

Committee on Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session

Minutes for Friday, April, 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Joe Crowley Student Union, Room 405

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Flangas called the meeting of the Committee on Civic Engagement to order on April 28th, 2017 at 2:06 pm in the Joe Crowley Student Union, room 405. Presiding secretary, Katie Christiansen.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Flangas, Vice Chair Senator Billman, and Senators Bussman, Kuykendall, and Smith were present. Senators Cammie Lee, Cynthia Lee, and Tool were absent excused.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Lang said he was a student from the School of Journalism, which doesn't have a senator. It was awkward because he was working with the journalism student council, and he wanted to make sure there was representation. He wanted to start doing things in the absence of being able to officially do things. He started coming to meetings. Some background, for civic engagement, he was involved in Nevada Boys State. He was nominated for vice president/president and declined.

Dr. Beattie said there was an open seat for the college of journalism, and they would be on the agenda soon.

Daniel Lang said he applied today and would keep in touch.

Dr. Beattie said people would be called in to speak in front of senate in a special election.

4. MINUTES

No minutes.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Committee Goals

Chair Flangas said she asked everyone to come up with goals. She would read the Lee Sister's goals to give ideas: DNA Journey, where people could come to the diversity event and win a DNA test. She identified with multiple races, so this was a cool idea. There might be potential for pricing, so they would look at infrastructure. They wanted to expand science education and have service learning in classrooms. During career fairs, students could visit elementary school. They could also be guest teachers at schools. They had a prom dress donation program, because many students can't afford prom dresses, so they can donate prom dresses. They could work with Greek Life on it. She also presented Senator Tool's ideas: partnering with Pack fit to host a

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basketball tournament and get local sponsors for the prizes. They could donate to local charities. They could have a dodgeball tournament and donate the entry fees. Those are interesting ideas.

Senator Kuykendall said he mentioned trying to create an event that brought out two or three political representatives and different sides of the spectrum. For example, Dean Heller and Katherine Cortez Masto having an open dialogue to show students it's okay to have different viewpoints. It would get students involved and show that two sides of the spectrum can work together. They aren't in the department of service learning, but why can't they just do their own thing? They can't go rogue, but they could try to work with the Director of Clubs and Orgs to get clubs involved with service learning. They could have an incentive system like a stipend or a prize for the organizations that go through with the opportunity.

Chair Flangas said Chris Partridge would come to talk to them about that.

Senator Bussman said he was interested in integrating services into communication with the student. Amy Koeckes said that they have bought into Givepulse, they bought that program so they can administer it in any way they want. With Handshake, he didn't know, it might just be something that they are a partner of but don't own a portion of. Suggested integrating it into Givepulse.

Chair Flangas loved that conversation, but next meeting Chris Partridge would be at that meeting.

Senator Kuykendall said he would probably have to choose one idea to really stick to, and that would bring Givepulse to Canvas. With clubs and orgs, he would want to structure it like an award, like the Silver Paw.

Senator Billman said that part of the new Clubs and org's director's goals was to foster leadership

Senator Kuykendall said yeah, he wasn't sure

Dr. Beattie said Club Lead was started by Rocio and they could work with her. Recommended bringing her to one of these meetings and they could give her ideas for implementation. President Teixeira is talking about leadership. This committee is specific about civic engagement. Getting representatives here for a debate is more legislative affairs and university affairs

Chair Flangas said they wanted to have a discourse between ideologies

Dr. Beattie said he loved that idea, but it was more leg affairs

Former Senator Green said their idea wasn't totally out there

Chair Flangas said in the budget, they minimized the amount of money going to legislative affairs, they could look at that and think about it.

Senator Smith said it was hard to follow Senator Kuykendall. Today she sat down with Carla Frinich to talk about counseling services. A lot of her platform was about mental health.

She talked about getting campus more involved with suicide awareness week, which was the first week of school. She wanted to get this committee really involved in that event, and wanted to make sure there were people involved.

Chair Flangas asked if there were any volunteer opportunities

Senator Smith said the senators could volunteer at this event. It was hard to table and market because of stigma, so they needed new ways to get involved.

Daniel Long said when he was on the outreach board for RHA, they did "Love Anonymous" to fight the stigma by ignoring it. People would write positive letters to people who might be thinking about it. People could walk up and take resources, or take a note and put them on the DC bridge.

Senator Smith said even if they didn't work directly with them, but made their own program like the RHA did

Chair Flangas said she would recommend this event more towards university affairs

Former Senator Green said they do an event like this every year, which he forgot to put in the legacy binder. For MLK week, they did an open mic thing. The thing on the bridge reminded him of something civic engagement takes on because it gets everyone involved.

Senator Smith said she would take the lead on that

Chair Flangas said they would go over that later, there were some leadership roles that Dennis outlined in the legacy binder

Senator Billman said he was thinking about Wolf Pack Reading Week, and the stuff at Mt Rose. He liked getting younger kids involved, thought it would be cool to get boys and girls club together and take them through campus. Every college could put on an event and coordinate it through that college to get kids involved.

Senator Flangas said in the Legacy Binder Review they would talk about leadership roles in the Legacy Binder

Senator Bussman said there were constantly lots of things in his mind. He would say that he wanted to work with the text message system. If he could work with Karen and Amy to work with that service so that students are automatically opted in to the service, and then they can opt out, that would increase users. Once that is established they can decide how the service is going to get used. The first purpose is getting students out to the events they are throwing. They are

helping them by making them opt into the service.

Dr. Beattie asked what that is an example of

Senator Bussman asked what he meant

Dr. Beattie said when he was making a decision for the students based on information that they have

Senator Bussman said trustee. That would be the first purpose of expanding that service, and it could also be used for Civic Engagement. They didn't want to bombard students with messages

Senator Kuykendall said he agreed. Asked if there was a way to send out event reminders through Givepulse

Chair Flangas asked if he meant the text service was just for Givepulse.

Senator Kuykendall said they should just sent out Givepulse links

Chair Flangas said they could work on that and how to craft messages

Senator Bussman said something they had to be careful about was making it accessible. That was the entire point. WTF ASUN pages was useless because it wasn't accessible. He wanted to keep the text service to the point so that students find it useful.

Chair Flangas said she loved their goals. For Givepulse, she wanted to create more political activism opportunities and finding partners for political activism that are just as easy as using Givepulse. They could talk with Chris and Amy next week. She wanted to push Know Your Rights Week with leg affairs, and working with the residence halls to promote their privacy rights and awareness. She wanted to have students go out to talk to debate classrooms and We The People Classrooms to have that opportunity for volunteerism and activism.

Daniel Lang said he was interested with Faith Based groups who have negative views of ASUN because they feel like they aren't talked to. Circle K felt ignored because they are a civic engagement group, and when Givepulse became a thing they felt like they were ignored

Chair Flangas said Dennis has a presentation on Givepulse, and it talked about how to use it and create a better relationship

Senator Bussman said with the liaison thing, he had a liaison for MGC Frat Council, and he thought that was something that should be worked on with Givepulse. There are existing groups that do service but don't go through Givepulse. They would need to get all the organization under the umbrella.

Senator Flangas said there was a presentation that Bussman presented to the MGC council. They

would definitely do that

Senator Kuykendall asked Daniel Lang about what could be improved on between these programs

Daniel Land said the liaison process could be effective. With the RHA, they saw having to go to ASUN meetings was a burden because they were already doing their own thing and it felt like their own task. Having liasons come into spaces where they already are.

Chair Flangas said RHA had a new position for civic engagement service that they have to put on every semester. Having them use Givepulse and working with them through a liaison is important. With the honors program, you have to get a certain amount of service hours and you can get honors credit for a certain amount of service hours.

b. Legacy Binder Review

Chair Flangas said she wanted to pull up the legacy binder. She talked with Dennis yesterday. Asked Dennis to talk about the legacy binder. She didn't know if they looked at it, but they did a non-profit spotlight, where two organizations are in the Sagebrush. This duty usually goes to the Vice Chair to find people and organizations to spotlight. Asked Senator Billman if he was interested in this position, but everyone could work together to find people to spotlight

Senator Billman said yes

Chair Flangas said they did that as a committee

Former Senator Green said the person who is in charge of this is in charge of the Sagebrush, there is a newsletter they send out which talks about Silver Paw winners and other Civic Engagement things.

Daniel Lang asked if there was a way to connect to the Sage Brush

Former Senator Green said he didn't think it would ever go through personally because they book a lot of ads and space, but he wasn't sure

Chair Flangas said she wanted to take Wolf Pack Reading Week under the spring. They could do book drives all year to donate to tier three schools. Asked who wanted to do that, and felt bad that the Lee sisters and Dustin were absent

Senator Kuykendall suggested to send out a memo

Chair Flangas said she will send out a form and have everyone submit preferences. They would go through the positions and sign up on a Google Doc their first and second choices, and some liaisons to designate leadership roles. They also have someone sit on the Silver Paw award board. In the past it has been a chair. Silver Paw goes to an outstanding member of the committee. If you sit on the board you cannot win the award, so someone has to sit on the board.

Daniel Lang asked about the possibility of adding some sort of sash or recognition at graduation

to give Givepulse recognition

Chair Flangas said she talked to Dennis about the 100-hour challenge. She would put 100-hour challenge on the list. ILead is something they are partnered with, that would be a liaison position. They are an important part of the board. If they had any specific ideas, email them to her. Having a liaison with the counseling center is important. Email her and she will send them to everyone including the Lee Sisters and Dustin.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan for the 85th Session Committee.

Chair Flangas asked Speaker Jackson to comment on what she wanted for the strategic plan

Speaker Jackson said she was requesting each board member to come to senate with their plans. Mia had a plan and projects they had in mind including a time line. If they hold the executive members accountable like they, the senators should also be held accountable. Strategic plans can change over the year if something isn't working or there is another plan. It's a living document that is a way for everyone to know what the committee is doing and have it be written in a formal way. Everyone should put input about what they want to get done, and make sure everyone is on the same page. They all have their individual ideas and goals, but having a cohesive vision is important. It is very loose and general, make it what you want it to. Having it in writing so that other people can look and check in is important and something she wanted to do this year. Feel free to ask questions, but it is kind of free range and how they want to make that look.

Chair Flangas said she was thinking of creating a Google doc to work on over the next few weeks. It does not have a deadline, but start thinking about it. Once they have liaison positions, she will create a timeline. Speaker Jackson and she talked about having a legislation tracker, and having the plan on the website would be a good way to be transparent. It will probably be at the beginning of the school year next year. She will create tentative template on how they want to do that.

b. Summer Assignment – Service Palooza

Chair Flangas said service palooza was a great thing they did at the beginning of the year. There were 48 organizations last year, so they must work on having people split up who they want to contact, and contact two more. They will have to keep tabs on people and create good diagram about how they want them to move through. That will be the plan for this event. Highlight ten organizations you would be willing to contact, and two more that aren't on the list. If it becomes an issue she will designate them out. It's one of the first huge events the committee throws. Service Palooza is coming

Senator Kuykendall asked when it was

Chair Flangas said it happens on the Monday of the first day of school, August 28th -ish. It happens the first day of school, she had a meeting with senator Kinel. It happens in the quad. Start thinking about that, it's one of the first things that they do and is crucial to getting people in contact and introducing Givepulse.

Former Senator Green said he wanted to make sure everyone knew this. They were trying to get 50 communities members on Givepulse, right now they have 30. Make sure that each of these people are on Givepulse, which gives students more opportunities

Senator Kuykendall said if an organization was interested in Givepulse, what would be the next course of action?

Former Senator Green said it was super easy, the PowerPoint that he gave to Flangas talked about it. You go to Amy to give you a Givepulse training and sign up for it. A lot of student groups can use it.

Chair Flangas said they would create steps so everyone had the same information for contacting organizations.

Daniel Lang asked if the event had to be on the first day

Chair Flangas said yes, because it introduces new students to everything. Taste of Reno is on the first day, which uses food as an incentive.

Former Senator Green said when they are thinking about this, he made a giant thing of tips in the legacy binder and talked about the event as whole. The tips are like two pages long. No one should do this by themselves. When they sign up, make sure there are at least two people to commit to everything.

Chair Flangas suggested everyone look at the binder, it is packed with detail. They need to start working on Service Palooza now. She will be running it, but it will be a team effort.

Senator Kuykendall asked if there were deadlines

Chair Flangas said she wanted everyone to pick the positions for Service Palooza and will send out the liaison form. The strategic plan deadline will be before fall, but she will email it since there won't be meetings over summer. She wanted to make sure they understood their roles for Service Palooza and the committee, and they will create the plan off of that. Sign up for liaison positions before next meeting

Senator Kuykendall asked when their last meeting was. Suggested for next week, suggested they sign up before they agendize so they can discuss their responsibilities

Chair Flangas said that was a good idea, she would send that out tonight. She would agendize Monday at 12. If they could send it to her so she could post Tuesday morning, she would need it before 12 am. She will write down the goals in a section of the strategic plan. They have to establish Know Your Rights Week with leg affairs. If you sign up by Monday that would be awesome, and she will send that to Daniel Lang to have someone from Journalism on the board.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Lang said there was student media, and in the journalism school they can pitch ideas to students. They want events to cover, and events getting covered gets more people to go to those events and

establish that relationship. He wanted to do a lot of that through the Journalism council, or on the ASUN website they can email communicate. A lot of time they don't know what's going on.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flangas adjourned the meeting at 3 pm.