

Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Monday, February 27th 2017 at 9:00 A.M.
Presidents Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Teixeira called the meeting of the Committee on Oversight to order on February 27, 2017 at __ am in the President's Conference Room of the 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Kaitie Christensen.

2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Teixeira and senators Blair, Bradley, Eshenbaugh, Green, H. Jackson, and Jordan were present. Senator Feng and Henderson were absent excused.
A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator McNeece said he forgot to post an agenda three full business days prior to the candidate meeting, which had to be agendized according to open meeting law and the SAS. He broke the rules of the SAS but he and James looked up the rules of Nevada Open Meeting Law, and technically he didn't break that because it was informative and there was no decision made. He spaced on posting the agenda.

Dr. Beattie asked if he would address the Tuesday booking.

Senator McNeece said he had that as well.

Speaker Teixeira said he doesn't have to talk about that because he hasn't broken the meeting law yet because it hasn't happened yet.

Dr. Beattie said he should explain it to say, "here's what's coming, there is nothing I can do about it because..."

Senator McNeece said there were a ton of scheduling conflicts to get good rooms, he wanted Ballroom C just in case it is back. They also already have President Marc Johnson moderating the debate, and he would rather not have him reschedule. Ballroom C is the best option, and if they push it back again they will probably be stuck in the theater at best.

Speaker Teixeira said yeah.

4. MINUTES

- A. There are no minutes available for approval at this time.

5. REPORTS

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The Committee on Oversight shall hear reports from the following, to include but not be limited to: goals for their committees, projects and legislation being worked on, and announcements:

- a. Secretary of the Senate
No report.

- b. Speaker Pro-Tempore-Senator H. Jackson
No report
- c. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Henderson
- d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng

- e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green
Senator Green said he is about to be that annoying guy because he is going to blast out everything about Wolf Pack Reading Week this week on email. He still needs volunteers. Dr. Ellis might be speaking at the school. Asked Teixeira if he is going to speak about education

Speaker Teixeira said yes. Please send him the exact time and date he needs to be there. Give him logistics.

Senator Green said he would send him the agenda. Thinks it is important for them to hear about the importance of education. He and Senator Henderson are going to talk, instead of reading directly from the book, they will take pictures of the book, and tell the story while other people act it out. It will be like a read along and on a projector so that all 200 kids can hear and see rather than looking at a small book. It will be interactive. Still waiting on Athletics, waiting on 9 more student leaders to sign up. If you have the time, let him know. The bus doesn't leave until 12:15. If you get out of class at 12, it will be there in front of Lawlor. Campus E vans are going to Libby Booth, they are a little bit faster than the bus so you don't have to rush.

Dr. Beattie said he worked with first-generation low income kids for a long time, mentoring and getting to know their families. He has read through the Wolfie book, and there were some things that made it difficult for the students to relate. Everything Wolfie does costs a boat load of money, he is kayaking which costs like a grand, skiing at \$130 dollars a day, he is mountain biking which is relatively expensive. Just keep this in mind. It reminded him of a time that Silver State talked to DFS kids, and they were talking about buckets of money and saving money, and they made assumptions about the privilege of the students and what they and their neighbors can afford. Whoever wrote it didn't think about this when they wrote it.

Senator Green said they are getting the football players and the women's soccer team, so they are going to change the story. They have the rights to the book so they can change the story. Will extend the supply drive because Blue Crew can't just buy donations. Beattie said they could extend it and give supplies later.

Dr. Beattie said the accounts are not set up to give donations. State accounts can't give donations, because that reallocates tax money when the taxpayers said it would go to one thing and then change it. You can't just buy donations because that defeats the purpose of engaging students, especially athletics, which is what the Blue Crew budget is for. Talked to Blue Crew to have a drive at a game, like bring in school supplies and get a headband, or bring something to get in the door.

Senator Green talked to marketing about the games and was told no, because they are not giving food to the school and they don't do supplies drives.

Dr. Beattie asked even if it was in direct relation to ASUN spending at those games

Senator Green said he wasn't sure.

Senator H. Jackson said if they were planning on extending the drive, it would be good to incorporate it into Raggio week which is coming up soon. She just let them know that you are extending it.

Senator Green said cool.

f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan

Senator Jordan said they have a lot of bills going through committee this week. Had a question about the change for the timeline of debates. Asked if he wanted to change it from what it reads right now, to within five business days prior.

Senator McNeece said yeah, within five days prior.

Senator Jordan said the way it reads right now, it is bad anyway.

Senator H. Jackson asked if it said currently that you have to do it prior to those five business days.

Senator Jordan said that is how it currently reads

Senator Jackson asked she would change it to happening within those five days, instead of any of the time prior to.

Senator McNeece said it sounds weird, but when you are scheduling it, it's the best way to go.

Senator Jackson asked if he wanted the presidential debates or the presidential and senator debates

Speaker Teixeira said it was just the presidential and vice presidential debates.

Senator Jackson said before you do that, it's more of a time constraint because now you only have five days.

Speaker Teixeira said that the Elections Chair believes that if students hear the debate right before the election, they will be more engaged. Right now it reads that it's five days prior, and he believes that gives too much time, and students will lose interest and not vote.

Senator Jackson said she thought that was a valid reason, but then the whereas clauses means you can't argue anything about scheduling, you can only talk about how you want to engage students further.

Senator Jordan said the change would be from two to five. The elections chair could put it a day after elections.

Dr. Beattie said the way it reads the chair has to do it at least two days prior. The way they are talking about changes was five days within, any five business days before. They could also do it between primaries and general elections, which gives you eight or nine days.

Speaker Teixeira said they have never had debates more than a week before the election

Senator Jordan said the whole point is he thought that it read within two days. The scheduling is moving it from within two to within five, which gives them three extra days.

Speaker Teixeira said to be honest, it is stupid that they even have an amount of time in the SAS, because that is more of a restriction on the elections chair.

- g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh
Senator Eshenbaugh said she will be making the changes to the resolution on assembly bill one, and sending that revisions to president Boone, Director Charles, and Teixeira. They will be distributing it to the author of the bill. They are having a meeting on Thursday to present information on bills that the senators researched, and the hear resolutions in committee.
- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley
Senator Bradley said she is waiting on a response for sexual assault awareness month to see if they can tag along on some of their initiatives and incorporate some of their own. Checked in with President Boone and Chief of Staff Atienza about their meeting with Jennifer Lowman. Elected a new vice chair.
- i. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness-Senator Blair
Senator Blair said last week they had a meeting with Zero Fatalities to encourage drivers to be safe. They reached out to see if they want to be a partner, she liked some of their ideas, and will be having a meeting with Boone to discuss it and other ideas, to see if the university would like to affiliate with them.
- j. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira
Speaker Teixeria said he was working with president Boone on legislation. They are going to move Blue Crew into programming. There will be another assistant director and two more programmers.

Senator Green asked if they would move them under Programming with an emphasis on athletics. Asked if the two programmers would have an emphasis on athletics as well.

Speaker Teixeria said just the new assistant director would have an emphasis on athletics.

President Boone said they could go either way with it, but the way they are discussing, Director Hurdle only hired six of the eight she is allowed to. Two programmers could focus on Blue Crew events or all events.

Speaker Teixeira said it doesn't make sense to have a department of programming and another department that is about programming but for a different group of students.

Senator Bradley said she just wrote legislation to move programmers from eight to six.

Speaker Teixeira said to scrap it, they will deal with the legislation on budget and pay after they move them into programming.

Dr. Beattie said that most people in programming come from internships, so they already have experience and background. What we see from Blue Crew is that it isn't interns that come in the following year, even though they have spaces for interns. He doesn't see interns much from Blue Crew, but he sees Programming interns daily.

Speaker Teixeira said that the programmers and director in Blue Crew are not well versed on how to put on an event because that is not their purpose, like programming. He will also be working on some other things.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **CENSURE OF OFFICER BASED UPON SENATORS REQUEST OF DIRECTOR OF BLUE CREW KEVIN BEZICK**
- b. **CENSURE OF OFFICER BASED UPON SENATORS REQUEST OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AND CAMPUS RELATIONS BROOKLYN LAWTON**
- c. **CENSURE OF OFFICER BASED UPON SENATORS REQUEST OF ELECTIONS CHAIR STEVEN MCNEECE**

The Committee will consider the above-named nominations to Association office. The Committee may consider the character, professional Competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Bradley asked if the Director of Programming would hire all the programmers, even if they don't care about athletics.

Speaker Teixeira said that would be a huge problem if they don't care about athletics, because that is the president's fault for hiring someone who doesn't care about athletics.

Senator Green said he forgot to mention that he planned on updating the legislation for the scholarship because after talking to the senators, they felt like it wasn't distinguished from the other scholarships. President Book said he can include the pillars after to make it more transparent for the future, so if they are ever going to strike it, they can see it.

Speaker Teixeira agreed that then they wouldn't question the validity of it.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Teixeira adjourned the meeting of the Committee of Oversight at 9:21 AM.

NOTES

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all items are action items upon which the Committee may take action.

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