diverse students.

President Johnson said yes. They have been having discussions with small groups of students from diverse situations to learn about identity. Blaine Harding and his colleagues are broadening out their services and giving their students an opportunity to have a place to socialize and study. They are doing a number of training opportunities on campus where they have a safe zone ally training available and others. He will be leading the president's council through it. They also have vet smart available to anyone who wants to understand veteran student can. They are also working on a safe zone ally for the LGBTQIA and for everyone to understand different situations so that students make clubs and professors make classrooms more inclusive. They are also working on hiring more faculties with more diverse backgrounds.

Speaker Texiera said he talked yesterday about becoming a more research oriented university and also becoming R1 certified. He asked when he foresaw that happening.

President Johnson said he could not recall what year, but they were reclassified last spring as R2. In about 5 years, they will do another review and will therefore be closer in 5 years. Increasing faculty with research responsibilities and the expenditures for research has increased by 9% in the last three years and 5% in the last year. They are also getting more grad students as well. An important feature of that is that the undergrads get great research experiences. When going through the fee increase, students wanted more faculty, teaching assistants, and support of undergrad research. They are investing student funds into undergrad research opportunities. Scott Mencing is also responsible for undergrad research opportunities. They want to create as many opportunities as possible.

Pack Internship Grant Program wanted to thank them for the invitation. Most know about the program and they know they have a bill up tonight. She wanted to speak briefly about the program and what they are asking for to help grow and expand the program. They are also happy to answer questions. To get started, the program is wonderfully successful and owed it to them for their support. It is a "by students, for students" program and employers are impressed by that. They believe that internship offerings should be equal and diverse across fields and not for just those that can afford them or for certain majors. They are an equal opportunity for all students regardless of major or year. The internships are rigorous and involve hands on work and adding real value. It is defined by the companies but they work closely with them to make sure that they have a diverse set of offerings and that they are tailored and crafted so that students make a real difference. They have had 100% employer satisfaction and that is sourcing from everywhere across the campus, many of the internships result in permanent job positions as well. The program has been growing every year. In their first year, they had 21 internship positions at 11 organizations and 300 applications and that doubled in year 2. They expect that it will continue to grow this year. They will open next week and at the current time, have 76 employers with unique positions apply for funding. They expect applications to be in the hundreds to keep up with the trend of previous years. President Boone has been spearheading the effort to go into the community to secure additional funding to grow the program but it really will take time and they are not there yet. But they do have 4 additional positions funded; that is 4 more unique employers for 8 more internships. The nice thing about this program, as

she mentioned, is that they offer internships that require different skill sets and for a variety of majors. The program thanked them for the consideration and will answer questions they have.

Speaker Teixeira clarified that they had the program present now in public comment since she had to leave.

Senator Jacoby asked if people that completed the program could apply again in the next year.

The Pack Internship Program said yes but they could not apply for the same position.

Senator Green asked if the companies who have internships the first year retain them.

The Pack Internship Program said yes. Nearly 69% students were asked to stay and 9 were offered fulltime permanent positions.

Senator Bradley asked who decides on who receives the internships.

The Pack Internship Program said it was not a placement system. They had an initial screening to make sure they work with eligible students where they just checking basic requirements and make sure the application is complete. The information of eligible applicants is forwarded to the companies and companies select their applicants. The program only asks that all companies review each candidate and interview a percentage of the candidates, but the employers make the decision.

Director Partridge introduced Natalie Sekigawa to give a presentation on Pack Provisions.

Ms. Sekigawa said that students should not have to choose between paying bills and paying for food. She is the director of pack provisions and a senior studying nutrition. She wants to work with autoimmune diseases. Pack provision mission is “Assist students in financial difficulty that may lack basic necessities such as food, clothing, and everyday items, educate students about the resources available on campus and in the community for varying needs such as counseling and seeking a job, uniting the whole of the UNR campus in the effort to end hunger on campus, and raise awareness of the various issues and struggles that UNR students face.” What do we dispense: they dispense canned and non-perishable food items, hygiene & household products, meal swipes (10 meal swipes twice a semester per student), WinCo Gift Cards (3 gift cards a semester per student that are of a \$20 value), and other information about other resources available on campus. Food insecurity by race: shows that there really is no correlation between needing food and a particular race. This affects every student of every race. Food insecurity and cumulative GPA: people with no food security have a lower GPA; they tend to be more stressed out and have trouble focusing. If they didn’t have food insecurity, they would be able to get higher grades. The figure illustrates a negative relationship and has no relationship to credit load. Some obstacles that they face include: Pack Provisions is not serving the majority of the population it is intended for. They also need to normalize the use of the food pantry and eliminate stigma. Finally, they need to establish a campus presence and keep volunteers active and engaged. She was willing to take questions gave her contact information. Her email is

[nsekigawa@asun.unr.edu](mailto:nsekigawa@asun.unr.edu) and can also be found in the Pack Provisions office in ASUN. If they want to stop by and chat, they just need to remind her of their names.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they were able to give clothes as well.

Ms. Sekigawa said yes but mostly through gift cards for stores that partner with them. People have been asking about it and want to have an increased partnership for this but they don't currently offer clothes.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they could do clothing drives.

Ms. Sekigawa said yes.

Director Partridge said storage is a challenge and if they take in a lot of clothes they would have to find a place to store it.

Ms. Sekigawa the facility is small but if they can acquire the donation, they will accept it.

Senator Green asked if they had data for which class is affected most by this; like are seniors or freshmen most affected.

Ms. Sekigawa said no.

Director Partridge said they can look through the data to provide the answer but they don't have it ready off the top of their heads.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked what kind of marketing things they had done for the existence of pack provisions in its various locations prior to coming to the Joe.

Ms. Sekigawa said that for the purpose of the presentation, Pack Provisions was established in 1993 with different locations. Before, it was a hush-hush thing and they are trying to normalize it and make it easier for people to accept so that it is front and center and normal. The Joe is a great place but if they had ideas, they would be open to them. They will be tabling in the KC and will also go with RA's to speak to students in the res halls. They are just really focusing on outreach.

Senator Urquidi said he didn't know the process but asked if they had an online form to request food or whatever they needed.

Ms. Sekigawa said they ensured confidentiality unless someone will commit a crime. They do have a WuFoo form and that is how they got the information for this presentation. It also tracks things like what they buy and is also discreet. She will not look at screen unless they ask for help but the form is on a tablet so when they come in they just fill out.

Dr. Partridge said they wanted to balance the need to be discreet but also making sure they gather the data they need and also keeping it easy to access. They are trying to make it more accessible to make it more open but want it to be more open.

Ms. Sekigawa felt more comfortable having it on the table.

Senator Duvall said that the wolf shop is planning on expanding to have a south campus location; she asked if that was something they would consider.

Ms. Sekigawa didn't think it would be difficult but enjoyed the Joe since that most students do come to the Joe. She does not want to play favorites with students since the Joe is center of campus.

Senator Duvall said she meant expanding to have a secondary location to serve on both ends, not relocating. She asked where the majority of their supplies come from.

Ms. Sekigawa said they are backed by the Northern Nevada Food Bank and most of the food comes from them. Hygiene goods are from drives and meal swipes are from RHA but they expire on Wednesdays. Students can swipe out the rest of their meals and donate them; some clubs and orgs and fraternities and sororities donate things as well. If they come up with more questions they can find her at pack provisions or via email would love to hear from them.

*Senators Bond and Henderson left the room at 6:11 pm.*

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

There are no petitions or correspondences that will be heard.

## **7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

### **A. President of the Associated Students, Brandon Boone**

President Boone said he, Director Charles, and Senator H. Jackson met with Dr. Beattie and Director Rodriguez to discuss their voter friendly designation. It isn't just based on ASUN only; it is a campus wide initiative. State of university address was yesterday and was impressed with the turnout. They could have filled out 2 entire rows if they had all sat together. It was also a good networking event for officers that stayed after. Dog Fest was this week and they raised over \$11,000. The SOS Washoe neighborhood walk went great and thanked speaker Teixeira for coming. He has a meeting with Director Hurdle for debriefs for BLF for ESI and UNR PD. So far he has only heard great things about the event. Some suggestions have been made and they will start planning it this year for next year. He met with the director of athletics about Arch Madness leading up to the March from the Arch. They were thinking of setting up basketball courts to introduce men and women's basketball teams and have them compete 3 point contests and have audience compete as well. It's to get them hyped for the season. Road to Tedx is coming up and if they remembered, they sponsored it with \$15,000. There will be a student competition next Tuesday; he went last year and it was very cool. The winner gets to

speak at the Tedx event at GSR. He recommended they go; it is next Tuesday at 7 pm in the Joe Theater.

B. Vice President of the Associated Students, Jacob Springmeyer

VP Springmeyer said his biggest push was the campus fitness campaign. He met with Directors Koeckes, Steelman, and Moore and are looking to host focus groups to get student perspective and also contact local fitness experts and nationally recognized speakers. He wants minimum of 50% usage of the new fitness center. He is also working with inkblot to get the internship program marketing application out. He will spread it out on social media and speak to clubs around campus to get as many applications in. He wants to hit 1000 applications this year.

Senator Bradley asked what the current usage was for Lombardi.

VP Springmeyer said 25% but that is because Lombardi is membership based. The campaign's goal and his goal is 50%, not necessarily the center's.

Senator H. Jackson liked the campaign they were planning but suggested they partner with SSW.

Senator Blair wanted to have a wellness initiative around October 13<sup>th</sup> and wanted to partner with him to help their campaign.

VP Springmeyer will email them and asked if they will plan health week this year.

Senator Blair said yes.

Senator Green asked what will happen with Lombardi.

Speaker Teixeira said it will transfer to athletics and will be used for them to train.

VP Springmeyer said they will do a \$1.2 million renovation for athletics. They also want to look into getting a separate facility for intramurals later but for now, intramurals can use the courts around 5 and the rest of the day is for athletics. There will also be one court in the new center that intramurals can use but they want the majority of the use to be for students.

C. Chief of Staff, Sebastian Atienza

Chief of Staff Atienza and President Boone went to the student retail committee meeting and President Johnson touched on the growth. He also started interviews for exec internship. He will be doing interviews until the 7<sup>th</sup> but reminded them that the applications are still open until September 30. They had 7 new applicants since the last time he looked, he asked them to keep pushing to get more departments filled. For the downtown flags, he has made some progress. The marketing team gave them some leeway for the design so he met with different people to get a design. He is in contact with Signs by Tomorrow but the university wants to see what our team can bring. He will let them know what bill is later. He has been in contact with university affairs to start the sexual assault awareness week and will go to a meeting to get something going.

Senator Feng asked if they planned to schedule tabling for the internships.

Chief of Staff Atienza said it was up to them. It is easy to schedule if they want to do it.

Senator Jordan said asked if they included a question that asked how the applicants heard about the program like they did last year.

Chief of Staff Atienza said they did not since it was deemed an unnecessary question and they posted the application on the general job sight.

Senator H. Jackson said she will be asking them at the end of her interviews so she can bring some of the data to them later.

D. Deputy Chief of Staff, Michael Upton

President Boone read the report into the record: "Good evening Senators. Sorry I couldn't be here tonight, but I wouldn't want to get you all sick. I am supposed to meet with Rachel Lucas tomorrow evening to discuss the SNIF, but I will most likely be pushing that back to Saturday unless I feel better tomorrow. We are discussing a budget, and the top four schools we would like to contact for evaluations of our recycling system. As for Pack Friendly Businesses, the website is updated and they will be adding links to the new companies within the next couple weeks. Thank you to Senator Jackson for getting me Joy Heuer's contact info for The Chamber, and thanks to Senator Green for contacting me with a new Pack Friendly Business. That is all for this week. Thanks."

E. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brooklyn Lawton

Director Lawton said after voter friendly designation, she and President Boone decided she could help out. She did research on the project and they have a blog where they discuss lots of different things and got inspiration from that. She was working on creating nonpartisan guides for the position of each candidate to educate students, voting times, and things like that.

*Senator Crupi left the room at 6:31 and entered the room at 6:31 pm.*

F. Attorney General, Dylan Tedford

Attorney General Tedford said the last weeks; he had been helping President Boone with some stuff. They will sit down to finish up the SAS but it won't take long. He will write an opinion about the posting of the agendas when they have technological issues. He has gotten texts about it from many people. It is fine if it a technological issue if they have the agendas up in the physical locations. He will take the LSAT on Saturday and will probably have it early next week.

G. Director of Programming, Casandra Hurdle

Assistant Director Leard thanked them for help during BLF; they could not have done it without them. They had 5400+ people and raised over \$140,000. It went well and without any incidents and there were only 2 noise complaints. They will attend Budget and Finance on the 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the budget reviews for Programming and BLF. Many programmers are still in the

middle of debriefing community partners. She will be setting up a timeline and guides to plan for BLF since there are time constraints from the time the director is appointed and the time that BLF is supposed to happen. The goal from then on now is to now have one director pass on the major plans to the next director. They were trending as number 2 and their videos got lots of retweets. For welcome week, they had the highest attendance to date for all events. This week will also be reviewed in budget and fiancé. For ally week, director Rojas is being helped by programming and they need all the help they can get. She asked them to please volunteer if they could. For As American As, Programming will be hosting Fusion TV's event, t 30ft long walls will showcase the diversity of college students across the county. The event is free to all students but they will need help unloading and reloading the walls. For homecoming, the packet and registration is live and for the king/queen applications. All applications are due October 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be a tier based system. They will have all traditional events back and looking into having an event with blue crew. The week starts the 16<sup>th</sup> and ends on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the game. Programming will be disaffiliated with all organizations that will be participating in homecoming. He reminded them that they are representatives of ASUN when they attend any homecoming games and they should keep that in mind. He thanked them again for their help.

H. Director of Blue Crew, Kevin Bezick

Programmer Nason said the Mackay Anniversary went well and they had the entire student section gold. They have two weeks until the next home game. They will team up with programming for homecoming. They should also expect some good Beat UNLV plans soon.

I. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Richard Long

Director Long said they heard 135 club requests for \$68,000 for finding. They are working with clubs to provide them with help if they didn't get funds. They want to see the budget reach \$0. The last time they were close was under former Director Gomez where he had \$70 left. He asked them that anyone from ASUN not come to hearings to represent clubs. It may seem unprecedented but his thoughts were that it can be seen as a conflict of interest, even if it was not there. Moving forward, they will announce it prior to the next funding hearing. iLead went well. They formatted it as a conference with speakers and presentations and had a lot of good questions from clubs. They heard a lot of good suggestions as well and most club members did not think it was as terrible as they initially thought.

Speaker Texiera said that a comment on ASUN coming in, all people at this table involved and a leader. He went to the last hearing and it comes down to availability and understood their interest that there be no conflicts of interest but as commissioners, they need to accept the bias.

Director Long said yes but sending a proxy is not hard, it doesn't have to be the president or treasurer. They can send any member. This is to protect the association so that they don't build a representation that they only fund certain clubs.

Dr. Beattie said he understood the club availability but this policy is to protect them. He asked how it would look for President Boone coming to ask for money knowing that President Boone could easily fire Director Long. Obviously President Boone wouldn't but the perception that

they only fund ASUN officers can be there. If a club could only send 1 person and an ASUN officer, then the commission can make an exception to only hear one person instead of two.

Senator Crupi said that it would make sense except that the person in charge will be able to answer questions better. If the person sent didn't fill out the application then they might not be able to answer questions and then they might not get their money.

Dr. Beattie said the commission can table requests and have one on one meeting with them to make sure applications are correct. If they know they can't attend a meeting, then they should take the time to prepare the representatives. The intent of the commission isn't to intentionally deceit clubs.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they will be seeing the legislation for not having ASUN officials attend funding hearings on behalf of clubs.

Director Long said yes.

J. Director of Legislative Affairs, Veronica Charles

President Boone read the report into the record: "Hello Senators. First off I'd like to thank Senator Eshenbaugh and Speaker Pro Tempore Jackson for their help carrying out Constitution Day Observation. The department gave out over 750 pocket constitutions, registered students to vote, registered students on TurboVote, and received some valuable feedback from our students. Our projects coordinator has set up our table and pizza order for National Voter Registration Day (tomorrow, 9/22). We will be outside of the KC handing pizza to those who register with TurboVote.com. We will be hosting a Debate Watch Party this Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the Pennington Student Achievement Center room 114. We will be providing food and drinks and it will be a good opportunity to interact with our constituents. Dunk the Delegates is ready and everything is in order- we just need volunteers for dunking on October 10th. Max will have a quiz sheet ready for volunteers a week before the event. We are also working a great deal on Political Palooza and attracting as many political campaigns as we can bring to our constituents. There is no report to give regarding the internship program at this time. As many of you know the Department has been working with Former Attorney General Catherine Cortez-Masto and Congressman Heck's campaign teams to hold a debate between the two candidates for State Senate at the University. We have recently partnered with the RGJ in an effort to strengthen our relationships with both campaign teams and we have a confirmation that both campaigns would like to hold a debate with us. We are working out venue and debate logistics, but we are excited to watch this event unfold and bring students this exciting civic engagement opportunity."

K. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Gabriel Rojas

President Boone read the report into the record: "Ally week is set and ready to go. Handbills are being made by Inkblot and should be done by tomorrow. When I send out the FB polls for times PLEASE Sign up. I can't run a weeks' worth of events by myself. I attended the Cultural Diversity Committee meeting; March 30th will be the 2017 Diversity Summit Theme. Future Projects include: Fusion TV (still waiting to hear back from Stefanie to see if this is a go or not)

and partnering with McNeece to get the minority group of students to vote during ASUN elections.”

L. Elections Chair, Steven McNeece

Elections Chair McNeece said the first semester is mostly going to be marketing for the second semester. They are starting to get materials in and brought in t-shirts for them if they had not gotten one. He asked them to wear the t-shirts around campus and share them on Facebook. He brought their year-round marketing poster for this year and it features Wolfie. They will begin to hang them up to get some exposure for the elections commission and for elections. They want to get a banner to hang up for when elections do come around in March. They are also planning on doing stickers like the t-shirt design to pass out at events. He asked them to put the stickers on their water bottles if they can. For events, the commission asked them to will be working with Legislative Affairs. They will help them set up and in return, the commission can pass out materials at events. They will be tabling tomorrow to push themselves and will be doing more tabling events later. They really want to do exposure events. It was brought to his attention by Senator H. Jackson that fewer women are elected into government so he will be bringing in a program, Elect Her, that teaches women the logistics of running a campaign and on how to build a platform so that they can have the same opportunities. Their statistics on the website state that roughly 90% of women who go through their workshops win the positions they ran for.

Senator Crupi asked what the mascot was on the poster.

Elections Chair McNeece said it was supposed to be Wolfie.

Senator Crupi said it looked like Alfie not Wolfie. It also had a lot of red.

Director Rodriguez wanted to see a program where Wolfie signs the posters since students are more likely to keep.

Elections Chair McNeece wanted to do that for the elections barbeque, maybe blow up the posters so they are bigger.

Senator Crupi asked if they could do that with all the 3 mascots since that would be cool. If they had some kind of competition between all the mascots to attract more people, it would be cool.

Senator Green recommended they do Luna.

M. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

Chief Justice Bruketta said he had a presentation for the department from Board of Regents Chairman Trachalk to talk about the future of law students and law schools. He has been working on getting a relationship with Mr. Trey Chuck and to get the ballrooms booked. The goal is to develop a mediation program. They need to take baby steps so the next step is to set up a conference with Florida State to see how their mediation program works so they can implement them here. The Student Conduct applications are up if they are interested in serving

the university in that capacity. For the internship program, they will start interviews on October 7<sup>th</sup> and will have a final roster for them later.

Senator H. Jackson asked who his connection was to the board of regents.

Chief Justice Bruketta said Mr. Trachalk.

Senator H. Jackson said she had a different connection if he was interested in getting in contact with a law coordinating educator.

Chief Justice Bruketta said yes.

N. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Hannah 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. She asked if anyone else could volunteer.

Senators Feng, Blair, T. Jackson, Duvall and Director Charles volunteered.

Senator H. Jackson will put it on the Facebook page as well. 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.

O. Speaker of the Senate, Noah Teixeira

**8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE**

A. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson

B. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng  
Senator Feng said they will start doing financial reviews this Friday.

C. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green  
Senator Green said he had several volunteer opportunities for them if interested. He had been working on the student services volunteer competition. The Joe is in favor of the competition and it looked like the main competition was going to be between ASUN and the Joe. The nonprofit recognition was posted in the ASUN Newsletter; senator bond took over that and will be posting a new nonprofit every month in the newsletter.

D. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan

Senator Jordan thanked his vice chair, Senator Jacoby, for running the meeting last Friday. It went well. They will be getting updates at the next meeting so that they can move forward with the scholarships.

E. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh

Senator Eshenbaugh said they are working on the veterans' breakfast and they are thinking it will be a luncheon instead. She has personally reached out to ROTC, Nevada Military Society, Wolf Pack Veterans Club, and Veterans Services. Committee members are still reaching out to caterers. They decided the date will be November 10<sup>th</sup>.

F. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley

Senator Bradley said they did not meet last week but will meet tomorrow. They will be discussing an outreach event; she asked her committee members to keep that in mind for the meeting.

G. Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness-Chair, Blair

Senator Blair said they had a productive meeting today. They decided they wanted to have 3 events each semester for each aspect of the committee. The first event will be on October 13 for wellness. They wanted to make some goodie bags for flu season and will try to partner up with student services and the counseling center. They are hoping to do the event in Pennington. They also had an event on Monday for public lands day. Since they didn't have a lot of time, they will go to Rancho and do some cleanup. They will have the Snapchat account all day. Senator Duvall volunteered to go to the Truckee River cleanup to take pictures and spread the committee's name.

*Senator Barragan left the room at 6:57 pm.*

H. Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

**10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

A. Nomination of Maggie McLaughlin to be Assistant Director of Campus and Public Relations.

**11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

**The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 7, 2016:**

**A. NOMINATION OF MAGGIE MCLAUGHLIN TO BE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.**

Ms. McLaughlin is a senior marketing student and excited to be nominated for this position. She is qualified, organized, and creative. She works with Uber's marketing department so she has real world experience on what works and what doesn't work. She also serves as sorority's marketing chair so she is comfortable with more than one project and deadlines.

Senator Feng asked for any goals she had.

Ms. McLaughlin said they had a strong social media presence but their Instagram account could be improved so they can get more followers. That would help with PR for every event they do.

Senator Eshenbaugh wanted to note that they had her on the agenda a few different times; she asked why.

Ms. McLaughlin said it was due to miscommunications over the summer. She was out of town a lot over summer. She also had recruitment all week long but had originally intended to come in last week.

*Senator Barragan entered the room at 7:00 pm.*

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve the nomination of Maggie McLaughlin to be Assistant Director of Campus and Public Relations.

Senator Urquidi seconded.

Senator Green asked why the ASUN website already had her as the assistant director.

Dr. Beattie said that during the summer, there were several candidates on the agenda the Wednesday before the ASUN retreat. They could not go on the ASUN retreat until they filled out some paperwork so he put together a list for them and Raul Rodriguez must have taken that list and put it online assuming they had all passed. It was a clerical error and she had been on the agenda so long he had to put her.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked how many people applied.

Director Lawton said that one of her positions was eliminated and this was a while ago but if she remembered correctly, 4 people applied including her.

Senator Jordan said that looking at her duties, there is not much besides supporting the director with marketing and having a general understanding of PR; in her speech she demonstrated that she knows marketing.

Senator Barragan asked if he should abstain since he was gone for her speech.

Speaker Teixeira said he should abstain.

Senator Green wondered if she had time to prepare since she did not say much in her speech and did not come in decorum.

Director Lawton said she had class and work today.

Senator Green asked director Lawton to clarify what made her stick out.

Director Lawton said that of all the applicants interviewed, none of them were PR or marketing majors. Her major alone and her Uber experience made her very qualified. She had a lot of outside experience and that was good. She also knew Ms. McLaughlin personally and can attest to her work ethics.

Senator H. Jackson said that because the description was so vague in the SAS, she wondered what kind of duties and tasks would be delegated to her.

Director Lawton said Ms. McLaughlin was marketing major and she was a PR major. It would be good to have a different perspective who could make up for what she is lacking in terms of marketing.

Senator Eshenbaugh said that she understood summer vacations and summer in general is crazy but that did not excuse not showing up for so long; it didn't show great time commitment.

Director Lawton said she was in Vegas all summer.

Senator Eshenbaugh said they had several people call in during the summer.

Senator Crooks will abstain since they are in the same organization but she can attest to her leadership skills. She is not the most enthusiastic speaker but she is a silent leader that can get her work done.

Speaker Teixeira said he did not defend her speech but Director Lawton has done a good job by President Boone's standards, yet Director Lawton had been a much discussed candidate because of her speech. He said they could call her back in for questions.

Senator Jacoby said that many senators missed summer meetings but that option was out for a job interview. Recruitment is also important but she would be receiving a stipend of \$3,000 over the year; this is a job not an extracurricular event.

Director Lawton agreed that ASUN should be a priority and would talk to her about it.

Senator Crupi said that they did have senators missing in the summer and could not call her out on that without addressing it in senate. But they did have a candidate call in at 2:00 am from another country. He felt that the commitment and work ethic was not there since calling in from Las Vegas was not hard to arrange. It is frustrating to see someone on the agenda for so long but per the SAS's description, there was no reason to not appoint her.

Senator H. Jackson wanted to call her in to talk about any projects or ideas she had. Ms. McLaughlin was called back in to answer more questions.

Senator H. Jackson said that based on the description in the SAS, she was wondering if she had any concrete visions or plans to fulfill the SAS description.

Ms. McLaughlin said that working closely with Director Lawton they could bounce ideas but she had nothing at the moment.

Senator H. Jackson asked for her vision for the position and goals.

Senator McLaughlin said they can do more than just social media to better implement outreach.

Senator Green asked her to touch on why she wanted the position.

Ms. McLaughlin wanted to be more involved and gain a perspective on PR rather than just marketing. Marketing only gives the business aspect.

Senator Jordan said that a duty of her position was to monitor and report to the director any media coverage relating the association. He asked if she had a plan to monitor all the different media outlets and how/when to give a report.

Ms. McLaughlin asked if he meant Twitter, Facebook, and things like that.

Senator Jordan said yes but also newspapers in Reno/Nevada and things like that.

Ms. McLaughlin said she would like to get things retweeted since that increases likes. She wasn't sure how to track things like newspapers but they could work with the Sagebrush to figure something out.

Senator H. Jackson said that she did not feel confident with Ms. McLaughlin being able to present legislation that passed in a way that protects ASUN's brand and make sure the message is consistent and relevant.

Senator Barragan will be abstaining but gathered that it would be better to have her in the position and see how she does than have no one at all. They can put her in a temporary position and if she does not live up to expectations, they can move on.

Senator Jacoby said they shouldn't fill a position just to fill it; they can't fire her halfway through a term.

Senator Green asked Director Lawton if anyone else sat in the interview.

Director Lawton said she was the only one present.

Senator Green asked what kind of questions were asked.

Director Lawton said it was a while ago but asked what they could bring to the table and their knowledge of social media. A lot of the applicants had never been in ASUN so she asked for their views of ASUN and what they thought could be improved.

Speaker Teixeira asked why that was pertinent to his vote.

Green said that someone else had asked him to ask that question.

Senator Jordan said there were two sides to this claim. On one side, she was not prepared and not available and seemed to get annoyed at their questions. The other part was that he trusted Director Lawton's judgment with a qualified person. He asked if they can delay approval of the nomination.

Senator Urquidi noted she had no ASUN experience but neither did Director Lawton and she has done a great job. Director Lawton might have seen something in Ms. McLaughlin that they cannot.

Senator Crupi said delaying the nomination is absurd since she had been on the agenda for not weeks but months. As senator Jacoby brought up, they had senators who were absent for a couple of meetings but missing an entire summer is not a good representation of ASUN's brand. They all prioritize for this job; when Speaker Teixeira asked them to come in business casual, many went home to change. Having class before is not an excuse since she could have just been in decorum all day. She did not market herself very well tonight.

Director Lawton said that when she was up for nomination, she was a nervous wreck and did not make sense when she spoke. There are also people who come off as ridged, cold, and like they don't care because they are so nervous. She does not have a good understanding of ASUN's etiquette and apologized for that since she should have informed Ms. McLaughlin before. She can guarantee that she is the best person for this job and will produce amazing content.

Senator Feng was not impressed by her speech but the SAS did say she only needed to support Director Lawton's vision, not necessarily have a vision of her own.

Speaker Teixeira asked if anyone else had any other comment, otherwise they will move into a vote.

Senator Bradley said she will abstain since she was out of the room for her speech.

A roll call vote taken: Senators Crupi, Eshenbaugh, Green, H. Jackson, Jacoby voted nay and Senators Barragan, Bradley, and Crooks abstained.

Motion carried; Maggie McLaughlin was appointed to the position of Assistant Director of Campus and Public Relations.

Senator H. Jackson moved to recess until 7:26 pm.

Senator Jacoby seconded.

Motion carried; the body will recess until 7:26 pm.

Speaker Teixeira called the Senate meeting back to order at 7:29 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the JCSU. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

Roll Call:

Speaker Teixeira and Senators Barragan, Blair, Bradley, Crooks, Crupi, Duvall, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Green, H. Jackson, T. Jackson, Jacoby, Kohler, Smith, and Urquidi were present.

Senators Jordan and Macaballug were tardy excused.

Senators Bond and Henderson were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

#### **B. Senate Committee Changes**

Senator Cook wanted to sit on the SSW and University Affairs.

Speaker Teixeira asked the chairs to please state their times.

Senator Chiu wanted to sit on University Affairs and SSW.

Senator Bradley said University Affairs met Thursdays at 3:00 pm.

Senator Blair said SSW met at 3:15 pm on Wednesdays.

Senator Cook said he could do both committees.

Senator Crupi moved to place Senator Cook on SSW and University Affairs by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; Senator Cook was placed on SSW and University Affairs.

Senator Chiu could do University Affairs but not SSW. Instead she would like to sit on Public Affairs.

Senator Crupi moved to place senator Chiu on University Affairs and Public Affairs by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; Senator Chiu was placed on University Affairs and Public Affairs.

### **12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEES**

There are no Senate officers to elect at this time.

### **13. ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS**

#### **A. ELECTION FOR THE SENATE SEAT OF DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES:**

Speaker Teixeira said Haydon was the only candidate since the other candidate had a class at the time senate meets. He will have a maximum of 10 minutes to present and to answer questions.

##### **i. Candidate Haydon Cook**

Mr. Cook is a sophomore and interested in getting involved in public health initiatives. He had the idea for Health Week but did not know they already did that through senate; he would now like to work together. His ideas for events included giving out band-aids, fun facts, and hand sanitizer. They could also partner with Programming to

do an event on portion sizes, diets, and how to stay fit. They can also partner with Lombardi to have some classes on the quad on Fridays and also promote the new fitness center; it would be cool and would get kids engaged. He is qualified because he was in student council all 4 years of high school and that has prepared him to take on a big leadership role. He is also civically engaged and does about 30 hours of service per semester. He always goes above and beyond to what he commits to and does things thorough. If he were chosen, he would like to join SSW since he is a division of health sciences student. His main focus would be the well being of the students here at the university. He would also like to be University Affairs too so that he can be active in getting DHS students involved; he just really wanted to get people as involved as possible. Being on University Affairs would allow him to be the middle man between students and deans. He thanked them for their time.

Senator Blair asked if he meant offering classes that counted for credits.

Mr. Cook did not think about offering credit classes but thought it was a good idea; they could do both.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked what civic engagement meant to him.

Mr. Cook said being active in the community. he was in an organization on campus and they are always doing things on campus and will be participating in the Truckee River cleanup.

Senator Green asked what leadership positions he held when in student council.

Mr. Cook said he didn't hold positions but was representative of his grade level and his leadership teacher always came to him when things needed to get done since he had a lot of pull with his class.

Senator Bradley asked what leadership positions he had held so far while in college.

Mr. Cook said he was the scholarship chairman of his organization.

Senator Jordan asked if he had ideas to promote other wellness events besides mental or emotional.

Mr. Cook said he didn't have any ideas now but he would love to meet with everyone and start bouncing ideas.

Senator Barragan asked if he was part of any other organizations or clubs that prepared him for the position.

Mr. Cook said he was currently in an organization on campus.

Senator Barragan asked if he could list the organizations he was involved in.

Mr. Cook said he wanted to keep them to himself.

Senator Eshenbaugh said that his wanting to keep the organization's name off the record reflected Mr. Cook's desire that they didn't influence his candidacy.

Senator T. Jackson asked if he had any prior ASUN experience through clubs.

Mr. Cook said no.

Dr. Beattie said that being a part of a club should not matter nor should it impact them negatively when they are voting.

Senator Crooks liked the idea for the fitness classes and that he talked about SSW. She asked if he had any other ways to reach students in his college.

Senator Cook said through good PR like flyers and social media.

Senator Bradley asked what being a leader meant to him.

Mr. Cook said that being a leader meant being confident and showing that no matter what you will stick to your ideas. You also don't talk down to people and stay humble.

Senator Green said that being a leader for senate meant voicing your opinion even if it was not the most popular. He asked Mr. Cook to give an example of when he expressed an opinion that might not have been the popular view.

Mr. Cook said that the appointment of Ms. McLaughlin earlier was a perfect example. He felt that they were too hard on her and did not agree with their opinions, but he did respect the opinions.

Senator Blair asked if he had ideas to promote wellness besides social media.

Mr. Cook said they could have do tabling at events and hand out flyers or business cards. People always take one, even if they don't want it. Eventually they will get the word out and that will allow them to have more direct contact with students.

Speaker Teixeira clarified if he had any prior experience with ASUN.

Mr. Cook said he had no ASUN experience.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked why he didn't run in the March elections before and what peaked his interest now.

Mr. Cook said he sent in an application and cover letter to run last year but did not realize he had to attend senate at 5:30. Since he had class at 6-8:30 on Wednesdays, he decided to withdraw from the race. Since he can now attend senate, he decided to apply.

Speaker Teixeira did clarify that Mr. Cook was going to run but had to drop out.

Senator Jordan moved to approve Haydon Cook as Senator for the Division of Health Sciences.

Senator Green seconded.

Senator Green said that he liked Mr. Cook's response when he voiced his opinion about Ms. McLaughlin. He also gave the perfect answer for what civic engagement meant to him and he had ideas that were super beneficial. He asked Senator Jordan if he had any expectations for Mr. Cook.

Senator Jordan was glad he applied now rather than ran because he would not be a senator if Mr. Cook had run. His platform aligned to his and some of the initiatives he talked about are things they have already started working on. He will be informing Mr. Cook on the stuff they have done and also the reality of his ideas but he seems like a great person to work with.

Senator Jacoby said that besides being the only candidate, he represented himself well and knew what committees he wanted to sit on.

Senator Crupi thought he was a great candidate overall but asked anyone who is involved in the same organization as him to please abstain.

Senator Urquidi said he will abstain since they are in the same fraternity.

Senator thought he was well prepared; he was 100% prepared with his goals and ideas. He already wanted to be a part of senate, but knew he had to drop out. Although he is the only person, he is a good candidate.

Senator Blair liked that he didn't talk about the clubs he was involved in, even after they challenged him. She did think that he could have explained how the origination helped him grow without mentioning the organization's name. overall, he was a strong candidate and would be a strong voice for the table.

Senator Bradley liked that he sought out advice beforehand in order to prepare for tonight. In his platform, he addressed everything and they didn't need to ask him a lot of questions to draw the information out of him. They only needed to ask questions to that let them get to know him better as a candidate.

Senator Jordan asked if they could speak to his leadership skills in his organization's involvement.

Speaker Teixeira passed the gavel to Senator H. Jackson.  
Senator H. Jackson accepted.

Speaker Teixeira said that he had applied for the position in March and expressed to a lot of people that he wanted to join ASUN. He also wanted to be a part of the internship program but by that time, the application had already closed. He showed former president Fabbi and others that he was passionate and could take on leadership roles. Within the organization, he created a position related to academics and made sure that position would keep existing afterwards. He makes sure everyone is organized and being productive. He would have been a great candidate in March and the fact that he knew to step down rather than run despite not being able to attend senate really shows his integrity.

Senator H. Jackson passed the gavel back to Speaker Teixeira.  
Speaker Teixeira accepted.

Roll call vote taken: Senator Urquidi abstained.  
Motion carried; Haydon Cook was appointed to the Office of Senator for Division of Health Sciences.  
Haydon Cook was sworn in.

ii. Candidate Hannah Nagy

**B. ELECTION FOR THE SENATE SEAT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS:**

Speaker Teixeira said they will hear the candidates in the order they were listed on the agenda.

i. Candidate Anthony Sofia

Tony Sofia is 20 years old and a sophomore studying neuroscience. He developed a passion for college achievement and wants to go to medical school. He is involved with Nevada Greek Life and wants to participate in ASUN to further his involvement; a deep involvement on campus forges the best leader in you. As senator, his main focus would be to open online surveys to have better communications in order to resolve the needs of students. With the help of Senator Kohler, he wanted to set up a job fair for students in the Interdisciplinary Sciences. His last goal was to instilling confidence in the underclassmen in the university. He wants to get them adjusted to the university to promote academic success. To do that, he proposed they put information kiosks in the library that teaches effective study habits. These tips would have been created by professors. He would love to sit on the committee on Academics since he has a deep connection with academic success. He would like to do an end of the year banquet as well for the faculty. He is also interested in sitting on the committee on Civic Engagement. He would like to help ASUN reach its goal of 3000 participants in GivePulse. To do that, he would collaborate with inkblot to target students within his college. He knew the interdisciplinary programs had not been represented fully within

the last few months and looked forward to meeting them all and working with them. He expressed his desires to find his leadership skills and ASUN would be a good chance for that.

Speaker Teixeira asked the senators to please take notes on what they ask candidates and their responses.

Senator H. Jackson said that Interdisciplinary Programs had a set of challenges since the majority of its students are undeclared; she asked what he would do to represent those students.

Mr. Sofia said he did not know that the majority of students were undeclared but the next time he were to plan something, he would cater around that.

Senator Green asked to him explain what civic engagement meant to him and how he applied it.

Mr. Sofia said civic engagement means getting the university and community to be a cohesive unit. He wants students to be involved in the community and wants the community and the university to work together. Civically, he applied himself by being in Nevada Greek Life but was always looking at ways to get involved.

Senator Jordan asked him to describe his leadership style.

Mr. Sofia said he fell under the category of a silent leader. He makes sure things get done. He is usually very social but when things need to get done, he makes sure it happens.

Senator Kohler asked what goals he had for Academics.

Mr. Sofia said he only had the banquet in mind. Besides that, he is not very knowledgeable about the committee, but he is passionate about academics.

Senator T. Jackson asked why Mr. Sofia did not run in March.

Mr. Sofia said he was a transfer student and this was his first semester at the university.

Senator Eshenbaugh said she read his cover letter and based on it, wanted to make sure that they would have a senator for the rest of the term. She asked what kind of skills he developed that would let him stay for the year.

Mr. Sofia said he went to TMCC and had a huge turn around there. He gained the necessary skills to survive in college and is set on going to medical school; to do that he has to maintain a high GPA.

Senator Barragan asked what separated him from the other candidates; what skills or drives did he have that made him the best fit.

Mr. Sofia said the student learning outcomes and cognitive complexity. He enjoyed playing chess and was about to get his international master status.

Senator Duvall asked if he had insight for transfer students.

Mr. Sofia said orientation could use some work as it was not the best when he was there.

There were no further questions for the candidate.

Senator H. Jackson asked Dr. Beattie if there was a conflict with Mr. Sofia not having a university GPA or if his GPA carried over since it came from an NSHE institution.

Dr. Beattie said that based on his understating, if he had a university GPA he was good to go. Once the credits carried over, they were part of his university GPA.

Senator Crupi said a freshman was appointed to the body a couple of sessions ago.

Dr. Beattie said that was able to happen because the freshman had a fall university GPA above 2.75 and in compliance with the minimum credit load requirements.

Senator Crupi said a freshman had been appointed as the fall despite not having a university GPA.

Dr. Beattie said he did not know that to have happened. For the internships, there are no credentials, but at the end of the fall semester, if they do not have the required GPA, interns must recuse themselves.

Senator H. Jackson said she asked that because she had transfer students approach her and ask if he could apply and she said no since they did not have a university GPA.

Dr. Beattie said his understanding was that if credits transferred over to the university, whatever GPA is established from those credits becomes the university GPA and counts. If they are TMCC students but the credits have not transferred over yet, they cannot verify the GPA.

Senator Crupi said he didn't know how reviewing an old opinion would work exactly but he suggested they have Attorney General Tedford write a new opinion on the topic. If you can apply for an internship as a freshman without a university GPA, and the requirements are described the same way, then they should be consistent across the board. He did understand that the internships were different from senate though.

Senator H. Jackson said that for interns, they don't have to have a specific GPA.

Senator Feng said he found an opinion from 2008 and the attorney general at the time said that since the only requirement to be in the Association was the credit load and the GPA regardless of where that GPA was earned. According to that decision, he met the requirements.

Dr. Beattie asked if this was his first semester as a freshman at the university.

Speaker Teixeira said yes.

Senator Green said Mr. Sofia said he was a sophomore.

Dr. Beattie said that his understanding was that if he transferred and the GPA was entered into the system, then it is a university GPA. A high school GPA will never be entered into the university system but transfer GPA's will if verified.

Senator H. Jackson asked Dr. Beattie if that did not apply if they will be transferring next semester and will be applying for a position next semester.

Dr. Beattie said that did not apply according to precedence set. The attorney general can interpret the situation differently.

**ii.** Candidate Jessie Chiu

Jessie Chiu said he went by J. This is her second her but she has an associate's degree from Alabama. She apologized for the flippant nature of the cover letter and hoped that would not influence them. In applying for this position, she thought about who she would be representing. Of course some of the students are neuroscience majors, but they are not the only ones. She wanted to address the experience of all students and address any academic, personal, emotional, or professional questions or concerns they might have. In trying to achieve that goal, she thought about her qualifications. She put herself in contact with many different organizations she normally would not have reached out to and realized that despite being different, they all had common interests and goals. She wasn't just dealing with huge entities but with individual students. Many students do not realize ASUN is the same; it is just a bunch of different people trying to help each other and this university. In this position, she would also deal with underclassmen, particularly freshmen. Interactions with freshmen is different than dealing with seniors, and she felt she was good at interacting with different kinds of people. Regardless of who she works with, all students want growth and she really thought about what she could do to help students achieve that desired growth. In regards to senate committees, she felt she would be good for University Affairs. She saw they had connections to the health clinic and thought she would be good at that.

Senator Jacoby said she mentioned wanting to sit on University Affairs, however, senators need to sit on a minimum of two committees. He asked what other committee she was interested in.

Ms. Chiu said she did not have a full list of committees and did not have all the needed knowledge of each committee, but she would love to learn about them all.

Senator Jordan loved the abstract ideal of the association; he asked if she had ideas to make them concrete.

Ms. Chiu said that coming into college can be scary. They may not have direction and that is scary. Having to approach adults or professors is even scarier. That is something they need to address for undergrad students. She wanted to create a council that was all student volunteers to help answer questions and guide undeclared students to find their majors. And it didn't have to be limited to Interdisciplinary students, it can be open all students who might have a major but are maybe feeling like it wasn't the right choice for them.

Senator Smith said that looking at her resume, she was very involved and had a lot going on with 19 credits and working two jobs; he asked if she would be able to make the necessary time commitments to senate.

Ms. Chiu said that from what she had seen, most of the senate things happened at night or in the evening and based on the way she planned her schedule, that would work out perfectly for her.

Ms. Chiu said that most committee meetings are during the day during 9-5 and only senate meets in the evening. She would need to find two hours for committee meetings, two hours for office hours/outreach and the senate meetings. He asked if she would be able to dedicate 6-8 hours from 9-5 am.

Ms. Chiu said yes.

Senator Eshenbaugh said Public Affairs met 9 am on Mondays.

Ms. Chiu said she could make that.

Senator Bradley said University Affairs meets Thursdays at 3 pm.

Ms. Chiu said she would have to double check her schedule since she might have a lab then.

Senator Green said Civic Engagement met 8 am on Thursdays.

Senator Kohler asked what her greatest experience with outreach was and how she planned on reaching out to students.

Ms. Chiu said her greatest experience with outreach was reaching out to individual people. Working with individuals can be hard because you have to give them resources they needed but it is also important to interact with people on a one to one basis rather than like a one to thirty basis.

Senator Green asked what set her apart from the other candidates.

Ms. Chiu said the energy that she could provide. They are all qualified in terms of experience but she had energy and enthusiasm to offer.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked how she dealt with opposition.

Ms. Chiu said she didn't like it but if she was passionate about something, she would stand firmly for it. She is not afraid to fight for what she believes in but if it is something minor and less relevant to the primary goal, then it would be better to just step back.

Senator Macaballug asked how she would reach out to traditional or religious students.

Ms. Chiu said that if relevant, she would try to express her views but if students wish to express their opposition, which is acceptable. It depended on the case since nothing really negates one view over another. For most things, they can reach a compromise rather than deciding one view is correct.

Senator T. Jackson asked her to explain why she applied now but not in March.

Ms. Chiu said that at that moment, she didn't feel prepared to handle all the responsibilities that came with being senator. It was her first year and she was still trying to adjust. Now that time has passed and she has settled and adjusted and received trainings from her organization involvement, she feels she is prepared.

Senator Jordan asked her to discuss how she would handle an issue in which she believed one way but the majority of her constituents believed another.

Ms. Chiu said her first thought was that her view didn't matter as much as the constituents'. Their view is just as important and it would not be right to just state her view only.

Speaker Texiera said her time was up. He asked her to invite the next candidate into the room.

**iii.** Candidate Alexis Moreno

Alexis Moreno said she was a sophomore majoring in neuroscience. She believed she was qualified and had shown the necessary leadership skills. She has only been at the university two years but has demonstrated time management skills and organizational skills. After looking at the current objectives for the Interdisciplinary College, she looked into Senator Kohler's objectives to see what passions and goals they share. As a 3<sup>rd</sup> year, he represented the majority of student in research labs and as a 2<sup>nd</sup> year, she would represent the minority. Her main objective would be to open up research opportunities and enlighten students about them. One way would be to contact professors and undergrad students. Many students don't know that many opportunities exist working with grad students since they are required to do their own research. They need many volunteers since they are also students themselves. The younger students would be able to volunteer and gain the necessary skills to do their own research later. Her second goal would be to represent students that are undeclared. She would like to help them find a major so that they can get the percentage of undeclared students down. Her freshmen year, she stayed in the LLC and they created mini fairs and activities for them. She wanted to do similar things where they guide undeclared students career opportunities, introduce them to possible courses, and also to possible majors. Her third goal is based on the second where they would create more attention for the grad program. They need to introduce younger students to the opportunities available to them to do research after they graduate. That would help with retention within the program but also help students graduate overall. The overall goal is to make the university and the college stronger.

Senator Jordan asked what leadership positions she had to prepare her.

Ms. Moreno said she was a Nevada Fit mentor over the summer and greatly enjoyed answering questions from students and mentoring them. It was great being the first person that students got to meet and interact with.

Senator Barragan asked what plans she had to distribute research opportunities. She talked about getting research opportunities out to students and putting them in contact with grad students. He mentioned this because the only reason he was able to get his research opportunity was because he went to his professor's office hours and he offered the research to him.

Ms. Moreno said many professors are advisors for grad students so she would like to start by contacting them to see if the grad students they were advising would be interested in having undergrads help out. She worked in a research lab and heard about the research opportunity from a flyer in her honors class, not from a professor. But she knew they needed volunteers and that is a good place to start. Many freshmen are competing with upperclassmen with more credentials and being a volunteer helps them get their foot in the door.

Senator T. Jackson asked her to explain what sparked her interest now as opposed to applying now.

Ms. Moreno said she wanted to be a senator from the very beginning but as a first year student last year, she didn't feel like she knew enough to help students.

*Senator Duvall left the room at 6:20 pm  
and re-entered the room at 6:25 pm.*

Senator Eshenbaugh asked what her time commitments were laid out since she was an honors student, worked in a hospice care company, and worked for the discovery museum among other things.

Ms. Moreno said that she had been focusing on narrowing down her interests and focusing on only a few things. She currently volunteers 10 hours in the lab and visits 1 patient in hospice care weekly. The honors program does not limit her time too much. She delved into everything when she first arrived to figure out what she wanted but she is now narrowing her interests.

Senator Kohler said that being a neuroscience major sometimes made it difficult to understand the perspective of undeclared students and general studies majors; he asked how she planned to reach out to those students specifically.

Ms. Moreno said that a program she wanted to do was working with leadership councils in the dorms to reach out to those students at the very beginning. Another thing would be to speak with advisors as well.

Senator Green asked what set her apart from the other candidates.

Ms. Moreno said her committeemen and ability to be present and involved.

Senator T. Jackson asked if she was knowledgeable on the different committees and if so, which tow committees she would like to sit on.

Ms. Moreno said she had only looked into one committee and that was Civic Engagement. She was vice president of Key Club in high school and that required 40 hours and Honor Society also required 40 hours. She was doing about 80 hours of community service every year. She didn't have the amount of time she would have liked to prepare for senate tonight.

Senator Green asked what civic engagement meant to her.

Ms. Moreno said that it meant participating in the community and knowing what the weaknesses and strengths were to create a better community. it is important to volunteer but also to know what is wrong so that it can be fixed. We should all have common goal.

Senator Jordan asked if she meant earlier that she could not sit on two committees based on her schedule.

Ms. Moreno said that was not what she meant. She did not know about the interview until about 24 hours ago and was unable to prepare the way she would have liked.

There were no further questions; the body moved to discussion on all three candidates.

Speaker Teixeira wanted them to have a general discussion on all the candidates. He asked them to review their notes and what they all said for civic engagement questions.

Senator Green said they are all well qualified and would have given Senator Kohler a run for his money. He felt that Mr. Sofia and Ms. Moreno were silent leaders and acted very humbly but liked that Ms. Chiu was super approachable. No one would have an issue approaching her. The others could be approachable but without the same outcome. He liked that they were all civically engaged in some way. Ms. Chiu and Ms. Moreno talked about helping students on campus and he really liked that but he also liked that Ms. Chiu talked about students needing direction. That was something that applied to him. He also liked that Mr. Sofia touched on improving orientation since they all had some kind of suggestion on how they would improve future orientation sessions.

Senator T. Jackson did not enjoy that Mr. Sofia's not very aware of the different aspects of the Interdisciplinary aspects. He didn't seem to know that undeclared and general studies majors were included.

President Boone said he did have Mr. Sofia reach out to him and they did talk about the senate rules and senate in general.

Senator Crooks thought it would be nice to have someone with a different perspective in terms of being a transfer student coming from a community college. She also liked that he was able to own the fact that school was not easy for him before and that would help him connect with undeclared students.

Senator Kohler said that for MR. Sofia, he liked that he was a transfer student. He also liked that he had defined roles and had ideas on how to contact constituents. He didn't like that he didn't know who he would be representing since that really affects the kind of goals you develop. For Ms. Chiu, he work with undeclared was a good idea and liked the advisory board. She brought a lot of enthusiasm and that would make her very approachable to constituents. She would be able to reach out to a lot of clubs and organizations with her energy. For Ms. Moreno, he liked that she was interested in research expansion since he was also passionate about that. She would be a good addition to academics if elected. He liked that she had initiatives to reach out to the dorms and to the freshmen class since it is super important to reach out to freshmen students.

Senator Barragan said that everyone kept saying that it would be nice to have the transfer student perspective but both he and President Boone were transfer students. Secondly, he thought that Mr. Sofia embodied the struggle of being on the undeclared path and that would be nice addition for perspectives. He mentioned struggling academically and being here showed he changed to be here. He also liked that Ms. Chiu was energetic. She would be the best person to have for tabling. They have some great extraverts at the table but she was in your face in good way. Ms. Moreno had a great perspective on research. He had two research perspectives and it is difficult to get research opportunities. The best jobs are never advertised by the university. He could never do unpaid research and the fact she was doing it to get experience said something. She was volunteering her time for the love research rather than personal gain.

Senator Green said that all the candidates were strong and very diverse in different ways. No matter who they elected, they would all benefit. The only thing he was concerned about was Ms. Chiu stating she sometimes shied away from conflict. He feared she might not be a strong voice for her constituents.

Speaker Texiera said they would go clockwise, starting with Senator Eshenbaugh, so that they can give their opinions.

Dr. Beattie said they should not talk about time commitments. Senator Green had more time commitments than anyone he knew. Senator Green was always volunteering; he works multiple jobs, and is an active senator. He felt that different students had different time management abilities and it was more about time management. It was hard to assess a person's time management off of a resume or schedule but felt that they shouldn't make that the primary focus of their discussion.

Senator Eshenbaugh said that Ms. Chiu did note she did not feel ready or qualified when the opportunity first came about and that worried her. When they all ran, they had little experience and were expected to jump right into start learning. She feared Ms. Chiu might pull back if she felt she was not ready. She also said she couldn't handle opposition.

Senator Jacoby disagreed. He felt that Ms. Chiu not running March showed she was willing to learn and grow as a leader. He would prefer someone did not run if they were not ready. The quality of questions they asked Ms. Chiu was harder than Mr. Sofia and Ms. Moreno since she had so much energy and answered them well. She said she would represent her constituents even if they didn't agree. As for being afraid of conflict, they had senators at the table who didn't always speak since they felt they didn't need to speak on every issue. Mr. Sofia said he was a silent leader and that can be equated to not voicing opinions at the table.

Senator Crupi said there different types of people on time management. He liked to be busy all the time and if Ms. Chiu was like that, then good for her. It is also important to

know when you are ready for something. Ms. Chiu answered her questions very well and was much more prepared. She may not like conflict but would still express her opinions.

Senator Crooks said that no one mentioned what President Boone mentioned about Mr. Sofia reaching out to him. She also didn't think that being a silent leader was a negative thing at all. She would categorize herself as a silent leader meaning that she only spoke up when she felt her opinion was relevant. He was also the only candidate to reach out to someone and take initiative. That should weigh into the decision they make since he came with printed copies of the rules and things like that, it showed initiative.

Senator Bradley wanted to talk about Ms. Chiu and Ms. Moreno. Ms. Chiu brought a great presence and energy. She liked that Ms. Chiu talked about growth and targeting the younger people on campus. She also talked about how much she grew as a speaker and getting to know people. Ms. Moreno talked about the residence halls and that is something they have all talked about. There are 3000 students on campus and if they can target them, then that would be great. She also talked about being a mentor to undecided students.

Senator Blair wanted to note that although Mr. Sofia did reach out to President Boone, he didn't seem to know who he was representing exactly. She found that to be a problem since he had no plans to reach out to those constituents. For Ms. Chiu, she had a lot of enthusiasm and that would be grit to have at the end of the day.

Senator Cook wanted to point out that even though Ms. Chiu opposed conflict, she did say that she did get fired up for things that she believed in.

Senator H. Jackson noted was impressed by Ms. Moreno's platform and presentation. she liked that Ms. Moreno had a good understanding of what Senator Kohler's goals were and then laid out a plan to compliment that. She also liked the dorm program.

Senator Feng said that Ms. Chiu would fill a hole that was left after Director Charles resigned as senator. Director Charles was very outspoken during discussion and felt that Ms. Chiu would be like that. She was active and almost the opposite of senator Kohler and that would offer some contrast between the two.

Senator Green felt that Ms. Moreno and Mr. Sofia were both silent leaders. Senator Kohler was a very quiet person but was also very jovial and approachable. Their president as also quiet and had never seen him yell. Being reserved didn't mean they were afraid to speak.

Speaker Teixeira asked they shift the conversation to be only about the candidates.

Senator Jordan said that a problem he saw was that Mr. Sofia didn't know who he was representing but he did come prepared to talk to President Boone. He thought that if they let Mr. Sofia know what was going on, he would easily be able to adapt. With Ms. Chiu, it might be difficult to make her translate her enthusiasm into productive results. With Ms. Moreno she was a carbon copy of Senator Kohler but so were Senator Cook and himself.

Senator Duvall said that Ms. Moreno had specific goals that aligned with Senator Kohler's so it would be easy for her to get started. She would be able to get started right away.

Senator Kohler said that Ms. Chiu and Ms. Moreno both reached out to him to ask about the college and what goals he had as well as to ask questions about ASUN and senate.

Senator Barragan asked how they were going to go about voting.

Senator Crupi said the best way was to do a roll call vote by last name and then move to appoint that person.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked Senator Kohler if he guided the conversations with Ms. Chiu and Ms. Moreno.

Senator Kohler said no. they both came prepared with questions and they both wanted to know specifically who they represented.

Senator Eshenbaugh pointed out that they had a senator willing to guide whoever got the position. She pointed out that Mr. Sofia had ways to improve the college that parallel ASUN's goals.

Roll call vote was taken; Ms. Chiu received the majority of the votes  
10 votes for Ms. Chiu: Senators Blair, Crupi, Feng, T. Jackson, Jacoby, Jordan, Kohler, Macaballug, Smith, and Cook  
5 votes for Mr. Sofia: Senators Barragan, Crooks, Eshenbaugh, Green, Urquidi  
3 votes for Ms. Moreno: Senators Bradley, Duvall, and H. Jackson

Senator Crupi moved to approve Ms. Chiu to the Office of Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs.

Senator T. Jackson seconded.

Motion carried; Ms. Chiu was sworn in.

#### **14. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There are no veto messages at this time.

#### **15. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

**16. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

There is no legislation to be considered under first reading at this time.

**17. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

There is no legislation to be considered under motions to fast track.

**18. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

**19. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

A. S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase Funding to the Pack Internship Grant

**20. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

A. WTF Nevada ASUN

Senator Barragan met with Director Moore to talk about rebranding the program. The current course of action is to put a work order in and be assigned someone from inkblot to be in charge of the program. He will be submitting the order tonight.

Teixeira said explained to the new senators that WTF stood for what to fix and it was a way for students to submit any requests they had about the university. They could submit things related to just about anything. Lately it had not been getting the same amount of submissions as before so they are trying to revamp the program.

B. Senator Reports

**21. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Jordan said they were doing an outreach for SSW for public lands; if they were interested please reach out to anyone on SSW.

Senator Crupi said he was reached out to by Senator H. Jackson to do a presentation on parliamentary procedures for the interns. He extends the invitation to anyone that wanted to brush up on parliamentary procedures and also to the new senators.

Senator H. Jackson said she had no date yet but it will be in October.

Senator Crupi if wanted to catch up before then, they can reach out to him with questions.

**22. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator H. Jackson said that Students Helping Students did end last week but that wasn't an excuse for them to stop volunteering. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for SOS Washoe. It was one thing to pass a resolution and another thing to actually get people to vote yes. They had people walking door to door and also writing postcards to undecided voters so if they were interested in volunteering, please reach out to her.

Speaker Teixeira said he and President Boone canvassed for SOS Washoe. It sucked that it was the morning of the football game and they went to a house with a sign that said “Trespassers will be shot and survivors will be shot again” but they needed to help SOS Washoe.

Senator Jacoby said the Truckee river clean up was Saturday from 9-12. For Ms. Moreno and Mr. Sofia, losing an election is very hard. He knew from personal experience since the first time he ran for senate he lost by an embarrassing amount. He walked on his platform and talked to people in ASUN and that helped. He would love to see them run again in March and be a part of the next session.

Senator Blair asked them to take pictures if they go to the Truckee Meadows Cleanup

Senator Crooks reminded them that when they had candidates in the room, they should work on being more professional. If she had to do the process, it would be intimidating. It would serve them well to remember that they did not have this process. They should ask hard questions to improve the Association and serve students but their body language and how they frame questions should be revised. Moving forward, she wanted to see them remind themselves of how intimidating this process was.

Senator Duvall reminded Mr. Sofia and Ms. Moreno that the internships were still open and they could learn a lot and make change by being a part of the program.

Senator Macaballug asked if they were going to table the legislation.

Speaker Teixeira said it was sent to him without being told it needed to be fast tracked so it cannot be touched since it is not fast tracked

Senator Green thanked the body for the great conversations they had tonight and reminded them that the questions they asked were not meant to hurt feelings.

Dr. Beattie said they should look into the internship. He congratulated the new senators. There was great talk tonight and liked that they were split on voting. He also liked that they talked about the candidates and not in a manner that attacked each other. They were also very focused despite it being a long night and he appreciated that. The candidates do put themselves out there by coming to senate and it is distracting if they are not 100% engaged in the conversation. He reminded them that conflict of interest usually involved some sort of power dynamic. He cautioned them on abstaining when voting since they should be able to vote if they can distinguish personal relationships from working relationships. If there was a direct power dynamic where corrosion could happen, then they should abstain. If they see the agenda beforehand with candidates, they should time their breaks at times those candidates are not speaking. There are very few things that were as important as electing senators. They needed to all get involved in helping the new senators in getting adjusted so they can get started sooner rather than later. Senator Henderson will be going to Las Vegas with the Undergrad Research Journal to meet with CSUN to find ways to partner with UNLV to increase research. If they had any ideas, please reach out to her. One thing he did notice was that they were good at using everyone's title except for Live Moore. She had a title and it should be used.

Senator Bradley asked when the engineering seat will be closing.

Dr. Beattie said that the ad must run in the Sagebrush for two weeks. After that happens, speaker Texiera will ask him for the candidates and he will get them to him. Since it is running in the Sagebrush for the second week next week, he can leave it hope until Thursday and agendize candidates for two weeks.

Speaker Texiera said that he will be agendizing tonight for next week's senate meeting so if they wanted anything on the agenda for next week, he needed it emailed by tonight.

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.