

# Committee on Government Operations

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

Minutes for Friday, October 7th, 2016 at 3:00 pm

Presidents Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting for Government Operations was called to order on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:05 pm in the Presidents Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Brooke Hansen.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Senators Duvall, Jacoby, Jordan, Smith, and T Jackson were present.

Senators Bond and Macaballug were absent excused.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

### 4. MINUTES

Senator T Jackson motioned to approve the minutes for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Motion carried

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Senator Updates on SAS Projects

The senators who brought up issues during discussion about these chapters gave an update on the research they made.

Senator Jacoby said that he is waiting for a meeting time to meet with the Financial Aid Office. Senator Jacoby reached out to the representative who will meet with him and will share that information from the meeting with the Committee during the next Government Operations meeting.

Senator Smith said that he met with Secretary Andrea, the Tuesday before, and talked with her about how the Secretaries are trying to keep up with the numerous committees that the Senate offers. Senator Smith also reported that the following Monday he will be sending Senator Jordan a bill that he hopes will be passed by the committee, and then by Senate.

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Senator Jordan said that an appropriations bill is needed to be passed through Budget and Finance sometime in the near future so money can be allocated to new positions.

Senator Duvall said that she had a meeting with the director of Legislative Services on Wednesday and that the director wanted to make two changes to the SAS. Senator Duvall said that those changes will be brought to the committee during the next meeting.

Senator Jordan told the committee that any legislation made should be emailed to him before the meeting at which the legislation is being discussed. Senator Jordan said that he preferred if the legislation is given to him the Monday before the Friday on which the meeting is held so he knows to add the legislation to the agenda.

Senator T Jackson met with Director Hurtle to discuss changes to documents that concerns event programing. Senator T Jackson said that all of the duties that pertain to event programing were correct in the SAS, but a lot of the changes need to be made in the programing manual. Senator T Jackson asked what the process would be to change the programing manual.

Senator Jordan said that he assumes that the changing of the programing manual would have to go through the same procedures as any other document that would be changed.

Dr. Beattie said that any changes to any procedural manuals have to through Senate and that the Committee on Government Operations makes changes directly related to the SAS.

Senator Jordan told Senator T Jackson to bring the manual changes for event programing directly to Senate.

### **B. S.B- An act to amend the Agenda Posting Procedure**

Jacoby moved to approve Senate Bill 84, an “Act to Amend the Agenda Posting Procedure.”

Senator Smith seconded the motion.

During discussion, Senator Duvall moved to amend the agenda posting procedure.

The details of the submission where changed to say “Submitted by Senator Duvall and Senator Jacoby to the Committee on Government Operations.” Line 1 of the bill, “*whereas*, change to the SAS to accurately represent ASUN Senate Procedure,” was removed, changing the lines of the bill so that line 2

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is now line 1, line 3 is line 2, line 4 is line 3, line 5 is line 4, and line 6 is line 5 of the bill. Senator Duvall then changed the bill so that the content that was written under line 2 was changed with line 4 and added line in-between lines 4 and 5, causing 4 to be line 5, and line 5 to know be line 6 of the bill. The new line 5 was added to the bill and reads “*Whereas* a new meeting board located in the Pennington Student achievement Center would further transparency and accessibility between the Senate of Associated Students and their Constituents.”

Senator Jordan the goal of the open meeting law is to inform the public. Senator Jordan recommended that line 2 be changed to read, “*Whereas*, the goal of Open Meeting law is transparency and informing the public of meetings.”

Senator Jacoby moved to amend Senate Bill 84, An Act to Amend the Agenda Posting Procedure so that line 5, “*Whereas* the goal of open meeting law is transparency and informing students of meetings,” now reads “*whereas* the goal of open meeting law is transparency and informing the public of meetings.”

Senator Jordan clarified that the whereas clause “*whereas* the goal of open meeting law is transparency and informing the public of meetings is no longer line 5 of the bill but is now line 2 of the bill.

Senator Duvall moved to amend Bill 84, “An Act to Amend the Agenda Posting Procedure” and reread the Bill with the new changes. Refer to the bill attached to see the final draft of the bill.

Senator T Jackson seconded the motion.

Senator Jordan moved to consider the new draft of the Bill. A roll call vote was taken to determine if the bill passes in the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator’s Duvall, Jacoby, Smith, and T Jackson voted in favor of the bill, “An Act to Amend the Agenda Posting Procedure.”

Senator’s Bond and Macaballug were absent excused.

The Bill “An Act to Amend the Agenda Posting Procedure,” passed through the Committee on Government Operations.

### **C. S.B. 84- An Act to increase the Number of Interns within the Judicial Branch**

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Bill 84, “An Act to Increase the number of Interns within the Judicial Branch,” was discussed at this time.

Senator Jordan passed the gavel to Senator Jacoby. Senator Jacoby accepted the motion. Senator Jordan moved to recommend Senate Bill 84, “An Act to Increase the number of Interns within the Judicial Branch.”

Senator Smith seconded the motion.

Senator Jacoby moved into an open discussion of the Bill.

Senator Jordan talked about the bill because Senator Macaballug and Chief Justice Bruketta were unavailable. Senator Jordan said that the Judicial Branch is growing and mentioned that all the branches have the same amount of interns as they do positions. Senator Jordan explained that currently, in the SAS, the judicial branch is allowed only 3 internship positions, however there is one Chief Justice, and four Associate Justices. Senator Jordan said that this bill would be increase the amount of internships in the Judicial Branch from three to five. Senator Jordan explained that 5 interns do don’t have to be accepted, however the number of interns in the Judicial Branch cannot exceed 5.

There was no other discussion on the bill. The bill “An Act to Increase the number of Interns within the Judicial Branch,” was moved into a roll call vote.

Senators Duvall, Jordan, Smith, and T Jackson voted in favor of the bill.

Senators Bond and Macaballug were absent excused

Senate Bill 84, “An Act to Increase the number of Interns within the Judicial Branch,” passed through the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Jacoby passed the gavel back to the Chair of the Committee, Senator Jordan. Senator Jordan accepted the Gavel.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. SAS Projects**

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Senator Jordan reminded the Senators of the Committee to get their assignments done and preferred that the Senators finish their assignments by the following Monday so that it can be put on the next agenda.

Senator Jackson asked what time legislation that wants to be verified should be submitted.

Senator Jordan said that any time would be fine on Monday; however if the legislation is sent to him after 8:00 pm then he wants to notified. Senator Jordan said that if there is no legislation and changes are made directly through Senate, then there is no need to email him.

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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S. B. 84-

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGENDA POSTING PROCEDURE

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In the Senate of the Associated Students

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OCTOBER 7, 2016

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DUVAL AND SENATOR JACOBY TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS

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**A Bill**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGENDA POSTING PROCEDURE

1. *Whereas, as a public body, ASUN Senators must follow Nevada Open Meeting law;*
2. *Whereas, the goal of Open Meeting law is transparency and informing the public of meetings.*
3. *Whereas, the opening of the Pennington Student Achievement Center has created a new space for students;*
4. *Whereas, a new meeting board located in the Pennington Student Achievement Center would further transparency and accessibility between the Senate of the Associated Students and their Constituents*
5. *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, SAS IX.901.09.f.1 be changed to read*
  - “1) A copy shall be posted at:*
    - i. the Offices of the Associated Students;*
    - ii. the Frandsen Humanities Building;*
    - iii. the Ansari Business Building;*
    - iv. the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center; and*
    - v. the Pennington Student Achievement Center”*