

Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness

Senate of the Associated Students 84th Session

Agenda for Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, at 2:30 p.m.

1664 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89503, Conference Room 406, 4th Floor of the
Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senatir Blair called the meeting of the Special Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness to order at 2:33 PM in Conference Room 406 of the 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Kaitie Christensen.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Blair, Barragan, Cook, Crooks, Duvall, and Crupi were present.

Senator Macaballug was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

- a. The Special Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 12th, 2016. The Special Committee will discuss the minutes of October 12th, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Special Committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- b. The Special Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 19th, 2016. The Special Committee will discuss the minutes of October 19th, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Special Committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- c. The Special Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 6th, 2016. The Special Committee will discuss the minutes of November 6th, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Special Committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- d. The Special Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 16th, 2016. The Special Committee will discuss the minutes of November 16th, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Special Committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- e. The Special Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 30th, 2016. The Special Committee will discuss the minutes of November 30th, 2016 and may

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5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. There is no old business at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of the Spring Health Week

Senator Blair said Pack Fit has asked for suggestions for Health Week, which is going to be the first week of April. The Pack Fit meetings are Fridays at 9 am. She asked if anyone had any ideas for Health Week, they already had ideas for different days like mental, physical, and sexual health awareness day, and maybe social health too. Vice President Springmeyer is trying to get a speaker because he was trying to get it around this time, and was unsure about the status.

Senator Barragan suggested talking to counseling services about getting puppies in for mental health week

Senator Blair said they could do that, and they are always excited to do stuff. The quad would be closed by then, but they could move it somewhere else like in front of the library.

Senator Duvall said Delta Gamma just did smooch and pooch and we could see how they did theirs and try not to infringe on their fundraising.

Senator Blair said that would be great to have.

Senator Crooks asked if these events would be interactive or speakers.

Senator Blair said they were going to have ideas that would be interesting for students, and at least one speaker on physical/mental health. They are looking for enough ideas that are interesting for students.

Senator Barragan asked if it was in their budget.

Senator Blair said that she thought so, and that programming would plan it.

Senator Crooks said she wanted people to be able to take an item with them, like a card making station, like when they had a face painting station so that they could have an activity and have fun to take an activity home with them.

Senator Blair said she liked the sticker suggestion.

Senator Cook suggested having a speaker or having health pacts like the Wolf Pack Wellness project, because they were popular and cheap. We were out within the first hour and a half.

Senator Duvall looked up the five aspects of health, and they are mental, emotional, physical, social and spiritual. There is an alternative list that is physical, financial, spiritual, self, relational.

Senator Blair said they would go with mental, physical, social...

Senator Duvall asked if Blair didn't like spiritual.

Senator Blair said she wasn't sure if they should do that for the community, because they only have four days, Monday through Thursday so they would have to pick the top four that people would like to do.

Senator Duvall said they could do yoga and meditation and it didn't have to be denominational, or you could tie it into emotional.

Senator Blair she thought it would be better for emotional, because people could meditate or find a religious group for emotional support.

Senator Cook said environmental health is also a dimension of health. Suggested they come up with something.

Senator Duvall suggested a trash pick up or a park clean up.

Senator Cook said maybe a recycling competition around the quad, but was unsure how they do that and make it last the entire week.

Senator Duvall said they did the recycling competition for Earth Day because they are both in the spring.

Senator Blair said she had a point later for an earth day event, but she liked the idea for a clean up completion where people submit groups and whoever submits the most garbage for the week gets something.

Senator Duvall asked where they would pick up garbage.

Senator Blair said they would have to organize that. They could have bins to drop it off in a central location.

Cook asked where health week would be stationed throughout the week.

Senator Blair said the quad usually is roped off for graduation so that it looks nice. It would probably be in front of the library, because it's the next biggest grassy area. Hilliard isn't huge. A speaker would be at the Joe. Asked what else they would like to see.

Senator Duvall said her sorority has done a group Zumba thing, which could be fun for physical health to teach exercise.

Senator Blair said they were going to do a fun run for the semester through Rancho and ending at the quad. Also didn't want to infringe on the charity dance marathon in the next couple of months. Will look into that when she reports to the Pack Fit. Asked if

there was anything for social wellness. Liked the idea of cards and giving them to other people, maybe strangers.

Senator Duvall suggested collecting cards for veterans or children sick in the hospital. Liked the card idea and thought it was cute.

b. Discussion of an Earth Day Event

Senator Blair thought it would be cool to do an earth day event or a recycling competition. Thought about pairing this with clubs and suggesting it to the environmental club, they have a speaker tonight about people protesting the Dakota Pipeline, and they are into bringing people to campus and organizing things.

Senator Cook suggested talking to Clubs and Orgs. If they do a competition between the Greek houses they would probably have more success, especially depending on the prize.

Senator Duvall said last year they did the recycling competition between the RHA dorms, and the idea had been to reach out to the Greek life and other clubs, and we just couldn't do it in time, and it went on for a whole week. The one thing is having bins to put it in. With RHA they already had bins and a collection system going, so figuring out bins makes the most sense. Logistics is going to be the hardest part of that.

Senator Cook said for the bins they could probably get the big trash cans and have them turn it in daily.

Senator Duvall asked how they collected the clothes for Wolf Run during homecoming

Dr. Beattie said one of the programmers knew someone who left them the scale for the night, and then they threw everything in a U-Haul.

Senator Blair said they could do that whole week, because Earth day is on a Saturday, April 22. If they do it with clubs maybe they can get enough people that at the end of the day they can count or weigh all the recycling and then combine it with all the Joe recycling. Asked if they already had big bins or dumpsters, and said she would look into it.

Senator Duvall had a contact with the RHA, and knew they had a specific system. The LLC is a silver certified system, so they're single stream. Though that weighing everything would be a better system because it is easier to do and it is more fair.

Senator Blair thought that they could contact Plant Club to do a table and people can plant their own seedlings for something, and it would be a great way to get the clubs organized and get advertising, as well as do something for the students and celebrate Earth Day. Would contact plant club and see if they are doing anything for Earth Day and if they would like to partner. They may be able to get club funding by then to get soil and disposable or nutrient cups for planting. This would be Friday April 21st.

c. Discussion about Creating a Pedestrian Safety Initiative

Senator Blair said she had noticed that a lot of pedestrians transitioning from off campus/on campus not paying attention and walking onto the street without paying attention to the crosswalk. People who are not affiliated with the university are concerned about hitting a pedestrian. She was interested in handing out pamphlets or having a

speaker about safe pedestrian techniques, like taking out headphones and double checking before crossing. She was a fan of this kind of initiative since the safe driving initiative fell through and the winter was more like a monsoon season.

Senator Duvall asked if that would be an event where people come to the ballrooms and there is a discussion, or if they would hand out pamphlets.

Senator Blair said they could make an ASUN video that is shown at orientation to get freshman to pay attention when they are walking, especially when they walk off campus and move off campus, especially if there is no lighting on Sierra Street. A video can be shown around campus and can be reused over the years. It can be dramatic and use big words and play in the background on the screens on campus.

Senator Duvall said we had a meeting November 21st with various people and we discussed including pedestrian safety as a project and reaching out to Chief Garcia as a contact with the city to get more safety lights on 9th and North Sierra, and she CC'd me in that email, but it didn't go anywhere. Asked if they were still interested in getting another safety light.

Senator Blair asked if they were interested in the light at south campus, by Morill hall. Suggested checking back in with them and following up, because Chief Garcia was supposed to ask about the one on Sierra Street by Nye Circle. Asked if anyone had suggestions for the initiative, or if they should ask Inkblot to help with the video.

Senator Cook said they could put signs in the dorms and talk to RHA. Most of the people who don't really think about it are the freshman because they are the newest around here and they think they have right away and walk without looking. Suggested putting signs to target freshman.

Senator Blair said they could get signs near those posts to remind people to pay attention and remind them that they aren't always safe just because the light is flashing.

Senator Crupi said that when he was traveling there was a sign on the ground that said "look up," and it reminded him to look up at the crosswalk and pay attention.

Senator Cook said the crosswalk by Lawlor that goes right by Silver and Blue actually talks and says "walk walk,". Suggested getting one of that says "look both ways,".

Senator Blair said she liked "look both ways," and thought "look up," might freak someone out in the middle of the night. Was unsure if they could fix this, but the one going on Virginia street between the Hub and Laughing Planet is particularly dangerous because you have so much traffic and there are distractions. That seems to be an area where people could get hurt at, and drivers may be rushing to class on Virginia. Thought it would be safer if it was reduced to one crosswalk, and a crosswalk was put in by the Hub and the other side of that street so that they could cross the main one to make it better for drivers and students.

Senator Crupi said they could work with the city on that, but that's out of their purview. There are a lot of regulations on where crosswalks can be put relative to other crosswalks and to other lights. The reason there isn't a crosswalk by the Nye circle and the apartment

buildings is because there's a crosswalk on the other side. It interferes with zoning, and they would have to work with the city.

Senator Blair said she would like to send an email about their concerns and maybe get an explanation about why it is set up that way.

Senator Duvall said she found the old email between Denise and Chief Garcia. She asked him to pass it up to the city, and he said he would if they had any funding available, and then she stopped responding. Suggested following up on that.

Senator Blair said they should ask around for some funding because many students are worried about that.

Senator Crupi said that it is pretty well monitored and enforced. The issue is also that pedestrians think they have right away, and right away doesn't save your life. Has seen cars go through the intersection, then someone will start to go through the crosswalk, and the car will get pulled over, so it is well enforced.

Senator Blair said even if it is well enforced accidents can happen, and there needs to be more done around campus to make sure it doesn't happen.

Senator Duvall said she was in contact with the Reno Transport Commission about the intersection at 9th and Virginia, and they are redoing the whole area, construction should be done by 2019. They are going to cut out where the Corkscrew is right now and put in a bus stop and make disabled access, as well as redo the lighting and the lane on 9th because that area is difficult with the west lane and no designated turning lane. That should resolve traffic concerns there, but she will talk to her contact there. She also has half a resolution written on that, but dropped it because the construction won't be done until 2019.

Senator Blair said that might even be the spot she was talking about. Asked Duvall to contact the person who told her about the traffic changes, and ask them if they are going to change 10th street or if they need to contact someone else in the city about that. It's the double part that is difficult for pedestrians. It's not a good place for cars because it backs up into the light, so see if they're doing anything about that.

Senator Crupi said there is also a lot of detail on that in the university's master plan.

Senator Blair asked if he meant changing all the routes.

Senator Crupi said Virginia and Evans are both outlined in the University's master plan

Senator Blair said Senator Duvall with contact her contact about the transportation information, and she will talk to Carissa about RHA and ask if Inkblot will help with a video or pamphlets about pedestrian safety before the end of the semester. Will update next week.

d. **Discussion of Future Legislation and Events**

Senator Blair asked if there were any projects they were working on.

Senator Cook said he was going to get in contact with Jim Fitsimmons to work on the campus on the quad idea.

Senator Blair said she liked that idea. Asked if anyone could go to the Pack Fit meetings Friday's at 9 am. Senators Bradley and Jordan are on it but they are no longer on the committee.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Crooks said that for health week, it might be cool if they try to do a life size zen sand garden and let people rake and race through in front of the KC. They could lay out a wood box or tarp and lay out boulders and rakes and put them in there.

Senator Blair said that would be really cool, and she would really like to see it. Also, she would really like to see murals on the buildings. Maybe art students as their senior projects could do it as campus beautification. That would probably go through University Affairs.

Senator Duvall said that reminded her of high school, so they would have to be classy murals and not just be paint on the walls.

Senator Blair said she was thinking of murals like the one on the third floor near the bathroom, the search for the hidden clue mural. They could be similar to each of the colleges to incorporate them. Students from liberal arts could make things for other colleges and make it pretty. It would definitely be a committee, not necessarily a senate one, that would approve of the murals or else there would be unwanted results. Someone can write a resolution or make a suggestion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Blair adjourned the meeting at 3:03 pm.

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