

84th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 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 5:33 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira and Senators Barragan, Blair, Bond, Bradley, Cook, Crooks, Crupi, Duvall, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Green, Henderson, H. Jackson, T. Jackson, Jacoby, Jordan, Kohler, Macaballug, Smith, Taylor, and Urquidi were present.

Senator Chiu was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes up for discussion at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said they had legislation on the table. He complimented them for making the discussions about the issues on the table and not the people. It came to his attention that two senators and an executive members attend student advisory meetings but they did not go this week. That affects ASUN's reputation and should not happen. They are counting on student opinions and voices. They are very important committees and make huge decisions so it is important to be there. They are all busy but they need to communicate with people if they are not going to be there. They also need to make sure they make more meetings than miss, when they miss they could miss an important student issue.

6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

There are no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

A. President of the Associated Students, Brandon Boone

President Boone said Friday, February 3rd is the Leg Affairs event to interact with legislators. It will be in Ballroom A and with a free lunch. Vice President Springmeyer will be speaking. He has been working on a student announcement to advocate for undocumented students through the BRIDGE act by extending DACA. If they knew of anyone that would be interested, make sure to send it out. A similar thing

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happened at another University, and in the first day, 6000 people had sent a call to action to their congress people. The hydration station bill is on table and will be back for that.

- B.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Jacob Springmeyer
Vice President Springmeyer said he had Pack FIT stickers since the swag came in; shirts and hats are in his office. Trying to work with the Wolf Shop to get the ASUN logo on the shirts. He wants the ASUN logo to be bigger on the shirts. Please spread the word about the campaign and put stickers on Hydro flasks and laptops. They are set to launch next week and will have interactive content out there. They want to engage students and make them think about health and wellness. They will table in the Wiegand center. Stop by and if interested on being on the committee will meet this Friday at 9am at ASUN. Will get a room set up since they are in the new semester. Director Charles talked about it and Boone did as well, but please come out to the luncheon. There are not many ASUN officers that RSVP'ed so make sure your voices are heard. It is a great networking event. Helping out Director Charles with the Pack Internship program legislation that they are trying to pass through the state legislature right now.
- C.** Chief of Staff, Sebastian Atienza
President Boone read the report into the record: Hello Senators, I apologize for my absence. The It's On Us shirts are in, please feel free to take one. I have been in contact with our university's It's On Us representative regarding events we can do this spring. I hope you all like the My University flags as much as I do. We can pass them around the table. I wanted to let you guys see them before bringing them to the Reno city council for hanging. All 15 flags will be hung downtown. I was fortunate to help out with the first generation student retreat, and be on a panel with both college of business and journalism leaders. That is all for my report this week, I will see you all in person next week.
- D.** Deputy Chief of Staff, Michael Upton
Deputy Chief of Staff Upton had no report.
- E.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brooklyn Lawton
- F.** Attorney General, Cameron Harris
- G.** Director of Programming, Casandra Hurdle
Director Hurdle thanked them for coming to Welcome Back Week. She wanted to encourage students to come to events since they paid for them. Ice skating event had record breaking attendance of about 350-400 people.
- H.** Director of Blue Crew, Kevin Bezick
- I.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Veronica Charles
Director Charles said they had a packet talking about data about a poll they sent out over listserv. Wanted to review the data to tell them what it meant for them.
Overview was to inform students about President Trump's 100 day plan and let them know what they can expect to see in the first 100 days. We also wanted to start a conversation and get some ideas for legislation. This is all preliminary, to get an idea and let everyone know that they had a lot of respondents, but nothing that represents the entire student body. That creates a limitation because the response was not enough to provide statistical significances. It was a blind survey, so we can't tell if it accurately represents demographics of the university, but they made it blind so that nobody felt they couldn't give their true opinions.

On question number one, most respondents picked the first option which could have something to do with order effects. Also, they stopped at the results of the elections, we can assume that some students felt disenfranchised and didn't want to respond to this based on who is taking office. With this in mind, it was anonymous, it was sent out to all of the undergraduate students, some of the types of questions were "Is there any current legislative policies that impact higher education that are important to you?" this will help up focus our efforts in senate. We also asked, "Which of President Trump's proposals do you least and most approve of?" We also asked about internships and programs within the community. We sent it to 18,120 total undergraduate students, and we got 562 students to respond. This is not accurate, we actually had 596 students respond, but some students decided to skip some questions.

Looking at what presidential proposals you most approve of, we had "any common core," "repealing Obamacare and replacing it with health savings account," and 14% said they do not approve of any of the proposals that we stated from President Trump's 100 day plan. Proposals that are least approved of, 15% said they approved of all of them, and 15% said they did want to go through with immigration bans, and 14% said they wanted to cancel the payments to the UN regarding climate change. We also asked about paid internship opportunities and many people said yes that they would like to see those opportunities. Four hundred and eight students said they were in favor of a tobacco free campus. And, 51% of the students who responded said they were in favor of campus carry, but again this is not a representative poll. Fifty-four percent of the students who responded said they were for the death penalty in Nevada. We also asked them to comment on different issues. Tuition rates were mentioned the most, many wanted to discuss information about where the tuition was going. This will guide the Smart Talks this semester. They talked a lot about the future of Planned Parenthood. Another thing that came up a lot was the Teach Accountability Act. One person reported that they don't feel safe with their political views on campus, and that is important to know that students don't feel safe discussing their political choices on campus. We as a student body want to make sure that we are facilitating those ideas and conversations.

This is just preliminary information to give a starting point for legislation. Recommended polling more of their constituents and talking with them to learn about what is important to them. Students have strong opinions on issues, so we should be able to get answers one way or another. This information should guide how you write legislation. Leg affairs will advocate for that at the legislature. Everything that we advocate for in the legislature is stuff you are advocating for at the university level.

Senator H. Jackson said that per the SAS, the committee of leg affairs and public affairs are supposed to do the work together to do the research and presentations. They should look at a closer partnership between that committee and department.

Director Charles said they all attend the committee meetings but if they are going to advocate for something in the legislature, it is because students have made their opinions heard.

Dr. Beattie said that what Charles was saying is that they work with public affairs but generally, the department goes to the legislature and speaks. If they do it, it has to be what students want, not what her department wants and she will work with the committee after senate writes the legislation. Senate is the voice of the students and the department carries out the voice.

Senator Chiu entered the room at 5:47 pm

J. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Gabriel Rojas
Director Rojas had no report.

K. Elections Chair, Steven McNeece

L. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Richard Long

Director Long said he had a quick report, but he wanted to recap the club fair. They took a different approach for the spring club fair. They had 151 tables, which is a little bit bigger than last year. They had funding meeting this week. One hundred forty-five tables showed up and the Joe estimates 816 students showed up. Was creating a legacy folder for future directors. There is a funding hearing this weekend, and a meeting from 4-5pm right before remittances and then about 5-10pm and 8-5/6 on Saturday. They had 166 applications for the agenda.

M. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

A. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson

Senator Henderson said they had their first meeting tomorrow. She had a meeting with assistant director of undergrad research, so they will change some things there.

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

Senator Feng said they recommended favorably the bill for hydration stations last Monday.

C. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green

Senator Green said the coffeehouse series went well yesterday and they got good feedback. Many attended and engaged in the open mic night. Some people said what this meant to them, and the responses were acceptance and understanding. Joe got feedback for it as well and it was good. More people attended for the coffee. A lot of people gave deep feedback that they shouldn't share because it was personal, but they did get to see many people come out from different backgrounds, especially nontraditional. Duvall dealt with dealing with some of the things since he had to leave for class. Some people got political and went on a rant and the Joe Staff had to take care of it. Working on projects for reading week.

D. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan

Senator Jordan had no report.

E. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh

Senator Eshenbaugh said she was having first meeting tomorrow. Director Charles had done all of the research going through the session so they will start to form opinions about it tomorrow.

F. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley

Senator Bradley said the shirts for It's On Us came in, stickers are on their way. They are compiling a list of club times to talk to them. Brainstormed a list of people to do a video since that is the most impactful part. Going through the legacy binder to see if they wanted to pick up some things and will challenge the committee to get legislation through before the term.

G. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness-Senator Blair

Senator Blair said their first meeting was today and favorably approved legislation to create a Director of Sustainable and another for insurance. Next week will talk about health week.

H. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Pro-Tempore, H. Jackson had no report.

- I. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira
Speaker Teixeira said he decided a committee time on Wednesday and that did not give him enough time to put the agenda up by Monday. Will need to meet with the committee again to make sure they have a time, so they will not be meeting next week. Will meet week the week after.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There are no candidates up for discussion at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

A. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on January 26th, 2017:

- a. There are no nominations to be heard at this time

B. Senate Committee Changes

Senator Bradley was removed from SSW.

Senator Duvall was removed Gov Ops and added university affairs

Senator Jordan was removed from SSW.

All motions carried.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

There is no legislation to be considered under first reading at this time.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate, and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate.

A. S.B. 84 -- An Act to purchase Hydration Stations For Each Academic Building on Campus

Speaker Teixeira asked Senator Feng is his bill as written up favorable.

Senator Feng said yes.

B. S.B. 84 -- An Act To Place a Question on the Ballot for the 2016 General Election

Speaker Teixeira asked Senator H. Jackson if they still needed to do hers.

Senator H. Jackson said yes.

Senator T. Jackson moved to fast-track SB 84 – An Act to Place a Question on the Ballot for the 2016 General Election.

Senator Taylor seconded.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Barragan, Blair, Bond, Bradley, Chiu, Cook, Crooks, Crupi, Duvall, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Green, Henderson, H. Jackson, T. Jackson, Jacoby, Jordan, Kohler, Macaballug, Smith, Taylor, and Urquidi
Motion carried.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

A. S.B. 84 -- An Act to purchase Hydration Stations For Each Academic Building on Campus

President Boone said he printed proposals for everyone. Chief of Staff Atienza and he worked on this over break. Sustainability has become a huge thing on college campuses. In ASUN's strategic plan that they just outlined, President Fabbi had a sustainability project to reduce the carbon footprint. Sustainability is in the university's master plan as well. The purpose of this is to install a minimum of one hydration station in every academic building on campus to increase the sustainability of the University of Nevada by providing everyone a more sustainable option to plastic bottles. One of the big pieces of research he found that stood out to him was by Princeton Review in 2011, and they found that 63% of students applying to college said that the university's commitment to sustainability played a big role in whether or not they go to the university. This is was huge. A similar study said that students across the board have high concern for wasteful consumption. Politics is talking about sustainability. Vice President Springmeyer and him ran a campaign on creating a sustainable Pack. The initiatives in the last two years dealing with sustainability included creating the SSW committee, in 2015 they hosted their first green week and distributed 3000 free reusable water bottles. Over the summer they gave out another 2000 which means they have given out 5000 multi-use water bottles. Last year ASUN banned plastic water bottles at all ASUN events and invested in the water monsters that create a better alternative. SNIFF speaks for itself. Earlier this year he started looking into alternatives to transportation. Right now there are not very many hydration stations. Facilities calls 27 building on campus academic, and only seven of them have a hydration station in them. Some of them have more than one, for example Ansari has several. As the world continues to grow more eco-friendly the university needs to keep up. All future buildings will have LEAD certification. Facilities maintenance will be the main director. He contacted them to make sure they can take on this project, and they have actually been wanting to do it for a while, they just couldn't afford them. Received a donation to pay for half of the entire project. They can retrofit to existing water fountains and use existing plumbing, or the full wall install mean ripping out the entire wall and developing the plumbing. It is more expensive. There are some buildings on campus like the Joe that are not considered academic and have more than one hydration station, but the goal is academic buildings. There is a list of buildings, what type of installation, and how much it will cost. It will cost \$26,800 for the entire project. ASUN contribution will need to come up with a 10% contingency just in case the price fluctuates. With the 10%, the total will come to \$28,000. Senator Feng will make an amendment regarding

filters. Since ASUN is the requesting party, we will be responsible for the water filter replacement. Each filter costs \$90, and they need to be replaced about every six months assuming they get full use. This comes out of ASUN general fund. Wanted to make stations as accessible as possible to encourage students to use reusable water bottles.

Senator Urquidi moved to approve SB 84.

Senator T. Jackson seconded.

Senator Crupi said that for the list of buildings, the LLC is on there. He asked if it already had one.

President Boone said this was based on what facilities sent him. If there is one, they will remove it.

Senator Crupi said they may not consider it the academic part because there is a hallway and then classrooms. It wouldn't cut the cost down, and if they are going to do a full-wall install, it is expensive.

President Boone said that as the project continues he wanted at least one in each resident hall as well so that students are purchasing cases of water.

Senator Urquidi asked what the difference was between the hydration station and the water fountain, and why they cannot use the water fountain.

President Boone said the water fountain doesn't come with filtration. The hydration station is one that you put your water bottle under and it fills it up. You technically can put a water bottle to a fountain but this is intended to provide filtered water. When water comes through the water fountain it isn't as good as it can get, but it has a chlorine taste. These purify the water.

Senator Urquidi said he underlined buildings that he knew of that didn't have good water. He asked how the hydration stations ensure they could get the water cold and not cloudy.

Speaker Teixeira said these use a filtration system, and they cool it.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked when installations will begin.

President Boone said they would process the IPO as soon as possible, and trying to get the project started ASAP. Would take time to order products, but his deadline is by the start of 2018 to have it all installed. They can renegotiate the deadline once the installations start.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked if the money was coming out of the ASUN general fund

President Boone said the \$1400 was from the ASUN capital fund.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked if the funding was generated by the credit fee from students.

President Boone said it was excess revenues from the Wolf Shop

Senator Jordan asked if they had their part for this year already.

President Boone said he will write the IPO and department funding would write their part, and then send to facilities. Whoever is next president will build in cost of filter replacement.

Senator T. Jackson asked the standard cost of each of each station.

Senator Boone said there had been no talk. Hydration station is brand new called Brita Station and is in the Joe. In Ansari is called LK but they had a Brita. He had just been hearing hydration station from facilities.

Senator Crupi said that for the retrofitting it should be from Brita.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked if the capital account, was concerned that current student would be footing the current bill but also the gym increase.

Speaker Teixeira said it was not coming from current students. It was coming from the Wolfshop. The money that the Wolfshop makes, this is where it is coming from. It was not student funds from tax, it was from their spending.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked if the money would be spending this, where does that money go

President Boone said it would typically be there. The Wolfshop puts about \$200-250,000 into the account budget. The money sits there for projects meant to last more than three years. This is the kind of project the capital account is meant for.

Senator Crupi said that is why the filters can't come out of the capital account, because it has to be permanent.

President Boone said each one of these can reduce as many as 36,000 plastic bottles each year.

Senator Feng moved to amend line 12, page 13.

Green seconded.
Amendment carried.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Barragan, Blair, Bond, Bradley, Cook, Crooks, Crupi, Duvall, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Green, Henderson, H. Jackson, T. Jackson, Jacoby, Jordan, Kohler, Macaballug, Smith, Taylor, and Urquidi.

Motion carried.

B. S.B. 84 -- An Act To Place a Question on the Ballot for the 2016 General Election

Senator Urquidi moved to approve SB 84 – An Act to Place a Question on the Ballot for the 2016 General Election.

Senator Green seconded.

Senator Urquidi asked why it was 2016

Senator H. Jackson said she mixed up her dates but they will need to amend it. She had been working on it since 2016, but it is 2017. Wanted to do a presentation on it because there were some misconceptions. Currently the ASUN constitution states that Article One, says a student must be enrolled in 12 credits in order to hold office in ASUN. There are two problems. The first one is that the current time for credit requirements to be an ASUN officer is low, seven credits. The second is that this does not allow for any exception for graduating seniors. A lot of times students will have to take more than seven credits in order to keep their office, even if they don't need those classes for graduation. First of all, the seven credit policy is outdated. When this was first created it was during a time when being a university student was different than something now. A lot of students were part time commuter students, so the seven credits was pretty much the norm. Now 15 is closer to the norm with initiatives like 15 to finish. Now that we have 30 to complete, we have some leeway with 12 credits. Also, some other organizations on campus have a credit requirement too. Student orientation guides are encouraged to take 13 credits. Looking at the constituency, 86% of the students were enrolled in 12 credits or more during this last semester, so it represents the people that they are. The idea behind upping the credit requirement is that they should be role models for the constituents, and increasing the credit requirement from seven to 12 would help do that.

The other problem is the credit requirement for graduating seniors. That kind of alleviates that by saying that there is an exception for graduating seniors, if you show a plan that you plan to graduate within your term, you don't have to take that 12 credits. The solution is to do these two things, to make an exception to the credit requirement for graduating seniors and increase the current credit requirement from seven to 12. This is the proposed solution. The important thing to remember is that the passage of this bill puts the question on the ballot for this upcoming election. What you are doing by passing this bill is giving the students the right to decide what they think is most appropriate. It would give the students the power to choose what they think is the most appropriate credit load for ASUN officers, and this is how the question would appear on the ballot. "Shall the students increase the constitutionally mandated credit load for an officer from seven to 12 credits unless they are a graduating senior." This would work by passing through senate, going on the ballot to be voted on by students, and then it would go to the Board of Regents to sit, and then it would be implemented into the constitution.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked how the graduating senior exemption would be regulated.

Director Beattie said it was not a case by case basis, it was laid out in the question of the constitution. If it was the fall or spring they didn't have to take 12 credits. Technically to be a member of the association you have to be enrolled in one credit, but that is not encouraged. However, you can take 12 credits in the fall and five in the spring, there is no approval necessary. A graduating senior in that academic year does not have to take 12 credits, but they do still have to be enrolled.

Senator Macaballug asked that if they did pass it and it was voted yes, would they need to write another bill

Speaker Teixeira said no, the process is right there. It would pass through us to go on the ballot, and then if they pass that ballot initiative, it goes to the regents, and then the regents would vote on this, and then it would get instituted in the constitution.

Senator Macabllug asked if the regents could still deny this.

Speaker Teixeira said yes.

Senator H. Jackson said the regents make sure that the language is consistent.

Director Beattie said they used to go to board of regents but they just changed the policy. If they did pass it and the students pass it, they would then send it to the vice president's office and then to president for signature. Now that legal has approved it, it has properly been by Johnson anyway. It will then go to the chancellor of the system of higher education who could approve or deny it. It would be implemented in August if approved.

Senator Jordan said they talked about it last session and it died because they wanted to leave room for those students. Just because they were only 12.5% of the population, it was almost tyranny of the majority. With her reintroducing it, what is the response to that, why does she want to keep going.

Senator H. Jackson said that the arguments last session, serving as a voice for those students. There are many reasons why a student may be taking less than 12 credits. Maybe a student might work a lot or have other circumstances and they needed to think about if they want them serving in this role because it takes a lot of time. Do those instances make them qualified to be a senator.

Senator Smith thought they can go to the other side of students taking 21 credits and being in ASUN, and that was as bad as the other side. That is an enormous amount of school.

Senator Crupi will vote against, and will make the same points as last year. They are there to represent everyone, not just the 86 percent. He would be acting as a trustee not a delegate at this point. This wouldn't affect the 86% but wanted to protect the small minority that would be disenfranchised. They are there to represent the student population.

Senator Bradley agreed with the graduating senior portion, but not the 12 credit increase. GPA is a better way to evaluate good academic standing. GPA is a better way to look at that that how many credits you are taking. Asked if it was credits at the University or credits the NSHE organizations.

Speaker H. Jackson said that per constitution, must be 9 credits at UNR but 12 at any NSHE institution, which allows for some wiggle room.

Director Beattie said they should not use the 86 number because it was not accurate. There are already students taking seven credits. They will impact students taking 8-11, and that is smaller.

Senator Henderson like the idea but was bothered that they were assigning why they were taking fewer credits and guessing the reasons why people are taking them. Some people might take longer time to get through school than others. She liked the bill because students should be focused on the university but is hard to say whether or not they know why students are only taking two classes.

Senator Eshenbaugh was fearful of where the question was going. They know that students that usually voted in elections is not the same demographic that takes less than 12 credits. Those people aren't involved in the process.

Senator Crupi said that similar to that point, in his personal opinion, everyone should be taking 15 credits if that was the university mission. However, it should be up to a student who is a member of the association to have the opportunity to run for an elected office. It is decided by the rest of the members of ASUN who are voting. Because of the demographic who comes out to vote, and its size, you can say it's before 40%. It was hard to say when less than a quarter of the campus was making the decision. Are they even running. It put a provision on someone who wanted to run, they now no longer have that option.

Senator Green felt it disincentives people from being a leader.

Senator Bradley wanted to pick on the page two, line four. It's the norm to take more than seven, she didn't think it needed to go in front of the student body when we know that students already complain that there are more questions than are necessary on ballots. She agreed with the senior part, but not the other part that it doesn't need to go in front of the student body. This is already the norm of ASUN and didn't need to be written in the constitution.

Senator H. Jackson said that they valued their academics and it was important practically and symbolically. Through the Speaker to senator Henderson, if a student was taking less than 12 credits that has to do with a learning disability that would stop them from being able to take more than 12 credits, there are policies to exempt them from this through the DRC.

Speaker Teixeira said their constitution isn't to show the mission of the university, only ASUN.

Senator T. Jackson said that showing their value of importance on academics, shouldn't the GPA requirement also instill that, because having the university standing of 2.0, but ASUN being 2.75 was almost a full GPA higher than the university standard. That does what she was asking for in terms of officers excelling in academics.

Senator H. Jackson said that she meant the institution of the ASUN body, not the institution of the University of Nevada.

Speaker Teixeira said he touched on the point of the GPA, and how we are not at the university standard.

Senator H. Jackson said she would like to look back at the university initiatives like 30 to finish or 15 to complete. As student leaders they should exemplify those current initiatives. She thought the GPA level was appropriate.

Senator Crooks asked if there were exceptions for summer classes.

Senator H. Jackson said yes. That was why it was 12 and not 15, so people can have wiggle room.

Speaker Teixeira asked if she meant that those summer classes would be included in their credit amount during the semester.

Senator Crooks said yes. If they took 6 in summer and 9 in fall would it count

Senator H. Jackson didn't know but could check back.

Senator Chiu entered the room at 6:15 pm.

Senator Jacoby left at 6:15 pm

Senator Bond said that in regard to putting it on the ballot, she wasn't concerned with changing the constitution. They had a presentation of statistics and discussion, but the constituents don't have the knowledge or the statistics. If they vote for it and then it comes back to senate and it is shut down it will cause backlash.

Senator Macabllug said that if they didn't as it, way is the 7 credit if the technically only needed 1

Senator H. Jackson said Dr. Beattie meant that you need one credit to be a part of ASUN. If you are taking classes, you are a part of ASUN. The seven credit thing was implemented when being a university student was different that now. Seven credits was the norm then when there was a lot of commuter students, but 12 credits is the norm now.

Senator Taylor asked for transfer students where sometimes in a semester they only take 12 credits to graduate.

Senator Bond left the room at 6:17 pm.

Senator H. Jackson asked Senator Taylor to repeat his question.

Senator Taylor asked if transfer students would still be required to take 12 students.

Senator H. Jackson said to graduate, they would consider them to be a part of graduating senior.

Speaker Teixeira asked if he was referring to a student who has two years left and only needed to take 11 credits a semester to graduate.

Senator H. Jackson said that to be an ASUN official they needed 12 credits.

Senator Crupi said that by definition they are a commuter campus. Point of information, he asked what the original reason was for 7.

Director Beattie said he didn't know. It was years ago. When he was doing his MBA in 2000-2003, the campus did not look like this. Students came and went to classes and left. The student union was a two story building and government was small. He didn't know if the average student then took seven.

Ellis said that they didn't care then. They didn't care if they graduated, and they could hang out for 8-10 years, but they do care now.

Senator Green said it made more issues than solutions, and that should be taken into account.

Senator Henderson said that they bring up underrepresented populations that add up overtime. Maybe it is small amount that take fewer credits, but transfer students and summer classes would make it represent more students on campus than they think who are taking less for other circumstances. They don't want to shy away those people from running even if they could make it for some other reason if the was not clear. They wouldn't even look into it if they didn't know it could be changed.

Speaker Teixeira said it was not only for anyone who was running for a position, it was also appointed officers.

Senator Bond entered the room at 6:20 pm

Senator Crupi asked if there was anything currently about graduating seniors.

Senator H. Jackson said there is nothing currently about graduation seniors.

Senator Crupi said that if they ran at a surplus it would make sense to do so but they are at a deficit and having open seats, he didn't think they should turn students away when they have a low number of people applying for executive positions. It doesn't make sense to say they don't have enough people already, but then make more barriers to applying.

Senator Chiu believed that they are a university first and foremost, and academics is important. They have programs like 15 to finish, and to be an elected officer you only need to meet less than half of that. Also, in regards to open seats, she would rather have "quality students" who are committed to their position.

Speaker Teixeira said he had two problems. One, the amount of credits you are taking doesn't determine the quality of the student. Second, 15 to finish and 30 to complete are for students who are trying to stay on track and graduate in four years, but a student like Alex Crupi who is in engineering and has to take a lot of credits over a long period of time, is on a different schedule for a different reason. He might have to take seven or eight credits because he has two classes that are extremely difficult compared to lower level business classes.

Senator Henderson said that was the same point she was going off of. Being chair of academics she has looked into programs like 15 to finish, and it was hard to group all undergrad students under that. Harder since they offer summer and winter classes to make up for that. It was hard to assign a learning style and defining a college student a certain way.

Senator Crupi said he wanted it to be broad for constituents but for himself, he was on a five year track, but two classes that didn't have multiple options were offered at the same time. In pursuing two engineering degrees, in five years it would be nice, but now doing it in six he was likely to be at nine credits. The issue with that was if he was taking more credits, he would spend more money for those credits because with the engineering degrees he was pursuing minors. At that point he would be less likely to receive financial aid because there is a credit cap to receive financial aid. He wasn't going to go out of his way to pay out of pocket because he can't receive financial aid to be a part of the association, but he thought he was a reasonability contributing member of the association.

Speaker Teixeira said to give it more context, when he came out of high school, he was at a good level and didn't have to catch up in classes.

Senator Crupi said he had 16 credits transferred

Speaker Teixeira said that was taken into account.

Senator Bradley wanted it to be a separate bill for the graduating seniors and the 12 credit requirement. She thought the senior one was understandable, you have heard of people having to add classes just because they are a graduating senior and they have to hit that goal. She didn't understand the other part and didn't agree with it. She didn't want to hold them back. The GPA requirement shows how they are academic role models rather than how many credits they take.

Senator Bond said it also added a bill to the ballot rather, and they should take that into consideration rather than furthering the conversation about how they feel about it. They should talk about if they want it on the ballot to begin with. We are not approving or disapproving the change, just if the students get to vote on it.

Senator Cook pointed out the bill itself. On page two, line 10, is the same thing as line one. Line 12 just adds another thing the same as line three. He wouldn't mess with it too much since it already went through legal already.

Speaker Teixeira asked if the bill went through legal or only the question that goes on the ballot.

Senator H. Jackson said just the question for the ballot.

Director Beattie said what has gone through legal is what the constitution would look like if the initiative passes. It was an agreed on document. Legal made sure it matched with the rest of the constitution and if it violated any policies. Any changes would again have to go through legal. The original piece had some wording legal didn't like, so they changed it. It potentially would be coming back to the senate table. Then the time frame gets tight. You would have to have anything you are going to place on the ballot by Elections Chair McNeece by March 1st.

President Boone said he wanted to thank Senator Bond for what she just said. They are not debating about whether it should pass or not, they are debating about whether it should go to the students to pass or not. Every student at this school is here for academics first. Being an officer is a privilege, not a right, and should not be a priority over your education. The point of a representative democracy is because every single person cannot vote on every issue that comes up while you are elected to serve them. Now you have a chance to bring a decision to the people. The big concern he was hearing about why they would be against it is because they think that part time students aren't able to rally the votes. That is when your job as senators comes up to inform the people and inform the constituents. It is your job to let the students decide what they want.

Senator Crupi agreed with President Boone but this was also the time where select bills have to be decided between delegate and trustee. He tries to act as a delegate, but because of the information that they have and the consideration they can give to it, he would be more comfortable acting as a trustee.

Speaker Teixeira said if there are any new opinions on the bill, he would love to hear them, but they are talking in a circle.

Senator Crooks asked if they are voting on the question, and this is the exact wording on it.

Speaker Teixeira said the language is the bottom paragraph.

Senator Crooks asked if there would be background information on summer or winter classes. She would have those questions and didn't want anyone voting without all the information.

Senator Teixeira asked how much information would be provided to constituents.

Dr. Beattie said it was just the questions last time. They hadn't explored it yet.

Marzynsky said the last time it was a resolution under the question there was a paragraph explanation.

Speaker Teixeira asked if there would be clarification, and asked if student input was allowed for the paragraph.

Marzynsky said yes.

Speaker Teixeira said they had input on the paragraph that is put above the question.

Senator Blair asked if they needed to amend the title.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked with approval or denial, it does not put additional information.

Senator H. Jackson asked if there would be allowances to write the paragraphs

Speaker Teixeira said yes, she was talking about something different.

Senator Crupi said this is what would be on the ballot, they have the option to follow up to add the paragraph. It wouldn't take an amendment.

Senator Bradley asked if they were to vote nay and Speaker Pro Tempore H. Jackson was to come back with a new separate one to vote on, could she do that.

Speaker Teixeira said it was fast-tracked tonight because it would have to be sent back to legal and it could take a lengthy amount of time and they only had until March 1st. They should just take a vote.

Senator H. Jackson move to amend title to read "SB 84 – An Act to Place a Question on the Ballot for the 2017 General Election," by unanimous consent.

No dissent, motion carried.

Roll call:

Yeas: Barragan, Chiu, Cook, H. Jackson, Macaballug

Nays: Blair, Bond, Bradley, Crooks, Crupi, Eshenbaugh, Feng, Duvall, Henderson, T. Jackson, Jordan, Kohler, Smith, Taylor, Urquidi.

Motion failed.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. WTF Nevada ASUN

Speaker Teixeira said that Senator Barragan is writing legislation on WTF Nevada to get rid of it.

B. Senator Reports

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Duvall said the bulletin board has been put it, if they are walking south it is the first one towards the stairs. She has a set of keys, and there is another in the administrative office to put agendas up now.

Senator Eshenbaugh asked if anything was happening for the Blue Crew for the game next week.

Dr. Beattie said he had not talked to Blue Crew, but they posted an agenda to discuss \$4000 for Qdoba. No programing so that meeting tomorrow or next day show up to the meeting and ask questions

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Duvall asked if they could go back to committee changes.

21. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

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