

Committee on Public Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 84th Session

Minutes for Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

1664 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89503, President's Conference Room in the Center for Student Engagement, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Jacoby called the meeting to order at 9:13am in the President's conference room on the third floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Barragan, Crupi, Kohler, Jacoby.

Senator Eshenbaugh was absent excused.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. MINUTES

- a. No minutes are seeking approval at this time.

5. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. **Director of Legislative Affairs, Veronica Charles**
 - i. In accordance to SAS 208.03.c.,

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Assembly Bill 1 Resolution**

Discussion on the opinion for Assembly Bill 1 of the Nevada Legislative Session.
"Requires the payment of certain undergraduate fees and expenses of the dependent child of a public employee who is killed in the performance of his or her duties.
(BDR 34-69)".

Senator Jacoby asked if anyone else had wquestions before the bill was passed to Leg. Affairs.

Dr. Beattie mentioned that once it passes through the senate body there shouldn't be any more questions.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Vice Chair**

The committee will elect a Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Public Affairs.

b. **Legislation BDRs**

Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Ansari Business Building, Mathewson- IGT Knowledge Center, and online at www.nevadaasun.com.

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Each committee member will be able to go over a BDR from Nevada's legislative session and we'll discuss the relevance to University of Nevada students. The suggested BDRs are listed as the following:

- i. **A.B. 117**—Requires certain educational personnel to take certain actions to ensure pupils in grade 11 in public high schools are college and career ready. **Senator Kohler**
- ii. **HR2927 SUMMARY**— To authorize Hispanic-serving institutions receiving grants under part A of title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to use such grant amounts to assist students in entering medical schools, and for other purposes. **Senator Barragan**
- iii. **HR5965 SUMMARY**— To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose their concealed carry or open carry policies with respect to firearms, and for other purposes. **Senator Crupi**
- iv. **HR5972 SUMMARY**— To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide protection for students that report sexual assault, and for other purposes. **Senator Jacoby**
- v. **S.B. 175 SUMMARY**— Designates November 12th as Asian Culture Day in Nevada. **Senator Kohler**
- vi. **HR6164 SUMMARY**— To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize the use of title III funds for the establishment of LGBTQ resource centers. **Senator Crupi**
- vii. **HR864 SUMMARY**— Expressing support for the designation of September 2016 as “National Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Month”. **Senator Jacoby**

Senator Crupi said he can write up a revision for BDR HR5965 because the bill is so short. It states that the University has to disclose how many students have carry permits on promotional material.

Crupi said HR6164 regarding title III funds being used for LGBTQ centers. He said he is still researching that to determine if that would take money away from something else or is excess funds to use towards the centers.

He said he would have a resolution for 5965 by next week.

Senator Kohler introduced bill A.B.117. He said that all students already get substantial advising in high school and do not usually need more. He will have a resolution for the bill by next week.

Senator Kohler was also working on bill S.B. 175 that designates November 12th as Asian Culture Day in Nevada. 7% of the campus is Asian so he believed it was something that should be supported by the university.

Senator Barragan was working on HR 2927 to amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 that authorizes Hispanic serving institutions to use such grant amounts to assist students in entering medical schools. He feels the only issue is that not everyone may agree that institutions deserve more money for being Hispanic serving.

Senator Crupi said that even if the bill is small and the grant may not be large but it is still good for the university.

Senator Jacoby said he didn't believe there would be much opposition from the senate.

Senator Jacoby said he was working on HR5972 to protect students that report sexual assault. Students who report sexual assault can be punished by the university for alcohol being involved if they are underage. The resolution would protect those individuals from being in trouble resulting from reporting a sexual assault. He also mentioned HR864 expressing support for the designation of September 2016 as "National Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Month". He felt that would be very important to educate students.

Senator Crupi asked if there was any reason to pick September.

Senator Jacoby said he did not find anything on why it is september. He said he will get HR5972 to the committee by the next meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at the time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Jacoby adjourned the meeting at 9:22am.