

Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness

Senate of the Associated Students 84th Session

Minutes for Wednesday, September 28th, 2016, at 3:15 p.m.

1664 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89503, Conference Room 320, 3rd Floor of the
Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Blair called the meeting to order at 3:29 PM in conference room 320, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Blair, Bradley, Duvall, Jordan, were present.

Senators Barragan, Crooks, Macaballug were absent excused.

Senator Cook was tardy excused.

A quorum was not present

Senator Blair asked for a point of information on if they could start the meeting without meeting quorum.

Senator Bradley said they can do anything that doesn't require making a motion. They can't recess but they can talk about things in Public Comment. They also can't approve anything and there is nothing that is needing approval right now. They can stall until Senator Cook arrives. They can talk about what they are doing as an update.

Senator Jordan asked if they wanted to do updates.

Senator Blair said they will be doing their reports in Public Comment.

Senator Bradley said they can still move into the agenda items.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

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There were no minutes seeking approval at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senator Reports

Senator Bradley said she has been working on contacting the Counseling Center and seeing what they want to do with the Wellness Event. She contacted the people at Ranch San Rafael Park and she has a reservation for volunteering there. That was it for this committee but she is also working on some things for CABNR.

Senator Jordan said he was in contact with the Health Center this week and they haven't got back to him yet. He is going to be talking with the Outreach Coordination so that is coming up soon.

Senator Duval said she is working with Senator Cook in regards to the Knowledge Center and the Joe. Last meeting, she was assigned to looking into getting supplies so she spoke with Senator Crupi who works at the Joe about getting Chap Sticks and other things from them. It turns out that they get those items from the Wellness Center and Senator Jordan has already contacted them. She has tissues and other things for the packets already.

Senator Blair said she is currently in the process of contacting Director Ayard and she will be helping her figure out what to put on the SEAB forms so that they can actually have the event in the Pennington. She has contacted the person in charge of the Pennington but he is out of town until Thursday. That gives her a little bit of time to work on the SEAB form. She also has been trying to contact clubs to give them a schedule of what will be coming up. She also talked to Dr. Cushman's lab to see if they would want to sell their plants at the event. That is also something she has to talk to the SEAB committee board about to see if they are allowed to do that.

Senator Bradley asked what the committee wanted to see from the Counseling Center. They can offer hundreds of different things because they have the resources to do whatever is needed from them. They can come and do the dogs, bring yoga to the Quad, they can do a mental or sexual health thing. They just need to know what the committee wants from them for the event. They are more than willing to be there and they have a full staff so they can send quite a few people.

Senator Jordan said they discussed doing every dimension of wellness for this event.

Senator Blair said they are going to do as many dimensions as they can.

Senator Jordan said that the fitness center would obviously be physical wellness but he asked what the other dimensions would be.

Senator Blair said Counseling Services fell under mental, the flu things would be health, and they may also do school wellness to promote students to do well on their goals.

Senator Cook entered the room at 3:35PM

Senator Bradley said they know it is an event for different elements of wellness but she needs to know specifically what she needs to ask of the Counseling Center. They could bring dogs and that could be the wellness part of it or they could bring blocks or coloring pages.

Senator Jordan said they talked about the dogs so they should do that. They should also have handouts of all of their other services too. It will serve as promotion for them around campus. Coloring books might be a good idea because it could help to better intellectual wellness. He asked if they could also talk to Pennington because their services might tie in to occupational wellness as well as intellectual wellness also.

Senator Blair said she will talk to Dr. Fupa about that because he seems to be the one in charge of the whole Pennington building. That is who she was directed to by scheduling. She will take care of occupational and see what else he would like to contribute besides just having the Counseling Services.

Senator Duvall said the dogs and the coloring would be good for people to de-stress going into their midterms. There might be too many aspects of wealth going on. People might get confused and they would not know what they are doing.

Senator Jordan asked where they were going to do it.

Senator Blair said they want to do it within the Pennington in the patio access. That is a tricky situation because it was deemed unsafe for the student population. That is why it is not open for general use. She thinks that for special events they will have people watching for that so they may allow them to use it. The foot traffic that they would get through Pennington will still be good.

Senator Bradley asked if they could do it out in the front on the side that has the spinning door.

Senator Blair asked if she meant the side towards the Quad.

Senator Bradley said yes. It's not like a patio but a front porch type of thing. That would be a cool place to have an event because they just did the Before I Graduate event right there. They got a lot of foot traffic there because they got all the residents hall people and people coming from the south end of campus. It is a good spot.

Senator Blair said that sounded great and if they wanted people to be doing yoga it is a good place to be seen by the students from the front plaza and the Quad. It is a nice long stretch.

Senator Duvall said there is a lot of space out in front of the building where the statue is. She asked if the steps were a safety concern.

Senator Blair said no. The balcony on the Pennington was advertised when the building was first being built. It was never opened up to the student public. They probably won't get that space but it is something they will still look into.

Senator Jordan said it would be a good idea to drop that space if it is deemed unsafe. It would be ironic for their committee to hold an event in someplace deemed unsafe.

Senator Blair said it was something that had been mentioned by Speaker Tiexiera. He thought that would be a good idea and President Mark Johnson liked the idea too. They wouldn't necessarily get more foot traffic anyway in that location even if it was opened. It is not the worst thing if they don't get it.

Senator Jordan said that the name Wolf Pack Wellness Project sounds good for the event.

Senator Blair asked if he saw that on the Facebook group.

Senator Jordan asked if that is where they are currently promoting the event.

Senator Blair said she thinks they just said Pack Wellness Project but Wolf Pack Wellness Project could also work. She asked who votes just for Pack Wellness Project or Wolf Pack Wellness Project.

The senators unanimously voted for Wolf Pack Wellness Project.

Senator Blair said she will go in and change that on the SEAB form so they can do a little bit of marketing and they can also put it on the website.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of the Fall Wellness Event

Senator Blair asked Senator Bradley if they need to call roll again to make quorum.

Senator Bradley said no because she already announced that he came into the room so they should be good.

Senator Blair asked what time they want to do the event at. Director Ayard said that 11AM to 2PM would be the perfect time for the event. They could do it 10:30AM to 2:30PM so that they have time there for set up and take down. She wanted to see what their schedules were. This will be a Thursday if they can get the October 13th date.

Senator Duvall asked how the dogs were going to work. She asked if Counseling Services would provide the area for the dogs as well as leashes and tables or does all of that come from the facility where they will be getting the dogs from.

Senator Blair said that set up would probably only be moving tables to that area. They may have to move the tables themselves because they would need to put in the SEAB form tonight so they would have the full two weeks for grounds to put the tables there. She may not have the meeting with Director Ayard before that. They wouldn't necessarily have to do a lot of work and they will be giving time for the other clubs and resources to do it. The only thing they would have to set up would be their own specific table where they will be handing out their flu goody bags.

Senator Blair said they would start at 11:00 AM and set up at 10:30AM so that they have the event all set up before the foot traffic hits. She doesn't want clubs to be sitting there for a whole hour without much traffic. A lot of clubs are busy on Thursdays. It is only their table that they need to make sure they have people at.

Senator Bradley said Thursday is when Counseling Services does their thing in the Knowledge Center walkway. If they do their event at the same time as the Counseling Services event, it might not be as successful. Every week they do their event and biweekly, they bring the dogs.

Senator Blair asked if they would be willing to change their event just for the one day.

Senator Bradley said she could talk to them.

Senator Blair said that if they already had a huge event happening on campus, the Counseling Services center would be willing to take the one week off because they do it every single week.

Senator Jordan said it would just have to be a request for them to move their event to join with Wolf Pack Wellness. It would bring the center a fresh perspective.

Senator Duvall said she works the entire day on Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

Senator Blair said that was okay.

Senator Jordan asked if they could make a poll and send it out.

Senator Blair said she would do that. She will also work with Programming to see if they would want to help because they can also have really fun events there that the committee won't think of.

Senator Cook said he has class from 10:00AM to 12:15PM.

Senator Blair said he class gets out at 11:00AM and her next class is at 1:00PM And it ends at 2:15PM. She can be there when the event is shut down and she can say goodbye to all of the clubs and thank them for coming. They should put together a nice email or a card for the clubs to thank them for coming out to the event to show that the committee supports them and shows that ASUN really does want to have a good relationship with the clubs.

Senator Jordan said Senator Bradley had mentioned talking to Resident Life about outreach that could be done.

Senator Bradley said she didn't talk to them about this specifically yet. Peavine is based on the seven detentions of health so they probably could do something. She can talk to the Outreach board about doing something.

Senator Blair said they now have the time and the name for the event. She asked if anyone had any specific clubs or organizations that would be great for the event.

Senator Bradley said the Musical Therapy Club.

Senator Blair said she saw them the other day and she thought of them too. She will add them to the list.

Senator Jordan asked if there was an Immunize Nevada club.

Senator Blair said she didn't know.

Senator Jordan said there is a whole coalition and he has a big list of names. He tried to identify all of the health oriented clubs so he needs all of the information so that he can email them.

Senator Blair said the event is from 10:30AM to 2:30PM but the thirty minutes in the beginning and end are for set up and take down. If Senator Jordan does find an Immunize Nevada club, she asked if he would like to contact them because he has their contact so it would be easier.

Senator Jordan said yes. Some of the clubs he has are wellness related but are not relevant to the event. He is going to read of his list of other clubs that they could recruit. The other clubs he has are College Against Cancer, Nevada Up 'Till Dawn, Associated Students of Gerontology, Middle Act Nevada, Paw Prints, Students to Abolish Sex Slavery, Physical Therapy Club, Free Dental Club, Future Health Professions, Voices for Planned Parenthood, IEE, School Nurses, UNR Pre-Nursing, Undergrad Student Social Work Association, and Human Development and Family Studies.

Senator Blair said the best one would be the Musical Therapy Club.

Senator Bradley said the HDFS has been very active this year so they would probably like to be at the event.

Senator Blair said that if they have a program for family health such as having better relationships with family members. That would be a nice direction they could take. She asked if Senator Bradley has been in contact with them lately.

Senator Bradley said she has not.

Senator Jordan asked if she is close with the club.

Senator Bradley said she doesn't know the president but she has friends in the club.

Senator Jordan said he also has Pack Provisions on his list.

Senator Blair said she was going to contact them when she was going to send out the emails after they presented at Senate. If anything, she would want them there. Especially for their campaign so there is less stigma towards it. It would help to see them out in the open.

Senator Jordan asked if he should contact HDFS or if Senator Bradley is contacting them.

Senator Blair said that if he has been contacting them before and if he is comfortable to do it, then he can or she can do it when she goes to do all of the clubs. She said she is asking if they are already in contact with them or if they have friends in there. It is easier to have a face to face conversation than sending out the email. If not, she will be taking care of all the clubs. She will also be sending the SEAB form tonight so that they can get the grounds to put tables out on the patio area.

b. Discussion of Future Legislation and Events

Senator Blair said they can discuss this next time so she hopes by the next meeting everyone will be thinking of that they can do for November. The topic should be safety because they are going into winter and they will probably get a lot of snow this year. That is also when she would like to bring the policemen on campus to have conversations with them to see what they would like to do.

Senator Bradley said they were actually going to talk about that in University Affairs because that is in their Legacy binder to have a safe winter driving talk. They were thinking of having a driving instructor talk about the importance of driving safely in the snow.

Senator Blair said they can work together on that or they can just pass it off to this committee.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Duvall asked about the previous Public Lands Day idea.

Senator Blair said that it was pretty successful and they want to keep it mostly in the Senate. They got some great pictures from that and they got descriptions for them. They can update the Senate about that tonight.

Senator Jordan said a post went out about that yesterday at 12:00 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.