

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

Minutes for Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</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 5:37 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 and Senator 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 Smith, Senator Urquidi, Senator Cook, and Senator Chiu were present.

Senators Barragan and Macaballug were absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. The minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Senator T. Jackson moved to approve the minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; the minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were approved.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Ausbun said he was the Vice President of the National Federation of the Blind of Nevada and a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Blind Students. He wanted to put a piece of legislation on their minds. In the US, students with disabilities cannot obtain information electronically or in general. For people with disabilities, the lack of access isn't just that the website is down but also that the website or software was not developed with people with disabilities in mind. Students are regularly to receiving textbooks month into the semester and that places them at a disadvantage. The access to education is just overall not there. Recently, Congressman Phil Roe of Tennessee introduced a bill, HB 6122. This bill over 18 months will establish a purpose based commission to help institutions develop guidelines to make sure they are in compliance with Titles II and III of the ADA. This bill does not just affect students with disabilities now but also students with disabilities in the future. All students deserve access to education and President Johnson agrees. He is planning on writing a letter of support in May and they will be meeting to finalize what exactly the letter should contain on Friday. He felt that it would be extremely powerful if the Association were to embrace the 15% of folks with disabilities and need access. They should highly considered writing a resolution in support of this legislation and also asking Nevada's legislators to support it.

Senator H. Jackson asked him to repeat the bill number.

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MR. Ausbun said it was HB 6122

Dr. Beattie said that the leadership assessment goes out tomorrow, he will fill in the new senators later. He encouraged them to do it all and also the exec. branch; it will assess their leadership skills and some training to see how much they have grown as the year progresses. He also asked them to clear the posting boards. It looked like a tree sneezed paper on it. It is a physical representation of Senate so when they go to post new agendas, he asked them to take down their old agendas. He also asked senators and exec. members to use their programmers. They are all trained on where to get tables and chairs to how to finalize contracts whereas senate and exec is not. Some of them are past programmers and know a little bit but he encouraged them to email Director Hurdle to set up a meeting if they are planning on doing anything beyond tabling. He would not ask a programmer to write a piece of legislation since they do not have the proper training and he would not ask them to throw an event since they are not familiar with the process of event planning. President Boone hired a great director and she has a great staff; they need to utilize their resources.

Dr. Hug-English said she was the Medical Director of the Student Health Center. She wanted to talk today about student health insurance. She gave a presentation on that last year and is just following up this year. Brian Judy will talk about it on the national scene. They are concerned with what they are hearing and seeing; there is a decreased availability of voluntary plans to offer to students. At the current moment, they have a mandatory plan with a hard waiver for medical, grad, and international students but undergrads are still voluntary. For the past several years, they have had carriers say they are not willing to continue to provide voluntary plans. But there are still 3 carriers involved with student health insurance and it is difficult to get bids for that. At UNLV, they opted to not provide any insurance for undergrads and that worried her. For an institution as large as theirs, they need to be able to offer an insurance option. It is scary to her that they cannot. They had an undergrad student this past year who got sick and without the insurance, it would have been disastrous. Last year when they came, they asked Senate to think about it. This year, they are asking Senate to take a vote with the understanding that if they put into place, it would not be an automatic fee. This would only be for those without an insurance option. Many students are able to stay on their parents' plan until they are 26 and others may have insurance through their job, through spouses, or a Medicaid plan. That is all acceptable; this is only for those that don't have any insurance. It is not mandatory for everyone and while it seems like another fee, it is not. When they do parent orientation in the summer, almost all parents ask about not having it be required. They are behind the times in what other schools have done in previous years.

Brian Judy was a Wells Fargo insurance broker for the student health insurance at UNR and works with system if higher education for UNLV and the College of Southern Nevada. He doesn't have access to his presentation but can make it available later. What they have been working on collectively is managing the student payment plan for those that need to have insurance. They need to offer something that is in compliance with Obamacare and is price conscious and comprehensive. As a university, when they look at coverage, the goal is to make sure they don't end up with students that can't access quality care or may have high out of pocket costs or burdens out front. If they look at the plans available, there is a wide range in terms of deductibles, co-insurance levels, and metallic tiers (gold, bronze etc). They all dictate how robust the coverage is and what the out of pocket cost is. Universities have a unique opportunity to have large pool of students to insure under a single plan in a variety of economies of scale to make them more affordable than in the community. They have the demographics in their advantage since they are younger; this lets them negotiate a lower price. They are working on how to maintain it and make it available. Dr. Hug alluded to a hard waived minatory requirement. It doesn't have to be the school but they must have something that is consistent with the Affordable Care Act. If they don't, there are fines and fees that must be paid. Their goal is to keep this type of plan for students that may not have other alternatives. If they look at the industry, they have not been able to meet needs but they can negotiate a more favorable price for

20-25 year olds on an annual basis on premiums. They can stabilize prices to make sure they don't have sharp rates in any given year. The average process would most likely be that there would be an online form that allows them to waive out at no charge. An advantage is that students without insurance become eligible for financial aid. Additional cost has to be framed in the national landscape that they have to purchase insurance and now they would be eligible for financial aid packages. It is a loan that they have the obligation to pay but it is another avenue to finance it where on voluntary plans they cannot finance them. He looked at how what they have compares to the exchange and shows the range of price and annual basis rates. Prices on average are between \$2500-\$4000 annually depending on age range and the plan. Some had deductible at \$1000-\$1500 and that is an upfront cost but the student plan tailors that to the needs of students so that they have low co-pays and deductibles. If they line it up it what they have for the grad students, it is a sharp contrast. He would love to do this for undergrads and to make sure they are given more options for the number of insurance carriers willing to work with them. Voluntary plans do not have much interest but this would help with that. It would draw in more carriers. The national trend across the county is that there are a number of schools, usually large and state public institutions, that have hard-waiver systems.

Dr. Hug-English said that if they want a copy of the slides, they can make that available to have more details. It is a complicated topic but they are trying to simplify it to bring an option that is easy for them. She would really ask them to consider it and can come back at a later date. She will answer questions over email. Brian has worked hard on the current plans they have and also on expanding it but it will come to an end soon.

Senator Duvall asked for their contact information.

Speaker Teixeira asked them to write their info on the white boards before leaving.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked how many students use the insurance plans.

Dr. Hug-English said about 2,000 in total this year.

Senator Eshenbaugh said that they mentioned that Wells Fargo is the broker; she asked if there was a place in the Wells Fargo Banking office for people to go and ask questions.

Brian Judy said they are separate, and the banking side will not have the experience. He is based in Sacramento but is part of a national practice group for all of Wells Fargo for national insurance student coverage. They have a team of 35 and they are all happy to speak to them about it. He can come up in person but also has wonderful staff that can answer question during orientations.

Senator H. Jackson asked if it would disproportionately affect undocumented students.

Dr. Hug-English said no since they have an option available made ti them. Any student without insurance would be in the same category. The advantage is that if they purchase insurance this way, they would have it as part of their financial aid package.

Senator Blair asked if they had research for what students felt about this.

Dr. Hug-English said no but if Senate wanted to do so they could. Their focus groups that the health educators have shown support but an overall broad survey had not been conducted.

Senator Blair said they will have several wellness events throughout the year; she asked if having the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness gather student opinions would be helpful.

Dr. Hug-English said the lack of understanding is the main problem now. If they present it as an additional fee for insurance then no one will be in support but if they explain what it is, they will get the support. However, this is a complicated topic and it is difficult to do a survey without presenting the background information.

Brian Judy said some universities have done surveys similar to that. Those surveys are hard to read because you get some very specific answers for very particular situations. Asking the right questions is important but they do have some surveys they could share.

Senator Eshenbaugh said that out of the 2000 students that use the insurance plans, she asked if most of them were traditional students or nontraditional students.

Brian Judy said the majority of students using the plans are grad students, international students, and medical school students since they all have hard-waivers. They collectively represent the larger portion of the university so they have more utilization but they don't break it down specific classifications; they do have broad, nonspecific categorizations. In general, it is broad across the board. Older students tend to have more complications but they also have just as many younger students that use them and their cost is lower.

Speaker Teixeira said that Senator Blair will email them since it will have to go through her committee if they do put it to a vote.

Senator Blair asked if Speaker Teixeira had their contact information.

Speaker Teixeira said he just sent it over the listserv.

Cairn Lindloff is the Assistant Dean of New Student Initiatives; Speaker Teixeira asked her to talk about the Office of New Student Initiatives and what they do and what her role is. She will talk about their mission, her role and their impact on campus, the budget breakdown so they know where the new student fee is going, orientation 2016 program changes, orientation data, and she will give information for the 2016 orientation workshops. They were created in 2009 to better assist students with transitioning at the university. Their bread and butter program is orientation and that is what everyone knows them for but they do coordinate other programs like Wolf Pack Welcome. Specific events they do are Opening Ceremony, the Welcome Barbeque, Running of the Wolves, and a few others. They also run the student success series and they are expanding it to have more topics besides freshmen topics like how to drive in the snow. They want to partner with the Career Studio to help students with transition outside the university with things like how to cook for your self. In the past, they have been focused on time management, test taking, and first year transitions but even sophomores and seniors need that kind of transition skills because their first year was easy. They intentionally chose a broad title to market it broadly. Up until last January, her office ran the MAP-Works program but they are no longer running it. It is a great retention tool to gauge adjustments but it is expensive and they didn't get the results they needed. The last aspect is the impact on students. They see 90+% of the freshmen throughout orientation and that is a direct impact right there. They don't see as many in the student success series, maybe a couple of hundred over the course of the year. Her individual role is that she is an assistant dean and has individual contact with students. Students can meet with them about things like being in the hospital for a week and they need help working through that adjustment. She individually interacts with students that way. Her direct impact with orientation is through the staff; they have 25-30 staff members over the summer and it helps her get to know current students and also help them grow as leaders. Now for the money side of things, she wanted to make sure they were getting some information on that.

She had a pie chart breakdown but each new student is being charged \$150 fee that is mandatory and non-waivable. \$10 of that fee automatically is used to pay for the wolf card. 8% of the budget, a little over \$54,000, went to pay for the wolf cards. The majority of the budget goes to orientation, and they had a 4% increase in the amount of money that went to orientation. 58% of their budget, about \$419,900, went to orientation. That is about \$100,000 more than last year. The reason for that is because orientation is a summer program but it causes problems for the fiscal year since it runs from July 1-June 30. Many of their bills don't hit until the end of July/August and sometimes September. An example is that in Summer 2015, they housed 3500 students at orientation and fed them 3 meals. That was a \$200,000 bill because Fall 2015's class was so large and their fees fluctuate based on the participation levels and class sizes. 14% went to the New Student Initiatives Administration; their office is 100% funded by student fees; all the salaries, copy fees, and telephone fees all come from that new student fee from the beginning of the year. That 14% allocation has been consistent. Welcome and Opening Ceremony was 12% of the budget; 1% higher than last year. That is because the cost of Lawler is getting larger and the cost of sound and lighting is more expensive, but they also add a lot great, new things each year. Other programs are the MAP-works, Student Success Series, and they also fund the student planner. In cooperation with the ASUN Bookstore, they purchase 7,000 but 4,000 come from New Student Initiatives to give to freshmen. They also keep 500 for those that are starting in the spring semester. They collected \$816,000 in total fees and rolled over almost \$100,000. They have a vacant position right now and that is why they had so much. they do have larger classes but university wants to keep growing the size and the office cannot be a 1.5 people office so they want to move to 3 people. They do have a vacant position they want to fill within the next 3 months. They made a number of changes for 2016. It used to be a 2 day program that started early in the morning and ended late the second day, around 3-5 pm. Due to growing sizes of classes, it is hard to find space for everyone. It is hard to find multiple lecture rooms for 500+ people but they also don't want tons of lectures. Finding rooms in the res halls is also hard. If they stay at the 2-day program, it would not be conducive to get them to last the next 10 years. The biggest change was the single day and overnight program changes. They now have a 12 hour day starting at 8 am through 8 pm. It has workshops and advising and some wall work time. Overnight program was adjusted to start at 1pm with an overnight stay and wraps up between 3-5 pm on the second day. The program changes required changes to the workshops. They reduced time for Title 9, health care, and the career studio. They eliminated Your First Class, MyNevada, and financial aid workshops. This was done very intentionally because they wanted to focus more on orientation being for on campus activity. Your First Class was eliminated because of the emergence of the Nevada FIT since it will have high faculty interaction. MyNevada moved to the academic advising time component. Financial aid workshops weren't working anyways since it really is based on individual cases anyways. They added an Information Fair for key offices since there was no time for a workshop. They made it a priority for orientation to be the last two weeks of June and in July. This gives seniors in high school to graduate and maybe take a week or two off before looking at university life. it also gives the university the time to prepare for the fall. If freshmen class keep growing, they will need to go a little into August. Some changes for the next year include continuing with overnight and single day programs but this year, they never knew if they had a two day program or a single day program. They tried to mix it up to meet all the needs but it was confusing. Next year they will make it so that one week is single day programs and the other is for two day programs. They will emphasize the transition to college and becoming engaged on campus. They want to increase contact and look at an online orientation to move MyNevada online so that students can see that before coming so that they can ask question here. They need to work on workshop analysis. Their Alfie session is a great workshop but they cover a lot of information in 45 minutes. Individual workshops are always up for reviews and suggestions. Assessments and evaluation data will be going out in the next couple of weeks because they want to evaluate more than just retention of information in the first year. Data wise, they want to talk about overnight programs. They saw about 1377 students averaging about 260 students. For single day sessions, they can make them larger but they want them to be in the 290-300 range for significant interaction in small groups. They didn't know what to expect in terms of who was coming when but it was not a significant difference. Transfer numbers were lower this year and they will look into that. They saw 3899 students at orientation and 259 at the makeup sessions for a total of 4,158

students. 98.9% attended orientation but they are still doing matchup were students attended session in June or July and realized it wasn't the right university for them. For workshop data, the most attended is tips and tricks about college, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest is campus involvement and they really relied on ASUN to provide it. They plan orientation around the same time they do elections so what gets covered is always up in the air. ASUN provides many resources but first years need to know they have a place on campus to feel comfortable. They emphasize clubs and orgs and programming events has proved to be successful ASUN and the Center for Student Engagement. The Super Session, aka Are you Smarter than Alfie, covered a lot of things quickly. That is where the wolf shop, health center, student success series, counseling services, academic support, volunteering/civic engagement, athletics, and wolf cards are addressed through quick little videos or power points.

Senator Crupi said they are moving to a week of two night sessions and a week of single day sessions; he asked what the ideology was for keep the overnight sessions.

Ms. Lindloff said that many students do like that as a choice and students were getting their first choice of whether they wanted overnight or two day sessions. The overnight program allows for increased connections with students and lets them have more interaction with small groups/leaders. Overnight programs have slightly higher for out of state students. That ability to come and get a taste of campus makes more sense for them. Especially for those that are significantly out of the area like Texas or Wisconsin. They don't come for Nevada Bound and this is the first time they come on campus, for orientation. They have just looked at us online or in books so this is a good time for them to either fall in love or discover they don't want to be here. Most fall in love but the 2-day program lets them explore the campus whereas the single day is more intense.

Senator t. Jackson said that for the workshop data, he asked if they had data for parent workshops and student workshops.

Ms. Lindloff said the data provided tonight was student only but they can get that data to them.

Senator Green asked if they could talk about what they did and didn't like about student involvement presentation.

Ms. Lindloff said this year didn't have one but they did in the past; but that is why they will do the online assessment. In the previous years, they got data but it was not good; either they loved everything or they hated it. She wanted actionable data and that is why they are waiting to see if the information sunk in and if it is really helping with the transition to the university. They would like to know what they remember and what would they change. It is a tough issue at times because today at their evaluation meeting, she had a number of academic advisors say they needed things a, b, and c. From the university perspective that was true but they were not remembering that they are only 18 and have never been on campus. They need to keep in mind how much information can be retained; they can present all the information in the world but it won't matter if it isn't retained by students.

Senator Duvall asked if the online course for alcohol was part of her department.

Ms. Lindloff said no, it comes out of the Student Conduct Offices.

Senator H. Jackson was wondering if she had more suggestions for the ASUN workshop.

Ms. Lindloff said not off the top of her head. They moved to a nice format for the last couple of years and that is a good way to outline all the services they offer by having half take tours and half stay in the room; engaging them is important. Every year, they have this blue wall and some years, no one wants to take pictures but some years they

do have students take pictures. A couple of years ago, they had an ASUN wall so they could maybe do that to let them get connected right away. They are also looking into the impact of social media. This summer, they did not hire a social media intern and they are seeing the long term effects so they are looking into it again. The opportunities for social media need to be used and uploaded right away.

Senator Duvall asked if they would consider using an online platform like MyNevada or something like that for orientation.

Ms. Lindloff said yes. The company they contracted with runs entire orientation sessions online for other universities. That is something they are looking at but she also does love the individual connections on campus. Whole the campus has grown larger, the one thing she consistently hears during orientation interviews is how connected students feel. She didn't want to eliminate the opportunities to have students connect over the summer rather just looking into what kind of things that could be presented online.

Senator Green asked if they had transfer data.

Ms. Lindloff said they do not have as much transfer data and additionally this year, their numbers for the transfer sessions were down about 300 students. They intentionally scheduled two of the sessions early in June since the faculty requested earlier orientation sessions because they thought that would increase academic connections but she has not seen that happen. She does not have data yet so she is just using her gut right now but they are looking into it. It is a challenge with transfer students and they do a profile every few years and the average age is 24. It is hard to develop exactly what they need; those that are 18-20 and maybe attended a community college for a year or semester are still traditional college students but the student that is 35 and coming back might not feel as welcomed. The challenge they deal with them is that they don't know how to connect on campus or maybe they don't want to. They are working with a transfer specialist to try and better those sessions. For more orientation attendance, it is still predominately the Reno area that attend early in the summer in June/July and students moving up here come later in July and August. If students will be moving into the area, it will not be until the end of July or early August and that is why she disagreed with the faculty.

## **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 met with Director Moore for video ideas throughout the year. He wanted to see a pack internship program video with actual footage of students working and some statistics to be a tool for next year. He has talked about a year in review video like last year. He asked them to keep a record of anything they accomplish so they can use it later in April. He and Director Hurdle met with the student union advisory board to improve the union from the student perspective. They mentioned they were having trouble getting students to use their late night incentives program and their online room reservation system. He gave their contact information to Director Long so clubs and orgs can potentially market that. GSA had recently a new president and he reached out to them to set up a meeting to see if GSA and ASUN can work together. They don't usually work together much since they tend to have different goals and interests but maybe it will be different this year. President Johnson is doing Pizza with the President and that will be next Wednesday, October 5 at 1:30 in the Blind Onion. Director Rojas was unable to make it due to an Ally Week event but he is in desperate need of volunteers for tomorrow's diversity barbeque. He did thank Senator Jordan and VP Springmeyer for signing up for that but three people cannot run a barbeque. He asked if anyone else was available.

Senator Henderson volunteered and could be there the entire time.

President Boone said they will be serving tacos the entire time.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked for the times.

President Boone said from about 10:30 – 2:30 pm.

Senator Eshenbaugh said she could be there from about 12:30 – 1.

President Boone said any help was appreciated.

Senator Blair said her office hours were during that event. She asked if she could do that instead.

Speaker Teixeira said yes since they did say that office hours could be transferable to ASUN events. He could also go for an hour.

Senator Urquidi said he could go from 1-2.

President Boone said they are nearing the half way mark of their terms so he and VP Springmeyer will start his one-on-ones with his exec. members. He asked them to let him know if they had any suggestions for exec members. He also reminded them that his door is always open and if they are working on projects that he can help with, just let him know.

Senator Blair asked if he wanted senate projects only or if individual projects were okay too.

President Boone said the year in review video is just to highlight all the cool things ASUN has done throughout the year. Individual projects could be included if they were cool enough to be in a video, they should send it but he will determine the material ultimately.

Senator Jordan said that those at field day were Senators Duvall, Bradley, and Macaballug.

**B.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Jacob Springmeyer

**C.** Chief of Staff, Sebastian Atienza

Chief of Staff Atienza has started working on Its on US with Senator Bradley and University Affairs. What they have found is that November 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> is Week of Action for It's on Us; they have some events planned that could be cool on campus. Some events they wanted to do this semester leading up to April included: Monday is the It's on Us Kickoff, Tuesday is Got Consent?, Wednesday is Be More than a Bystander, Thursday is Supporting Survivors, and Friday would be What's Next?. He was given Health Week event that Senate is doing and has been in contact with Senator Blair and hopes to be in contact with SSW. Along with GivePulse, President Johnson wants to get 3000 volunteers signed up so they need to really push it. He has been in contact with Senator Bradley to get a signup going for the dorms as well as doing a homecoming event where they have to sign up from GivePulse to get points. He would like help to brainstorm ideas for Alcohol Awareness Week in November; he will be in contact with University Affairs. There have been 9 more internship applications that have been turned in since last time they spoke about it.

Senator Blair asked if he wanted help from SSW.

Senator Atienza said if they had ideas then yes but, when he was a Senator he was on University Affairs. He could work with both committees.

**D.** Deputy Chief of Staff, Michael Upton

Deputy Chief of Staff Upton said that for SNIF, he was supposed to meet with Rachel Lucas on Sunday but she moved it to tomorrow; they will be discussing finalizing the budget so that they know how much money they have to reopen the program. He thanked Senator Blair for speaking with the environmental club and they are showing interest in the program. The campus bicycle committee will meet on October 11<sup>th</sup>; he will be there but asked if anyone wanted to go as well.

Senators Smith and Blair volunteered to go.

Speaker Teixeira asked if he saw the email that Director Rodriguez sent out about the campus being designed as a bike friendly campus.

Deputy Chief of Staff Upton said yes and they had a bronze metal. It is also on the campus bike map they had printed. Only about 100 campuses across the country are bronze certified. The bike maps are all around campus, he asked them to tell their constituents about it. For the pack friendly businesses campaign, they still have some businesses that are pending, about 40 of them. He will be contacting them and hopefully meeting with them to get them added to the list.

Senator Blair asked if the bike meeting was October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

Deputy Chief of Staff Upton said yes.

**E.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brooklyn Lawton

President Boone read the report into the record: "President Boone, I will not be able to make it to senate tonight as I have a review session for a test at the same time. I apologize for not letting you know sooner. I have included my report in the body of this email: Senator Jordan and Senator Blair sent me some awesome content from ASUN's cleanup with the Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness at Rancho San Rafael this weekend as well as CABNR Agriculture Field Day that I posted on Facebook. One of Senator Jordan's goals of the SSW post was to show ASUN's support of Public Lands day and increase awareness of SSW. Each post reached over 1,800 people (excluding BLF posts, posts on ASUN'S Facebook reach on average 200-400 people) so it's safe to say his goal was met! Senators if you ever need any event or content posted on any of ASUN's social media, please don't ever hesitate to email me. I emailed Director Rodriguez about updating the ASUN timeline on our website to include the last three years, so hopefully that will be current by the end of this week. Maggie and I have started designing a nonpartisan voter guide that will be printed on a handbill. The guides will also be posted on social media so once they are up, please share them on your own pages. We want to table in front of the Joe and hand these out to students while encouraging them to vote on TurboVote. We will need volunteers to table so I will create a poll on Facebook for people to sign up for. Thank you, Brooke Lawton."

**F.** Attorney General, Dylan Tedford

**G.** Director of Programming, Casandra Hurdle

Assistant Director Kinel read the report into the record: “The Programming/Blue Crew/Clubs and Orgs office is now clean. Please do not use it as a storage space. If you need something out in there, please let an officer of one of the departments know and they will put it somewhere for you. Next Wednesday we will have fusion TV network on campus with their As American As event. This is touring the county showing the diversity of young American adults. Make sure to check it out in front of the KC. Homecoming is only a couple weeks away! The deadline to register a team or a homecoming pageant candidate is October 1st. Please let your respective organizations know and encourage everyone to join in. The department will be holding two meetings for team captains where all events and rules will be explained. There will be a zero tolerance policy for any unsportsmanlike conduct this year.”

**H.** Director of Blue Crew, Kevin Bezick

President Boone read the report into the record: “Blue crew trophy is back! This year attendance will be recorded at the women's volleyball game against SJSU the Soccer game against New Mexico and the football game against Fresno. The games are on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of October respectively. Flyers will be available for clubs to pick up and turn in at the games. It's a great way for clubs to show off because they will receive a 5ft trophy and also recognized at halftime of a basketball game. Please support our social media efforts and let all clubs you are involved of know about it. It is open to all clubs including fraternities and sororities. Further details will be on our social media. Wolf Pack football plays Hawaii this week away.”

Senator Green said the trophy he was talking about was a trophy that Athletics gives out to whichever organization goes to the most games.

**I.** Director of Clubs and Organizations, Richard Long

**J.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Veronica Charles

President Boone read the report into the record: “Hi Brandon, My department update for this evening: Thank you to all who helped out with "Pizza Your Mind" this past Thursday, it was wildly successful and we were able to register a huge amount of students with TurboVote. We were also able to partner with Canada Hall last night to help students register to vote and educate constituents about the department of legislative affairs. Our first Presidential Debate Watch Party went well, we partnered with GenFDK and several students from the College Republicans and the Young Dems came by to watch and support the event. Fusion TV will be here next Wednesday, October 5th, to present their "As American As..." display and I hope everyone stops by and checks that out in front of the KC. We will be registering students with TurboVote and we think it will be very successful. Wolf Pack Smart Talks will be having its first talk on Question 2 during Rock the Vote, and we're excited to have two community experts, Tic Segerblom and Jim Hartman, come and speak on the topic. Rock The Vote is just 12 days away, so you can look forward to hearing the finalized details of that event next week, but thus far we have over 11 campaigns who will be in attendance for our political palooza and panel, which will be an excellent civic engagement opportunity. Dunk the Delegates signup sheet will be sent out this upcoming Monday, so please volunteer so that we can make this event as successful as possible. Thanks so much, Veronica Charles.”

**K.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Gabriel Rojas

**L.** Elections Chair, Steven McNeece

**M.** Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

Chief Justice Bruketta said they are working on the student-led mediation program. They will be starting with a small campaign to advertise the council and what they do. They have some presentations coming up

from board of regents member Trachalk to talk about law schools and the future of law students. He asked them to send him an email if they are interested in going. They want to have a presentation from Gary Cardinal to talk about higher education law and what kind of field that is. Student conduct applications are still available. Internship program interviews are October 7<sup>th</sup>; they will be hired and introduced October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**N. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Hannah Jackson**

Senator H. Jackson said the two main things she has been working on this week are the legislative internship program and the town hall. For the town hall, she wanted to thank all the senators that signed up to volunteer. They are okay with their numbers right now but more help is always welcome if anyone was interested in volunteering. She hoped they were all in the email conversation with Kristen Brown but if not please let her know. The town hall is tomorrow at 7 pm in the Davidson Math and Science Building, Redfield Auditorium. She asked them to please wear their ASUN polo's. For the legislative internship program, they have been doing interviews all week. The applications are open until Friday so they can keep pushing that. She has sent them a schedule of committee meetings so prospective interns might be coming in pretty soon.

**O. Speaker of the Senate, Noah Teixeira**

Speaker Teixeira asked them to fill out the leadership assessment to better tailor the program to make better leaders. Please make sure they do the office hours since Secretary Godoy had a hard time getting them processed on time because they were writing them in late. For the individual meetings, he will be doing meetings per college and doodle polls will be coming out on Friday for that.

**8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

**A. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson**

Senator Henderson said they are moving along with projects and will work with SSW for healthy studying techniques for finals.

*Senator Bond left the room at 7:23 pm and entered at 7:26pm.*

**B. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng**

Senator Feng said they did their first round of financial reviews and one of the accounts they did was Senate. He wanted to let them know that they had \$6,300 in the operating and \$1,000 of which is for the veteran's breakfast. He asked them to be weary of where their funds stand as they plan their events. This week they will review the Programming Board.

*Senator Kohler left the room at 7:25 pm and came back at 7:28 pm*

**C. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green**

Senator Green said the civic engagement series is about to take off. It will start October 10<sup>th</sup> with STAC which is Students Thinking About College. The program brings in kids from the Reno area to look at the college. It will be through GivePulse and he is the first one signed up. He hoped to see them join the list as well. The hours are from 9 am – 1 pm on October 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be the first person there. Another thing he is excited about is the pledge to give 100 volunteerism hours. It is super cool and he wanted everyone on Senate to sign up. Everyone on his committee already signed up and he wanted them to join so that they can lead by example. When they sign up it is through GivePulse and

they will get a cool shirt. The civic engagement series will be competition based with them competing against Pennington and the Joe. At the end of the year, they will give the student services with the most volunteer hours a trophy. They will also recognize students that do the 100 hour challenge and it will be cool and look great for the university. If they had questions, let him know and please sign up. They also just had the educational program and the nonprofit recognition. There will be a new one on October 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be in the newsletter on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Jordan asked where they needed to turn in the pledges.

Senator Green said they will go to Director Partridge but they also need to make sure they sign up on GivePulse.

**D. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan**  
Senator Jordan said they will assign more SAS projects on Friday.

**E. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh**  
Senator Eshenbaugh said they met with Veterans Services and the President of Wolf Pack Veterans; they gave some great suggestions for the luncheon.

**F. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley**  
Senator Bradley said she met with Chief of Staff Atienza about the Its on Us campaign. They will bring that to the committee soon but she wanted to plan first. She is excited and wants to see 5,000 pledges though 1,000 pledges is the campaign's goal. President Boone informed her that it is an NSA requirement so it is a good opportunity to do more things on statewide level. They are also doing an outreach event soon, probably at the end of November. They will probably do something like Cocoa with the Constituents. She liked it last year as an intern and it as a good way to talk to students. They assigned liaison positions. They have 3 weeks to get in contact with their liaisons. They also talked about GivePulse and will talk to her bosses about requiring program to be through GivePulse. CABNR will be having a town hall soon in the Redfield auditorium. The dean will give a presentation on what is happening to have transparency.

Speaker Teixeira said he sat in on the meeting and if they look at Baylor's campaign, they have a cool video and it is awesome.

**G. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness-Senator Blair**  
Senator Blair said she and Senators Jordan and Bradley talked with VP Springmeyer to discuss wellness events. He will try to do research and to finalize details it help them out for events. She will go to SEAB soon to get permission to table in Pennington. They will also start having conversations for the safety walk soon. It will probably be in November and will put herself in contact soon with University Affairs.

**H. Chair, 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 Curtis Hazlet to be Policy Analyst for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Crupi moved to fast-track the nomination of Curtis Hazlet to be Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator T. Jackson seconded.

Senator Crupi said that for the record, the agenda said policy analyst but the position was supposed to be policy director, which was on the supplemental documents posted around campus. They talked with Attorney General Tedford and he said they were all good since the physical locations had the right supporting documents.

The motion carried; The Nomination of Curtis Hazlet to be Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs was fast-tracked.

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

### **A. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016<sup>th</sup>:**

#### **a. NOMINATION OF CURTIS HAZLETT TO BE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.**

President Boone read Director Charles' memo into the record: "I chose Curtis Hazlett as Policy Director because of his commitment to legislative policy. During interviews I asked applicants to bring a piece of Legislation that they felt that students would benefit from, and Curtis brought me AB 579, which is in direct correlation with everything the University is trying to accomplish with sexual assault awareness and the "It's On us" campaign. In addition to Curtis' "big picture" understanding of University legislation, he also exemplifies the leadership qualities that this department needs in order to be successful in the upcoming legislative session. Curtis will help push this department to new boundaries and in turn help the undergraduate student population become civically engaged. Respectfully, Veronica Charles- Director of Legislative Affairs."

Mr. Hazlett thanked them for having him tonight. He had a great deal of respect for ASUN and all that they have accomplished this session. He looked forward to working with them and since there was a lot on the agenda he will try to be brief. He was a third year political science major with a minor in communications. He was currently employed at Americans for Prosperity, a nonprofit organization that utilizes grassroots movements to teach citizens to be political activists. Over the summer, he was full time intern at Resse Kintz Guinasso law firm with Senator H. Jackson. He is also the former vice president for The College of Republicans and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. As policy director, on day one he will immediately convene with the team to get a sense of issues they need to prioritize and focus on. Personally, he has been looking at legislation including the amendment to AB-579 which would allow the 7 public colleges the right to deny the admission of registered sex offenders. He is also looking at HR-260 and requires the Department of Education make a list of schools under investigation for sexual misconduct publicly available. As an older brother with a sister entering college next year, sexual assault and awareness is a topic that hits home for him. In 2014, the university conducted a sexual assault survey that found that 10% of females and 3% of males self identified as victims of sexual assault. Until both those percentages are at 0%, sexual assault will be a priority for legislative affairs. He took the It's On Us pledge just last week. As policy director he will make sure they work with the campaign and analyze legislation throughout the state and country concerning this topic. Other issues they will look at is the Save our Schools Campaign, the Campus Safety Act, the Recreational Marijuana, Campus Carry, Faculty Salary Raises, and the Funding for the Proposed College of Engineering Building. Those are all things that are extremely important but there is much more that will affect the campus now and in

years to come. In every election cycle, he cannot understate the importance of voter registration and that will be a hallmark of his time in office. As the university expands, he looks forward to working with them to make sure the expansion is met with the highest commitment and quality expected by students.

Senator Green asked him to talk about what civic engagement meant to him.

Mr. Hazlett said that for his entire college career, he wanted to be involved in politics on and off campus. He was the youngest vice president for the College of Republicans' history and over the summer he was the operations manager for a local assembly race. The experience he learned is invaluable. For him, the position is another step in his civic engagement for the school.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked him how he approached teamwork.

Mr. Hazlett said it was essential, especially looking at everyone in the room. Team work is needed in politics and for legislative affairs since it is about voting and democracy. He thought that teamwork played right into having a democracy.

Speaker Teixeira said how he planned on preventing his own opinion from entering his work.

Mr. Hazlett said that he did have a political ideology but when he was working for the school and representing the students he will represent the students.

Senator Green asked for his plans to help incoming freshmen that don't want to vote this year.

Mr. Hazlett said registration is obviously important. One thing is that even politically minded individuals are choosing to focus on local and state races because they don't like either presidential candidate. It is not his position to say if it is wrong or not but getting involved in a local level is a good start for those freshmen to be involved now and later on in larger races.

There were no further questions; the body moved to discussion.

Senator Crupi moved to approve Curtis Hazlett to be Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator T. Jackson seconded.

Senator Green said that although he didn't technically answer his question on civic engagement, he liked that he touched on engagement being at the school, local, and state level. He also liked that he answered about voting in local elections and how that was just as important as national elections.

Senator Crupi said that for his second question, Mr. Hazlett had a great answer. Though someone might not be interested in the presidential race, registration is important and the fact that was his answer was great.

Senator Jacoby said he knew Mr. Hazlett personally but a large amount of the legislation he talked about is for the betterment of the university. He would work with Chief of Staff Atienza well for sexual assault and how it has risen on campus.

A Roll call vote taken; motion carried unanimously. Curtis Hazlett was appointed to the Office of Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Speaker Teixeira swore in Mr. Curtis Hazlett as Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

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

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

There are no Senate officers to elect at this time.

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

There are no elections that the senate will hear at this time.

#### **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**

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

Speaker Teixeira said this was the piece of legislation on the agenda last week that they couldn't touch because there had been a miscommunication between himself, President Boone, and Senator Feng.

Senator Crupi moved to fast-track S.B. 84- An Act to Increase Funding to the Pack Internship Grant Program.

Senator Bradley seconded.

Motion carried; S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase Funding to the Pack Internship Grant Program was fast-tracked unanimously.

#### **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 Program**

Senator Crupi moved to approve S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase Funding to the Pack Internship Grant Program

Senator H. Jackson seconded.

Senator Feng said they had the presentation last week and that covered all the whereas clauses. He got a lot of questions for the enacting clause. It says they will allocate \$25,760 to the program but the bill only talks about \$5760. Basically, there is an additional \$20,000 to match what was allocated last year for the program. It allocates enough money to match last year and to cover the additional four positions.

Motion carried; S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase Funding to the Pack Internship Grant Program was approved unanimously.

*Senator T. Jackson left the room at 7:23 pm and came back at 7:25 pm.*

## **20. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **A. WTF Nevada ASUN**

### **B. Senator Reports**

## **21. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

## **22. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Beattie said they had great talks and good questions. They got a lot of information from Ms. Lindloff but they do have a better session. He goes to parent dinners and hears good things from them. It used to be that really only Reno parents went to those but now it is all sorts parents and they have done a great job. \$150 fee is good and they also offer sessions in Spanish. There are a lot of moving parts involved that they don't see. The orientation sessions looked different this year but he is hoping to see it flat line for next year on confusion. They had someone talking about a potentially new fee. He reminded them that undocumented students only get the Millennium and financial aid will not cover that kind of fee for them. Their plan was cheaper but they must keep in mind that the fee must be multiplied over the next 4 years, that's an additional \$6,000 over the next 4 years. If they graduate with \$22,000 in debt and you add an additional \$6,000, that's a total debt of almost \$30,000. He didn't have the data but that has the potential to affect undocumented students. They needed to look more into that before making a decision.

Senator Green said he was on the student insurance because of athletics and would have no insurance without it. he thought they should take a look at it. He wanted to give a shout out to Director Long for being the leader on the entire campus on GivePulse; Senator Duvall was in second place but she was beaten today. He was hoping to see more of them on the leadership board. Director Long only had about 26 hours so they could do it.

Senator Crupi asked if he knew when they could post their own events on GivePulse since some students were having issues with that.

Senator Green said they were having issues at the moment but he was talking to Directors Koeckes and Partridge. A lot of events are on there but they are not published. They are trying to figure out how to publish those events and then they will let him know.

Speaker Teixeira said he was putting on the IFC Benefit Dinner to help St. Jude's. Tickets are \$20 if anyone was interested.

Senator Green said he was also hosting an event to benefit St. Jude's. The Dance-a-thon is this Saturday and it costs \$5.

Senator h. Jackson said she had a fundraiser for We the People tonight at Qudoba if they wanted to go for dinner after senate. Just let them know they are there for We the People

Speaker Teixeira asked how much went to them.

Senator H. Jackson did not know the exact amount.

Speaker Teixeira said they could use any gift cards they got from VP Springmeyer tonight.

Senator Green said some of the senators and him were planning an impromptu get together tonight at U-Swirl.

Senator Jordan asked H. Jackson when the fundraiser started.

Senator H. Jackson said it was today and went to 9 pm.

### **23. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.