

# Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session

Agenda for Friday, April 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

President's Conference Room, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Thummel called the meeting of the Committee of Government Operations to order on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm in room 406 on the fourth floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union.

## 2. **ROLL CALL**

Senators Thummel, Billman, Mall and Smith were present.

Senators Stopka and Sullivan were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

## 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There is no public comment to be heard at this time.

## 4. **MINUTES**

There are no minutes to be heard at this time.

## 5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on reviewing the Statutes of the Associated Students

Each member of the committee will present on a specific Title of the SAS and whether there are any changes that need to be addressed.



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## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Election of a Vice Chair**

Senator Billman nominated Senator Mall to the vice chair position of Government Operations

Senator Mall accepted

Senator Mall said he didn't want to run for an intern position was because he didn't want to take that from anyone, and he loved to see other people do positions. He has done bylaws for the last three years and he wanted to make sure that everything was accurate in Nevada Open Meeting Law and make sure that spelling mistakes are documented before it goes to senate and that everything that is in the SAS is supposed to be there rather than just there

Senator Thummel asked Senator Mall to leave the room

Senator Smith said she thought mall was overly qualified and he would do a good job

Senator Billman said he was very honorable to take this step when no one else went to run for the position and he was very qualified.

Senator Smith seconded

Senator Thummel agreed

A roll call vote was held:

Senators Billman, Smith and Thummel voted for senator Mall as vice chair

Senator Smith moved to approve Senator Mall to the vice chair

Senator Billman seconded

Mall abstained

Senator Mall was approved as the vice chair on government operations

### **b. Committee Goals**

Senator Thummel said he wanted to hear what their goals were for senate and the student body

Senator Mall said the previous chair did an amazing job of making the secretaries lives hell with updating changes, and he would rather do a lot of them at once rather than one by one, that way it can be updated at once. Also, removing Nevada Manager of of rules of the senate

Senator Thummel noticed in their first meeting that Hannah skipped over the WTF Nevada bill. If they get rid of that position they will have to remove it from the SAS and make it as clear and concise as possible.

Senator Billman said as a committee it was important to vet through the legislation they had on the table before it goes to senate to make sure there are no spelling errors before it goes to senate

Thummel agreed. When there is a senate meeting and there are spelling issues the public will see that and it gives senate a bad name. He also wanted to make sure that all of the senators know the SAS, and he would like to have all of them read the SAS by the end of the semester so they can make any amendments that they need to and fix things. Finally, Senator Flangas was thinking that they make a simplified SAS like they do for the simplified budget, where they summarize certain key points of organizations in the SAS to make it simpler and more digestible to the public. Right now it is intimidating.

The committee agreed that was a good idea

Senator Smith said one of her goals was to be more well versed in the SAS and know all the articles and what it is talking about

Senator Thummel agreed their duties were to review the government and the constitution. It should never be their first time seeing it if there are changes, they should be familiar with it. That goes along with what he was saying, that all senators will read the SAS

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Thummel adjourned the meeting of the Committee of Government Operations at 4:09 pm.

**9. NOTES.**

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