

Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Thursday, September 22rd, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.
Group Study Room 426, 4rd Floor of the Knowledge Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Henderson called the meeting of the Committee on Academics to order on September 22 at 4:00pm in Room 426 on the fourth floor of the Knowledge Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Blair, Crooks, Crupi, Urquidi, and Henderson were present.

Senator Kohler was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a) Senator Reports:

Senator Henderson asked the senators to discuss who they have talked to concerning the major and research fair.

Senator Blair

Will reach out to biotechnology advisor. Biotechnology wants at least one person there to talk about the program.

Blair also wants to talk to dean Payne about interdisciplinary capstone course that requires students to work on a project with someone outside their college. The meeting will probably occur in the coming week or two.

Senator Crooks

She talked to internship advisor at Journalism College about coming to the fair. She has many internships and jobs available.

Senator Crupi

He will try and talk to senior project professor to try and find another professor in the college of engineering that could present at the fair. His professor may be too busy with senior projects.

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

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Senator Kolher

Senator Urquidi

He will work with Senator Crupi because they are both in the College of engineering.

Senator Henderson

She wants everyone to be involved in the major and research fair so everyone must get two people to present.

Senator Crooks asked if there are any specific types of presenters to look for.

Senator Henderson said any students or faculty with a major or research that they want to share with others that could influence students picking their research topics or majors.

Senator Crooks said she will talk to the dean of the journalism school and he could send an email to the faculty on his list serve.

Senator Henderson said that most people she has asked all said yes if they have time. The event will be October 11 from 11am-3pm.

Senator Henderson has posters and hand bills that she has been distributing and will continue next week. Advertisements will also be made on the ASUN twitter.

Senator Crooks asked if there will be tabling for this event.

Senator Henderson said there will be but only the day before and day of because students don't need that much time to decide.

b) Faculty of the Year Awards

Senator Henderson said we still don't know how to post the nominations on Canvas. It might not happen until spring. The posters and handbills are already ready and waiting to be sent out. She will meet with Raul to try and solve the problem.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Major and Research Presenters

Senator Henderson restated that they need more help. Everyone needs to get two speakers for the event or there will be negative repercussions. Even if it is just a student who has done research that they could present.

Senator Crooks asked what the setup for the event will be to tell the presenters.

Senator Henderson said there will be tables around the room for students to walk around freely.

b) Creating a seminar for undergraduate research

Senator Henderson and Sandra Rodriguez have discussed creating a seminar so students can learn how to start research projects.

James Beattie asked if this was the same as what Scott Mensing is working on.

Senator Henderson said she will be working with Mensing but just wanted the committee to be on board.

- c) Re-writing the definition of the academic committee
Senator Henderson wants to redefine her committee on the website because it is very vague and unclear description of what the committee does.
There is not a restriction of how long the definition can be.
She asked for any volunteers to rewrite the definition of the committee.

Senator Crupi volunteered to rewrite the definition.

- d) Anatomy Health Center and Models
Senator Henderson suggested ASUN could buy models and rent them out from central station which would bring more people to the ASUN office and pack place.
Library has 30 minute check-out restriction, she suggested ASUN models having 1 hour checkout sessions.

Director Beattie suggested checking out the models from the front desk.

Senator Blair asked how it would be advertised to the students that need the models.

Senator Henderson said she would use inkblot to make posters for around campus and present to anatomy classes.

Director Beattie asked what college anatomy falls under.

Anatomy is in the college of science.

Director Beattie suggested telling the dean of the college so he can send an email that more students might see.

- e) Healthy Studying and Finals Week
Senator Henderson suggested a healthy studying guide that works together with safety, sustainability and wellness committee.

Senator Blair asked about also including a wellness event in October for midterms.

Senator Henderson likes the idea of having a table during midterms as well.

Senator Blair asked if the committee should write up something or contact counseling if they have a guide for healthy studying.

Senator Henderson said they should probably talk to counseling and use personal experience to determine healthy studying.

Senator Crooks asked what the plans for the event are. She liked the possibility of making the event fun and interactive.

Senator Henderson likes the idea of making the event more engaging for students.

Senator Blair asked if she should do a pamphlet at October wellness event that advertises for finals event.

Senator Henderson said they might have activities and free stuff to give away that advertises for finals week events. She suggested stress balls or something like meditation or yoga on the quad.

Senator Blair suggested having yoga on the quad in the spring.

Senator Henderson said maybe yoga in front of PSAC. She asked if Senators Blair and Crooks could work on planning the event.

Senator Crooks clarified what the differences are between the midterms and finals events.

Senator Henderson said the midterms event will be a test drive for the finals week event.

Senator Crooks said wellness committee is doing sick packs for students because many people have a cough or slight cold during finals.

Senator Henderson said focus on healthy studying and academic side. She suggested a different student packs with helpful items for healthy studying like pens, highlighters, and sticky notes. Make sure packs are academic based.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at that time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:17pm.