

Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, November 2nd at 4:00 P.M.

Presidents Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Teixeira called the committee meeting on Oversight to order at 4:07 pm in the President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira and Senators Blair, Bradley, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Green, H. Jackson, Henderson, and Jordan were present.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Boone had to give an update on the conference he and Speaker Teixeira attended over the weekend. The conference was the national Lead 365 in Orlando. Their mission statement is "Lead365 is committed to empowering collegiate leaders and professionals dedicated to developing student leaders, to be prepared to serve the greater social good 365 days a year based on three areas of development: explore, engage, and evolve." The entire conference was based on explore, engage, and evolve. Sponsored by NASPA but that only the second year they did it. They had some huge sponsors. Explore relates to enhancing inspirations for self-awareness and training topics included understanding self, identifying personal values, receiving feedback, and developing a mature outlook on life. it also related to identifying a mission and a leadership purpose. Those training topics included organizational skills, identifying a personal mission and leadership vision, and setting achievable goals. Engage was focused on developing interpersonal communication competencies and training topics included managing conflict, motivating others, providing helpful feedback, empowering others, mentoring for results, and developing productive relationships. Evolve focused on two things: understating social justice and diversity and embracing social responsibility. Topics for both of those included defining diversity, understanding why diversity matters, understanding the necessity of inclusion, social justice, leading for the service of others, overcoming obstacles, risk taking, and serving the greater social good. On Day 1, they had the opening ceremonies and started with a Lead 365 talk that was like a Ted talk. It focused on finding their leadership style. They heard from a variety of speakers. The conference really took pride in its speakers since they had some of the most talented ones from around the world.

Speaker Teixeira asked how many speakers they heard overall.

President Boone said about 20 throughout the week.

Speaker Texiera said all 20 traveled around the world year round and were the top speakers in the world.

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President Boone said Day 2, Workshop 1 was Becoming an IT Person: Striving for Influence and Excellence. The whole workshop was based on the fact that they all know one person in their lives that has it all together and they can't figure out how. The speaker for that day, Judson, Laipply, tells you what that person is doing differently. The skills they learned were: "contribute to conversations around influential peers and leaders, identify characteristics of magnetic and influential leaders, and develop and adapt skills to become a more influential leader." One thing he learned was that the quickest way to get someone to like you was to not talk about yourself but rather something that person is passionate about. 90% of your first conversations with people should be about what they like and what they are doing and that will help them like you by the end of the conversation. Judson Laipply was one of the main hosts of the week and one of the best speakers. To put it into perspective, he was responsible for the evolution of dance video. He was a motivational speaker/comedian. Day 2, Workshop 2 was presented by Hoan Do. He was an American Ninja Warrior competitor and a motivational speaker. The description for this workshop was: "Success is not about what or whom you know. Your ability to make genuine connections is the key to engaging people on campus, understanding another person's differences, landing your dream job, and living an enriched life." skills learned were: "use the three P's of meaningful conversation, understand the 4 different leadership languages, and discover the 2 ways to create rapport through non-verbal communication."

Speaker Teixeira said that he talked about using tone of voice and the speed and how loud they are. If they talk faster, then you will not be on the same page. Think about how you talk to connect.

President Boone said they also talked about power dynamics that alter the conversation. If the other person is sitting then you should sit or stand if the other person is standing. They were given a minute to find partner; he was with a kid from Brazil. They had to say anything they thought was wonderful about themselves. You struggle after about 15 minutes. Then they had to talk about what was wrong with themselves and that really helped put things into perspective. That kid told him he was still learning English but he was speaking perfect English. Workshop 3 was his favorite because of Michael Miller. The description for workshop 3 was "When the "walls go up" as information about your performance or leadership ability are shared with you, is it possible you aren't "open to feedback?" Personal assessment is hard to receive unless you own it, accept it and act upon it. Evaluating others can also present challenges like overcompensating to avoid being disliked. Learn strategies for giving and receiving feedback in this reflective and practical session." Skills learned were: "contribute to conversations around influential peers and leaders, identify characteristics of magnetic and influential leaders, and develop and adapt skills to become a more influential leader." They took a quiz where they self-ranked themselves; he and speaker Teixeira got the same score but were above the average American. He was incredible speaker and spoke with him after the activity. His presentation was really good and he had people going. He was from Boston so he screamed at you but in a good way. President Boone will try to bring him for their spring retreat. President Boone was going to include video but didn't think it was necessary. Day 3 workshops: the 1st was with Tish Norman. The description was: "To lead or follow? Throughout your life you undoubtedly fulfill both followership and leadership roles, and often do so simultaneously to ensure a productive and collaborative team experience. Developing dynamic followership requires more than discipline. Learn in this session specific strategies and skills to ensure a winning outcome in the short and long term." Some skills learned were: "broaden your perceptions about followership and the significant role it can play in developing groups and better accept follower ideologies and behaviors that actively

contribute to your group's success." The point was that too many people trying to lead will be the demise. Even if you feel you are above someone, you have to recognize when someone is a better leader. 2nd speaker was Peter Bielagus and workshop 2's description was: "Does your portfolio look solid? Can it stand in fluctuations in the market? This informative session offered by a former financial planner compares three things (effective listening strategies, values proposition of taking initiative and resiliency) to real estate AND leadership. Learn in this session how to strengthen your personal portfolio." Some skills learned were: "Know standard strategies for making good investments, consider the role of "risk tolerance" in making decisions, and recognize the "indicators" of your strengths and weaknesses." He was probably his second favorite speaker. He had an underlying tone of finance and investment but related that back leadership and the final message was that when investing you don't put money into one thing, you diversify the investment portfolio. They need to diversify their leadership portfolio.

Speaker Teixeira said he also talked about law in finances and that when things go bad, invest and when they're good don't invest. When it's your turn to be a leader then be a leader but know when easy step back. His talk was the best of the weekend. He talked about how he met a girl and took her to get coffee after a concert. The cost of the coffee was \$5. Then he took her to Pizza Hut and they talked forever. He spent \$20 to keep the place open. He invested and took her on a date and they dated long time. It might seem like a big investment to put money into something small but it could lead to something big.

President Boone said the main takeaways were that he expanded the school's network and made connections with student governments at Virginia Tech, Gannon University, University of Delaware, and the University of the Virgin Islands. He made connections with several motivational speakers including Michael Miller, Peter Bielagus, and Judson Laippy. He also developed his leadership skills including risk taking, facing adversity, and becoming more assertive. He learned some new ideas and but not many schools have governments like the university. They had projects they were working on that UNR had already tackled a couple years ago. Virginia Tech is also doing bike share so he worked with them on that. He made a good connection with Michael Miller and that was someone he wanted to bring. In 2015 he visited 100 campuses.

There were no questions for President Boone.

4. MINUTES

5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate
Secretary Godoy had no report.
- b. Speaker Pro-Tempore-Senator H. Jackson
Senator H. Jackson had no updates but asked them to schedule a time with their mentees. They are excited and are thinking of projects. They will be going over Robert's Rules with Senator Crupi giving a presentation. Senator Jordan will present on bills and resolutions and how to write legislation. They will all be writing a piece of legislation on whatever they wanted.
- c. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson

Senator Henderson said they had productive meeting last Thursday. They will do biweekly meetings and will meet next week. They broke up the committee into the different parts they oversee and had them pick one that they wanted to develop for the next years. Interns also picked what they wanted to focus on. They also talked about things they wanted to add to oversee; like liaisons with advising centers and tutoring. They fall under their jurisdiction but are not named in the definition. To hold them accountable next year, they will name them. Today she went to the insurance meeting and it was awesome. She has data for senate and a lot of things became very clear from that meeting. What she liked was that they laid out payments people with insurance would have had to pay and it was 140,000. That was the drastic side but they are real students and that does happen. They showed the importance of having some kind of insurance. What the problem is and why they have to push it is that insurance companies are losing money with undergrad insurance so they don't want to provide optional insurance. They knew about it being a problem and they didn't want them to make money off of students but that is how insurance works. Their prescription fees are low and that is where 50% of the money is being used. She will talk more at senate.

Speaker Teixeira said they will have a discussion at senate.

Senator Bradley said university affairs had the liaisons that she mentioned but they could change that.

Speaker Teixeira asked if that would be the liaisons.

Senator Henderson said yes.

Speaker Teixeira said they can handle that later.

d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng
Senator Green had no report.

e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green
Senator Green said the resolution will be written by Senator Bond this weekend for 2 weeks from now. he was working on the know your wrights campaign. Since thy are not programmers, he will talk to Leg. Affairs and the Judicial Silver Paw Committee. He gave a shout out to Senator Chiu for being the keynote speaker for STAC. She was super nervous and might have said a bad word in front of 800 kids but she was super awesome and they loved it. Senator Duvall made a bigger deal of the word than the kids. She had class at 12 so she lead a group of kids around campus in 15 minutes and then went to class. Nonprofit spotlight for this month is Down System Network of Nevada and will be up on the 18th. Biggest thing he was asked to talk about is the Joe's wish tree. It is for kids from Reno from orphanages or underprivileged homes. The trees have what they wish for and donors from can go out and pick a tag and sponsor the gift. It's never something crazy, like \$50 gifts. It would be cool if each department for ASUN did it and it was listed on GivePulse. The education program is going well. He is in contact with everyone to make an agenda. They will be doing Nevada READ week March 27 at the end of elections. Finally, speaker Teixeira sent him to meet with Stacey Muse.

Speaker Teixeira said he and Provost Carman met on Monday and talked about why service learning classes are not happening. It is because the website is not adapted and they cannot reach out to students. They just need the research and Ms. Muse wanted to meet with a senator passionate about civic engagement.

Senator Green noticed that they are talking about using the connect shuttle

Speaker Teixeira said education classes in particular do when they send kids to public schools and they want to use the shuttles. She wanted to know if they could.

Senator Green said he will lead it.

Dr. Beattie said he should talk to Amy Koeckes about the trees. They have had them in the past but she works with the special projects coordinator to do that.

Senator Green wanted to ask about the survey. He asked if he could disperse it

Speaker Teixeira said they should talk to Raul about a about mass email.

Dr. Beattie asked what it was.

Senator Green said he wanted to know if they could send out a survey that would ask about service learning classes on campus.

Speaker Teixeira said that the conversation they had ended with they should get student input. If students want this, then she could give the data to people so that they can see there is a reason to appoint them and to give her a bigger office.

Dr. Beattie said talk to Director Rodriguez since Dr. Ellis has given them opportunities. They did the civic engagement survey not too long ago and if it is going to be campus wide, they should work with Jennifer Lowman.

Speaker Teixeira asked if they could add it to the teacher evaluations.

Dr. Beattie said that would be up to deans and Provost Carman.

Speaker Teixeira said they should contact Provost Carman about doing a campus-wide survey about service learning classes but she can't do the survey.

Dr. Beattie said that he didn't know if she could or could not do it. They needed to talk to Director Rodriguez about it because he didn't know all the rules. He knew that there was one year where they did 5 surveys and they were over surveying people. He knew they were looking into doing the campus wide survey for sexual assault. He liked the idea of adding them to teacher evaluations so that students aren't getting over surveyed. They can also add it to the elections survey but then they would only be getting the perspective of students that vote. However, students that vote are probably the ones that would want those type of classes anyways.

Speaker Teixeira said they should add it to the class evaluations that are filled out at the end of the semester. They would be able to force the teacher to talk to Stacey Muse to incorporate service learning into classes.

Dr. Beattie thought that was a great idea.

- f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan
Senator Jordan had no report.
- g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh
Senator Eshenbaugh said there were some complications with the veterans' luncheon but Dr. Beattie helped her fix them. Invitations have been sent out and she will work with fraternities on campus. Next week on Monday-Wednesday, they will be tabling in front of the Joe with the banner for students to sign. The signed banner will be given at the veterans' luncheon and President Johnson will be speaking and delivering the banner. Leg. Affairs will also be doing a separate but related event in front of the theater.
- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley
Senator Bradley did not have a report but she will be meeting with Chief of Staff Atienza later today for It's on Us.
- i. Special committee on Safety, Sustainability and wellness- Senator Blair
Senator Blair said the fall safety forum will be on November 18th. It is a Friday from 5:30-7:45 in the Basque Conference Room. They wanted to reach out to the City of Reno. She assigned research today for the insurance waivers. Many of it is preliminary stuff for the campus and in Nevada. She will have a report around November 30th on that topic. The senators are also doing individual projects and will have updates later.

Speaker Teixeira said he was talking to a student at the conference and that school does this thing where they get massive garbage cans for students to toss in their papers from the semester. It has to be reusable paper but it is one of the best things they can do for sustainability since campuses use ridiculous amounts of paper, especially for the school newspaper. She should talk to the Nevada Sagebrush to recycle the unused editions.

Senator Blair asked if the paper thing was something they wanted. That would be a cool event and if they wanted to do it semesterly, they could get clear recycling bins for people to throw everything in.

Speaker Teixeira said they could but President Boone is working on the three can garbage system; he suggested she talk with him before moving forward.

- j. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira
Speaker Teixeira said they had a ton of legislation for tonight's agenda. He suggested they read them before hand and advised that there will be lots of discussion on some. It has been a crazy couple of weeks with tests and papers so he had not been completely together for

meetings. He will now be setting up and scheduling individual meeting times for next week for the remaining senators he had not met with.

Senator Blair asked if he still wanted to meet on Monday at 9 with her and Senator Bradley since they were getting back from a conference late Sunday night.

Speaker Teixeira said they can do Wednesday at 9.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITIES 7 YEAR ACCREDITED PLAN**

Senator Bradley said that over the summer, she took plan and mirrored it to the things they had been working on that the university wanted. There are a couple of amendments. She mirrored it after the strategic plan written by former President Fabbi with student data. On line 17, she tied the mention of diversity into the diversity position they had and how their ideals are lining up so they are in support. Some amendments need to be added on page 3. Speaker Teixeira asked if they could touch it in senate if they made amendments to it now. He asked if they could make the changes and then reprint to amend by substitution in senate.

Senator Bradley said they can amend in senate.

Senator H. Jackson moved to recommend favorably S.R. 84- A Resolution in Support of the University's 7 Year Accredited Plan.

Senator Henderson seconded.

Motion carried; S.R. 84- A Resolution in Support of the University's 7 Year Accredited Plan was recommend favorably.

- b. The committee on oversight will have a discussion on civic learning initiatives that the speaker brings to the table.
- c. Speaker Pro-Tempore Jackson will give an update on the intern program

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Teixeira adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm.