

Senate of the Associated Students

For the Eighty-Fifth Session

Agenda for Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.
Ballroom A, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CONVENING OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE SENATE

Senate Secretary Godoy convened the Eighty-Fourth Session of the Senate at 5:40 PM on Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 in Ballroom A, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretaries Madeline Iroz, Kaitlin Christiansen, Andrea Godoy, and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hanson.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Secretary Godoy said:

Senator-elects, this is the day fixed by the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada for the meeting of the 85th Senate and as the law directs, I, Secretary of the Senate, have prepared the official roll of the Senator-elects. I have received certificates of election covering 20 seats in the 85th Senate and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were elected as Senators in accordance with the laws of the Associated Students and the Constitution. The Senator-elects will respond to their names during the roll call. The Legislative Clerk, Brooke Hanson, will call the roll alphabetically by last name.

Senator-Elects Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Jackson, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith. Stopka, Sullivan and Thummal were present.

Legislative Clerk Hanson said:

The quorum call discloses that 20 Senator-elects have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senate Secretary Godoy said:

First, I would like to remind the Senator-elects that they can make a motion to move an agenda item around at any time during the course of the meeting. Also, I would like to welcome all persons in the gallery and remind you that you are guests of the Senate and any manifestation of approval or disapproval of the proceedings or other audible conversation is in violation of the Rules of the Senate. Continued willful disruption of the proceedings may result in removal from the Ballroom. To inform the Senator-elects, when you are speaking into the microphone, please hold the button down for the duration of your speech. Additionally, I want to inform the body that after administering the Oaths of the ASUN President and Vice President, we will continue with the election of the Speaker

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and the Oaths to the Speaker and Senators. Before speaking, please state your first and last name and your respective college. Is there any Public Comment at this time?

Director Beattie said congratulations to the soon to be senators, if they sign their oaths. This will be the first night they will be making public decisions. They will be picking the Speaker, Speaker Pro-Tempore, Parliamentarian and committee chairs. The way they hold themselves during this meeting will set the tone for the rest of the year. Enjoy the meeting. Even though it will be a long meeting, it will be meaningful.

Former Senator Dennis Green said congratulations. He told them to take pride in the fact that they represent 18,000 different undergraduate students. He wanted to commend them and wish them good luck.

Secretary Godoy said:

Seeing no more Public Comment, we shall continue with the agenda.

5. INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Secretary Godoy said:

I shall now give the floor to Chief Justice Samuel Bruketta who will administer the oath to the Office of the President and the oath to the Office of the Vice President

Chief Justice Bruketta called up President-Elect Noah Teixeira. President Teixeira was sworn into office.

Vice President-Elect Sebastian Atienza was called to the floor. Vice President Atienza was sworn in to office.

President Teixeira and Vice President Atienza signed oaths into office.

Secretary Godoy said:

Congratulations President Teixeira and Vice President Atienza. We look forward to the year ahead.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Senate Secretary Godoy said:

Pursuant to law and precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the Senate for the 85th Senate.

The main duties of Speaker of the Senate shall be to:

- Act as the signing authority for all accounts under control of the Senate
- Administer oaths and affirmations
- Produce the agenda and call meetings of the Senate
- Direct the Senate to maintain proper decorum
- Vote in matters of business where a vote would be decisive
- Sign all Acts of the Senate
- Now I will be accepting nominations from the Senate floor. Nominations do not need a second; self-nominations are welcomed.

To nominate someone please use the phrase: I nominate The Honorable [LAST NAME] to be Senate Speaker.

Senator-Elect Mall nominated Senator-Elect Jackson as Speaker.

Senate Secretary Godoy said:

The Honorable Jackson, a Senator-elect from the College of Education has been placed into nomination. Do you accept?

Senator-Elect Jackson accepted.

Secretary Godoy asked if there are there further nominations.

Senator-Elect Mah nominated Senator-Elect Martinez.

Secretary Godoy said:

The Honorable Martinez, a Senator-elect from the College of Liberal Arts has been placed into nomination. Do you accept?

Senator-Elect Martinez did not accept.

Senate Secretary Godoy said:

There being no further nominations, nominations are closed. The nominees for the Office of the Speaker each will be allowed up to ten minutes to make a presentation before the Senate. Legislative Clerk Hanson will be keeping time and will give the nominee a five minute and one minute warning. At the conclusion of each presentation, each Senator-elect may pose questions to the nominee. The question and answer portion will be limited to ten minutes as well. Legislative Clerk Hanson will be keeping time and give the floor a five minute and one minute warning. When all nominees are completed, the voting for Speaker will commence by roll call vote. While it is the customary practice that nominees for the Office of Speaker are not present in the Ballroom during the consideration of the other nominees and during the vote, pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law and the parliamentary authority, the Senate may not require the nominees to leave the Ballroom during the consideration of the nominees. Also, each Senator-elect is entitled to cast a vote for Speaker. Without objection, the nominees will be recognized in the order in which their nominations were made. The following have been nominated for the Office of the Speaker. The Honorable Jackson, a Senator-elect from the College of Education. All nominees have been placed in nomination.

Senator-Elect Jackson gave her speech as follows:

Before I begin these remarks on why I want to serve as your speaker, let's take a moment to reflect on — and appreciate — the high honor of being elected to serve and represent our fellow students. And think for a moment that sitting at this table, there are 20 students. Twenty out of the nearly 18,000 undergraduate students at the University of Nevada. We — you and I — make up one-tenth of **one percent** of the undergraduate student body. The stakes are high, our terms are short, and the responsibility is great. As we embark on this journey together, we must constantly remind ourselves of our shared purpose: to deliver improved outcomes for the people that entrusted us with this responsibility. And to remember that we are but stewards of the offices we hold. To preface my vision, I would like to provide you with my north star — my guiding principal: that as your speaker, I will ensure all of you serve as empowered leaders. And, in the pursuit of service, we will work together — collaboratively — to improve the student experience at the University of Nevada. As the elected senator for the College of Education, it's only appropriate for me to reiterate the sentiment that "senate is a classroom." And over the past three years I have loved nothing more than having the opportunity to be a student of the Senate. During my senior year of high school, I read about how the 82nd session passed a resolution in favor of gender inclusive restrooms -- which sparked the dream of **one day** being able to sit at this table and **also** be able to make a great impact on so many students. As a freshman, I had the opportunity to serve as the chair of the Legislative Interns

Committee in the 83rd session. I will never forget my first legislative intern meeting when Director Rodriguez told us that, "In ASUN, we don't depend solely on experience. What we need is **vision**." I had little experience but a huge vision, which drove me to learn everything I could about the functions and the spirit of ASUN. I attended every senate meeting, sat on every committee I could, wrote legislation, and, later that session, ran and was appointed as the Senator for the College of Education. It was in that session in which we approved the new ASUN strategic plan - a vision for what this University will be by the year 2025. The biggest thing I have learned in this classroom we call "senate" is the infinite capacity this body has to institute change to better the student experience. The Senate has the resources and power to make these things happen. But without vision, resources and power are wasted. If I can tell you one thing about **this** senate body, it's that **vision** isn't something that we're lacking. I've had the pleasure over the past few weeks to speak with most of you one-on-one and I have been genuinely inspired by your **big** ideas and your passion for helping others. Just to highlight a few - Senator Kuykendall, I want to help you implement the vision of every student being academically focused, involved, and professional. Senator Bussman, I'm so impressed with your ability to hit the ground running and visit so many University entities, asking how senate can help them. Senator Sullivan and Senator Billman, I want to assist you in pursuing legislative action that will make our campus more sustainable. Senators Cynthia and Cammie Lee, I cannot wait to connect you to resources that will make the implementation of volunteer abroad programs and applied research a reality. One year ago today, I stood right here. Just as I do now. Running to be the speaker of the senate. In a lot of ways the person standing here today is different. Serving as the Senator for the College of Education and the Speaker Pro Tempore for the 84th Session has been a tremendous learning experience. I've evolved as a leader by forming professional relationships with university officials and community partners. I've gotten firsthand experience in analyzing data to determine the solvency of certain programs. I've worked to cultivate broad-based coalitions and collaborated with diverse stakeholders. I've come to understand University and ASUN processes and realized the vitality of infrastructure. But one thing that hasn't changed is my reason for running. I want to do everything in my power to make sure that you all reach your highest potential. As your speaker, I want to provide you with the leadership, vision, and every resource possible to realize the goals that you promised to your constituents on the campaign trail. As a body we must emphasize the importance of decorum - not only in the way that we dress, but in the way that we interact with each other at the table. My seasoned understanding of Robert's Rules of Order, Nevada Open Meeting Law, and ability to facilitate substantive and meaningful conversation will strengthen the legitimacy of the body — both to its members and to those it serves. Legitimacy goes hand and hand with integrity. As speaker, I will work with the executive branch in ensuring that the voice of the senate is taken into account both procedurally and substantively, but at the same time recognize the strong separation of powers that exists in order to ensure that the senate is faithfully representing the constituents that elected them into office. I've seen it happen to others, and I have felt firsthand the feeling of being shut out of a discussion due to an **unpopular stance** on an issue. My job as your speaker would be to cultivate an atmosphere that yields the most productive dialogue possible. That means that as long as the discussion is germane to the topic at hand, I would work to create an environment where people feel comfortable to state their opinion and **ask critical questions**. The power of **asking critical questions** shouldn't be underestimated. We use it to obtain information, vet legislation, and to keep each other *as well as* all other elected and appointed ASUN officials accountable. That is why it is time where **we** create a culture in which having a seat on University Committees is treated like a privilege, not a right. As your speaker, I would implement a new agenda item for "University Committee Reports" in which ASUN officers give monthly reports detailing important policy decisions. Collaborative effort is mutually beneficial to everyone. It is important that we keep officers accountable but also use this untapped resource. I want to make sure we are holding each other accountable, too. Throughout the session, I want to hold monthly one-on-one meetings with each of you to check on your progress and if you're stuck, know you well enough to provide you with more opportunities that align with your passion. In an effort to ensure each dollar invested into the Association is being maximized for direct student impact, I want to work with you to

develop an evaluation plan for all current programs and initiatives of ASUN. Too often, students feel their dollars are wasted. We need the data and research to support the evidence that our programs promote student engagement and achievement. In the pursuit of transparency and integrity, it has been too long since this Association has evaluated each program, initiative, and position, appointed or otherwise, to ensure it's delivering on our mission of improving the student experience. In my meetings with senators, I have come to understand there is a consensus in wanting to pursue different outreach efforts. In that pursuit, I want to create a task force that examines current strategies and seek to implement improved communication between constituents and ASUN. My vision of leadership is one in which I operate from an inverted hierarchy. I take the responsibility of representing this body seriously, and I realize that the best results come not when I am operating top down, but I am providing support to the whole team to maximize capacity. Before I conclude my remarks, allow me to briefly reiterate my priorities for this session: (1) implement an outreach taskforce, (2) fund an independent evaluation of all programs, initiatives, and positions to prove impact and return on investment, (3) develop a culture of empowered leadership, (4) preserve the integrity and legitimacy of the body, (5) serve as a facilitator of substantive dialogue, (6) require further engagement with university committee opportunities, and (7) ensure each of you will maximize your potential. Finally, I leave you with this: The call to public service has been best summed up by Winston Churchill who said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Together, we have **much** to give — to each other and to the student body. I humbly request your vote. It would be my distinct honor and privilege to serve as your speaker.

Senate Secretary Godoy moved into questions and answers.

Senator-Elect Becker asked what Senator-Elect Jackson's most important goal was that she would like to do in her term.

Senator-Elect Jackson said her most important goal has to do with the senators. Seeing all the goals that they have and the vision they have for the university is so inspiring. She wants to do anything she can to make that happen. Being speaker she will be the person they can come to find the people they need to talk too. There will be road blocks and she can help.

Senator-Elect Flangas said she knows they haven't approved this part of rules but for Section 15 Part B it says the speaker shall approve the form for all legislation. She said she wants to know her vision to promote legislation.

Senator-Elect Jackson said that during her time as a senator, she has seen legislation come to table with tons of errors. This includes spelling mistakes, punctuations and faulty sentence structure. As speaker, she will go through and make sure it is able to go through so they can talk about what the issue is instead of making those clerical changes. She will be very thorough if she was speaker. If legislation is not backed up with enough information, they can send it back to the committee it came from before debate on the Senate floor.

Senator-Elect Bussman said she mentioned putting together an outreach taskforce which is a duty of the University Affairs committee. He asked what she meant by this.

Senator-Elect Jackson said this is something the University Affairs Committee would have a huge part in. To improve their outreach efforts, they need to get people outside of the Senate body to get their take on it. One thing she thought of doing was recreating parts of the ASUN website to make it easier for the students to see what the Senate is doing. They can incorporate a legislation tracker to see how people vote and so that they know what is going on. An old program that they have that is still instituted is WTF Nevada where students contribute their input on what they want to see fixed on campus. She wants to use it in a different way and have a spot on the website where students click

a button to make sure their voice is heard.

Senate Secretary Godoy said debate from floor.

Speaker-Elect Nominees, we recommend for you to leave the Ballroom during the interview portion, however you are entitled to stay according to the Nevada Revised Statutes. I would like to encourage that the body come up with a list of questions to ask each nominee so that it is fair. Each Senator-Elect is still responsible for their question. During the interview, follow-up questions are allowed after all the original questions have been asked. I will be keeping time and give the floor a five minute and one minute warning. Under SAS 102.05.c, no person who is not entitled to the privilege of the floor of the Senate may be recognized unless by order of the Senate.

Senator-Elect Jackson left the room at 6:06 PM

Senator-Elect Martinez said she has shown her goals well. She came to him and he sees passion in her eyes. Her passion and vision can lead them far.

Senator-Elect Becker said he agrees with Senator-Elect Martinez, anything she has done has been great. If she doesn't inspire you then she doesn't know who would. He couldn't ask for anyone better.

Senate Secretary Godoy said roll call vote.

Senators-Elect Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, KuyKendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martienez, Paningbaton, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan and Thummel voted for Senator-Elect Jackson.

Senator-Elect Jackson entered the room at 6:10 PM

Senator-Elect Jackson was elected Speaker for the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Senate.

7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS TO SPEAKER AND SENATORS

Senator-Elect Cook administered the oath to Speaker Jackson.

Senate Secretary Godoy welcomed Speaker Jackson.

Speaker Jackson administered the oaths to the senators.

Senator Cook moved for a 30 minute recess.

Senator Peningbaton seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Jackson said the Senate will reconvene at 6 :44 PM.

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6 :14 PM.

Speaker Jackson recalled the meeting at 6:45 PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley student union.

Senators Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan, and Thummel were present. A quorum was present.

8. ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

a. Speaker Pro Tempore

Speaker Jackson said:

We will now move into agenda item 8a, the election of the Speaker Pro-Tempore. The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall run Senate meetings in the Speaker's absence, sit on the Committee on Oversight, and oversee the Legislative Internship program.

Now I will be accepting nominations from the floor for the position of Speaker Pro-Tempore. Nominations do not need a second. Self-nominations are welcomed.

To nominate someone please use the phrase:

I nominate Senator [NAME] to the position of Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Nominations are now in order.

Senator Cynthia Lee nominated Senator Martinez.

Speaker Jackson said:

The Senator Martinez a Senator from the College of Liberal Arts has been placed into nomination. Do you accept?

Senator Martinez accepted the nomination.

Speaker Jackson asked if there were any other nominations.

Senator Mall nominated himself.

Speaker Jackson said:

The Senator Mall, a Senator from the College of Engineering has been placed into nomination. Do you accept?

Senator Mall accepted the nomination.

Speaker Jackson asked if there were any other nominations.

There were no further nominations; nominations were closed.

Speaker Jackson said:

Each nominee for the position of Speaker Pro-Tempore will be allowed five minutes to make a presentation before the Senate. Legislative Clerk Hanson will be keeping time and give the nominee a one minute warning. At the conclusion of each presentation, each Senator may pose questions to the nominee for a maximum time of five minutes. When all nominees are completed, the voting for Speaker Pro Tempore will commence by roll call vote.

The following Senators have been nominated for the position of the Speaker Pro-Tempore.

1. Senator Martinez, a Senator from the College of Liberal Arts
2. Senator Mall, a Senator from the College of Engineering

All nominees have been placed in nomination.

Senator Martinez, you are now recognized for your statement.

Senator Martinez gave his speech as follows:

Hello everyone, my name is Anthony Martinez, and I am a newly elected senator for the College of Liberal Arts studying Political Science and International Affairs with a minor in Spanish. This year, I had the opportunity to serve as a legislative intern for the ASUN 84th session. Where I was ignited with knowledge, passion, and ambition. Understanding what it

meant to be a part of ASUN, and how as senators we are the body and voice of the people. After gaining this insight from this position and, several others throughout my life, I am confident I can apply what I have learned to positions requiring greater responsibility. The Speaker Pro Tempore is a seat which presents opportunity and instruments of success to individuals. Given these instruments, I stand feeling honored in running for this seat. My qualifications comprise of practice in teaching several structures of Roberts Rules of Order over the past 4 years, holding numerous leadership positions where facilitation of discussion were prevalent and, ensuring throughout all my roles that the environment established within each institution, is that of a strong open-mind, marveled heart, and kind soul. My first objective, from much deliberation with the current Speaker Pro Tempore and, individuals involved with the internship program in the past, I plan on building accountability within the program. By going over the duties and structuring what it means to be a Legislative intern with the interns themselves. Of course, the example and first on the list would be, all meetings are business causal to ensure the professional decorum and, at the end of this lesson, interns will be asked to sign these rules which were established by them. My second goal involves coordinating with other organizations to ensure the expansion of the Legislative Internship program. Including but not limited to: further fostered communication with the Chief of Staff, Assistant Director of Programming Interns and, the Elections Commission in spring time. Not only to build relationships and cater to a fresh audience but also, to reach out with warm welcoming arms to those of diversity. As someone of a diverse background, I understand the importance of inclusion in having someone represent you at the table. I hope to help charter this step alongside many individuals in our goal of an inclusive atmosphere. Finally, ensuring these students are active members within ASUN. By, providing presentations of servant leadership, ASUN governing documents, Standing Committees and so on. Hopefully including workshops on communication, leadership styles, and presentations from volunteer committee chairs and ASUN Employees. Even if they choose not to continue into the election process in spring, as is the goal for the legislative Interns. By building constituents to be informed on the legislative process, club and organization funding, community outreach, give pulse, and the many affiliations and organization within ASUN. We fabricate what it means to be one pack. The Speaker Pro Tempore position isn't merely a position of instruction or knowledge, but a voice of the speaker in their absence. I want to be a representation of the voice of the future of our university but, I know I will also represent the strength of this senate in the speaker's absence. And I Anthony Martinez, if elected, plan to fulfill these duties stated within our Status for the Associated Students for this position while also, going beyond and working towards these goals stated before you today. Thank you.

The body moved to questions.

Senator Becker asked what was the most significant thing he established with his collaboration with his predecessor.

Senator Martinez said he was constantly asking question and she was always being open and willing to communicate. On top of that, she was overall very approachable and he could ask questions or email her and she enjoyed giving him that information. He hoped that he could pass that openness on to the interns so that they feel comfortable asking all the questions that they need.

Senator Billman asked what most inspired him to run for this position.

Senator Martinez said that he was an intern and by seeing the tools he was given, it inspired him to give back to ASUN. He felt that he was fortunate enough since he knew many people

in ASUN before coming to the University of Nevada, Reno and others were not as lucky. He wanted to expand the program to reach as many people of color, gender and sexual orientation as possible and to ensure that they make sure anyone can run for senator if they meet the requirements.

Senator Mah asked what were some of the major issues and opinions that he gathered from the collection of data from his peers.

Senator Martinez said he served as a trustee for Law States Nevada and he represented the constituents of his high school under Caroline Edwards. The main concerns that he saw were mainly class sizes and having teachers that were not proper substitutes teaching long term classes. These people were not really certified in the subject. Mainly it was an academic concern.

Senator Flangas said he talked about how the legislative interns would write their own expectations. She asked him to elaborate on that.

Senator Martinez said he would review the duties with the legislative interns. He said that when he talked to many of the past senators and the most recent Pro-Tempore, they felt that those who participated felt that students were not always there. He wanted to remind them why they are there and what they felt was most important in completing this internship program and what they can apply the tools they did learn to after they leave the program. He wanted to give them tools that they established together that can be applied in their lives.

Speaker Jackson said that they have concluded and will move to next nominee

Senator Mall gave his speech as follows:

Hello everyone, my name is Narinder Mall and I am representing, the College of Engineering. Over my past years at the University of Nevada Reno, I have held many leadership positions and some have been focused on training and overseeing new member programs. I am here giving this speech not because I want a title but because I feel that I can make a significant difference in this position. One of my goals, if elected, would be to further expand the internship program. Another goal I want to focus on is accountability. I want to hold both interns and senators accountable for being involved in a program that could potentially build future ASUN positions. Lastly my main focus is going to be to reach out to as many clubs and orgs that I can. I want as many people as possible to attend workshops and apply to Senate positions; leading into my goal which is to have every senate seat filled this next session. Thank you and if there are any questions I would be happy to answer them now.

Speaker Jackson moved on to questions.

Senator Becker asked what made him different from the other candidates.

Senator Mall said when he wants to get things done, they get done and when he wants to expand things he gets that done as well. His main base is that he doesn't want to be known that he got something but rather that ASUN prepares their interns to get the job done.

Senator Mah said he had an impressive resume. He said he saw the leadership positions Senator Mall holds now and he saw five, one of which was that he was general manager at Days Inn and an Engineering Major. He asked how Senator Mall would dedicate his time to the position.

Senator Mall said that was a perfect question. He is actually a part time general manager. He has recently taken a couple of hours off of his weekly routine. He spends about 20 hours a month on that. Most of it is online and his training is done through Skype. He said that the biggest position he will be holding once his engineering club goes through is that he will be president of Alpha Sigma Pi. He is pretty much a figure head at this point because elections are coming up in November. There is already two candidates and he just has to train them to take the position. He only has 8-10 credits left, he is still talking with his advisor. This spring is going to be his easiest semester by far.

Senator Billman asked if he could go into detail about expanding the internship program.

Senator Mall said most marketing is done through social media. He wants to reach out to clubs to get them to apply even if they are just there for a week. From there he wanted to expand the program so interns know more and he wants them to do this by sitting on committees and actually do research and hold Senators accountable. Doing those little things one at a time will make a huge difference.

Senator Flangas asked if they could ask President Teixeira if any candidates reached out to him because he worked very closely with the Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Speaker Jackson said they will move to discussion for that. With no further questions, she moved into discussion.

Speaker Jackson said:

We shall now go into a general debate from the floor. It has been customary for Senators to review the pros and cons for each nominee in the order in which the presentations were given. However, this process is not binding on the Senate.

Senator Becker said the role of Speaker Pro-tempore would be to take over for the Speaker in any circumstance where they cannot be there. Senator Martinez had experience with Robert's Rules of Order while Senator Mall did not mention any of that. His question about Senator Martinez was what the experience was that he had with Robert's Rules of Order.

Senator Flangas said she worked with Senator Martinez in different legislative body, she knows that he served as president of Peavine Hall and they use Robert's Rules of Order every day and he was president of his high school and used Robert's Rules there as well. He is very comfortable with it as they used it every Thursday at 7 pm.

Dr. Beattie said they can bring back candidates to ask questions if they have any during the debate.

Senator Cook pointed out that Senator Martinez was more prepared and had gone out of his way to speak to Speaker Jackson about her previous role as Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Senator Bussman wanted to comment on Senator Martinez' character. He has had a lot of interaction with him since elections started. When he says things, his heart is in the right place so he trusts him to be genuine with the things that he is doing. They both have stacked resumes but in speeches, Senator Martinez was more prepared.

Senator Flangas asked President Teixeira if any candidates spoke to him about what he looked for in the position.

President Teixeira said Senator Martinez reached out to him and they discussed what he looked for in the position. Senator Mall didn't.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Roll call vote:

Senators Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka and Thummel voted for Senator Martinez

Senator Sullivan voted for Senator Mall.

Senator Martinez won the vote.

Senator Cook moved to approve Senator Martinez to the position of Speaker Pro-Tempore. Senator Thummel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Yeas: Senators Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan and Thummel

The motion was carried unanimously.

Senator Martinez was sworn in as Speaker Pro-Tempore.

b. Parliamentarian

Speaker Jackson said:

We will now move into agenda item 8b, electing a Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian is an expert in rules of order and the proper procedures for the conduct of meetings of deliberative assemblies. Parliamentarian assists the Senate in the drafting and interpretation of bylaws and Roberts' Rules of Order, and the planning and conduct of meetings. Now I will be accepting nominations from the floor for the position of Parliamentarian.

Nominations do not need a second. Self-nominations are welcomed. To nominate someone please use the phrase: I nominate Senator [NAME] to the position of Parliamentarian.

Nominations are now in order.

Senator Becker nominated Senator Billman to the position of Parliamentarian.

Speaker Jackson said:

The Senator Billman, a Senator from the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources has been placed into nomination.

Senator Billman accepted the nomination.

Speaker Jackson said:

There being no further nominations, nominations are now closed.

Speaker Jackson asked Senator Billman if he would like to give a speech.

Senator Billman gave his speech as follows:

Good evening fellow senators. Since I am going to be one of the many people speaking tonight, I'll try my best to keep this nice and sweet. I'll start off by defining the role of Parliamentarian which, according to the SAS, is to advise the speaker and senators one matter of senatorial procedure, the law, and the constitution of the associated students.

While I am still becoming accommodated with the specific rules and procedures regarding ASUN, I have a vast amount of experience regarding government and parliamentary procedure in general. Examples of this can be found in the resume that I handed around the table and includes things such as working as an intern for the previous session of senate and

being the vice president of Argenta hall, where we would conduct our meetings through parliamentary procedure. I also had some parliamentary experience during high school when I went through Nevada boys state, which was an intensive summer program that went through how the government operated through a mock city simulation. During this mock city simulation, I served as an Assembly man and further expanded my knowledge of legislation and the working of meetings. In conclusion, I believe that these experiences give me a solid foundation to work upon and improve upon if I am elected as your Parliamentarian. Thank you.

Speaker Jackson said they will not move into the question and answer portion.

Senate Secretary Godoy said they can just confirm him since there is only one nominee. That is how they usually do it.

Speaker Jackson asked if they should move into a vote. She then said she thought they should still allow for questions for Senator Billman.

Senator Becker asked why he wanted to be parliamentarian.

Senator Billman said from his previous experience like Nevada Boys State and other legislative things he did for the residence halls, it was something that tricked people up. He has seen it happen so many times. If he could help with the process he would like to do so, especially seeing as he has had experience in the past.

Speaker Jackson said that they will now move into a general debate from the Senate body.

Senator Stopka said that compared to the other candidates, he thought he was the most qualified.

Senator Becker said he attended Boys State with him and can vouch for his leadership and passion in government. He also knows parliamentary procedures very well.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Senators Becker, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan and Thummel

Senator Stopka moved to approve Senator Billman to the position of Parliamentarian.
Senator Smith seconded the motion.

Senator Becker asked if they say "I" when they are confirming a nomination and their last name every other instance.

Speaker Jackson said yes.

Roll Call Vote to Approve Senator Billman:

Yeas: Senators Becker, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan and Thummel
The motion was carried unanimously.

Senator Billman was sworn in as parliamentarian.

- c. WTF Nevada ASUN Manager

9. CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Committee to Notify the President**

b. Notifying the President of the Election of the Speaker

10. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Senator Bussman moved to adopt the rules of the Senate.

Senator Stopka seconded the motion.

Senator Flangas asked that if she has a problem is she able to ask a question and then give her motion.

Speaker Jackson said yes.

Senator Flangas said in the rules of the senate it refers to he/she, him/her and himself/herself throughout the document. In the present day, they use the pronoun "they" to include gender queer people. At their senate table currently, they do not have a place to speak, because they don't ever get referred to by pronouns.

Senator Flangas moved to amend the senate rules, so that in any instance, they are to read he/she/they and him/her/them and himself/herself/themselves.

Senator Becker seconded the motion.

The amendment carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote on the adoption of the rules of the Senate:

Yeas: Senators Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan and Thummel

The motion carried unanimously.

11. DISPOSITION OF VACANT SEATS

Speaker Jackson said:

We shall move into the next order of business, Agenda Item 11, Disposition of Vacant Seats as delivered by Senate Rule II(c) of the Rules of the Senate.

Secretary Godoy said:

One seat for The College of Journalism is hereby declared vacant.

One seat for The College of Engineering is hereby declared vacant.

Speaker Jackson said:

The open seat shall be filled in accordance with Senate Rule II.c. An advertisement shall be placed in the Nevada Sagebrush for at least two consecutive issues, and the successful applicants shall be placed on the Senate agenda for a future meeting.

12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEES

Speaker Jackson said: The next order of business is Agenda Item 12, Appointment of Senators to Committees. At the present moment, the Senate shall elect a chair to each of the six Senate Standing Committees.

1. Senate Committee on Academics
2. Senate Committee on Budget and Finance
3. Senate Committee on Civic Engagement
4. Senate Committee on Government Operations
5. Senate Committee on Public Affairs

6. Senate Committee on University Affairs

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for each Committee individually. Nominations do not need a second. Self-nominations are welcomed. To nominate someone please use the phrase: I nominate The Senator [NAME] to be Chair of the Senate Committee on [COMMITTEE NAME]. Each nominee for the Chair will be allowed three minutes to make a presentation before the Senate. Legislative Clerk Hanson will be keeping time and will give the nominees a one minute warning. At the conclusion of each presentation, each Senator may pose questions to the nominee for a maximum time of five minutes. The Body will have a moment to identify questions to ask each candidate for their respective Chair position. Each Senator is still responsible for their question. During the interview, only clarification questions are allowed as follow-up. To ask please state, "Point of Clarification" and state your question. While it is the customary practice that nominees for a Chair position are not present in the Ballroom during the consideration of the other nominees and during the vote, pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law and the parliamentary authority, the Senate may not require the nominees to leave the Ballroom during the consideration of the nominees. Also, each Senator is entitled to cast a vote for a Chair. When all nominees are completed for each Chair position, the voting for that Chair will commence by roll call vote.

c. Academics

Speaker Jackson said:

Now I will be accepting nominations from the floor for the Senate Committee on Academics. Nominations are now in order.

Senator Becker nominated Senator Cynthia Lee.

Speaker Jackson said:

Senator Cynthia Lee, from the College of Science, has been placed into nomination. Do you accept?

Senator Cynthia Lee did not accept.

Senator Flangas nominated Senator Sullivan.

Speaker Jackson said:

Senator Sullivan, from the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, has been placed into nomination. Do you accept?

Senator Sullivan accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Senator Sullivan did not have a speech prepared so the body moved to questions.

Senator Becker asked if he had academic experience that he could bring to the table.

Senator Sullivan said he met with many councilors to discuss wide range of options that all students have with regards to academics as well as their track to graduating. He has a huge interest in research and how it effects all areas of campus life for all majors.

Senator Cammie Lee said he mentioned how he had experience with councilors and research; she asked him to expand on his research experience.

Senator Sullivan said he worked in labs in CABNR and in the medical field. It is pretty specific but it is related to the qualities they could develop in government, student life and the mentor/mentee relationship.

Senator Cammie Lee asked what he would offer as chair and what his goals were.

Senator Sullivan offer intuition and dedication. He has a lot of time this next semester seeing as he only has 14 credits and as for what he would do for the constituents, he said he had not heard about the chair previously but was a quick learner and picks up things fast. He said he appreciated the questions.

Speaker Jackson encouraged them to look at all the duties and responsibilities of the committee chairs in the senate rules to ask those questions.

Senator Bussman asked if he was familiar with the description of the committee and what it does.

Senator Sullivan said yes, roughly.

Senator Becker asked if he felt comfortable being chair.

Senator Sullivan said yes.

Senator Cammie Lee asked if it was too late to nominate herself.

Director Rodriguez said it was too late.

Senator Billman asked what he know about NSUJR and the part that the Committee on Academics has on that.

Senator Sullivan said he knew very little.

Speaker Jackson moved into discussion.

Senator Cook said that although he didn't know much about this position, he personally knows him and he knows that he is a very quick learner and is a smart individual. He is sure Senator Sullivan will fulfill the position.

Senator Mah asked that if Senator Sullivan is not voted in, what next step they would take was.

Senator Jackson said she did not know so she would like to ask Director Rodriguez or President Teixeira.

Director Rodriguez said they would reopen nominations.

Speaker Jackson asked if that would be done at this meeting or would they have to wait until the next meeting to do so.

Director Rodriguez said this would be a good thing to ask the parliamentarian, Senator Billman. She went through the list and they have already gone past the opening. Depending on parliamentary procedure, someone would have to ask that they go back to reopen nominations.

Senator Flangas asked if they don't vote Senator Sullivan in, could he be open to be nominated again.

Speaker Jackson said he could be nominated again.

Senator Cammie Lee said that although Senator Cook said that Senator Sullivan was a smart individual and that he was dedicated, she felt that he didn't know much about being chair of Academics. He should not run for the position.

Senator Bussman asked Senator Cammie Lee if she had prepared a platform.

Senator Cammie Lee said she did not nominate herself but she felt that she should have as she would make a better chair.

Senator Stopka spoke to Senator Sullivan's character. The fact that he sought a position no one wanted initially was a huge challenge. It said a lot about him and he wanted to reiterate Senator Cook's statements. He also knows him personally and he is probably one of the smartest people ever.

Senator Becker wanted to say that if they voted him in without experience and the fact that he is not fully aware of his duties in this position, he would recommend that if they can't go back to nominations, they find a strong vice chair, such as Senator Cammie Lee, who would put a lot of energy into that committee.

Senator Paningbatan asked what they would say if they don't feel confident in a candidate. Would they say they had a vote of low confidence?

Speaker Jackson said that they could say that in presenting the nominee and they can vote against approving.

Senator Kuykendall asked if neither of the candidates were to be elected, would the next meeting be dedicated to electing a new chair.

Director Beattie said that was correct.

Speaker Jackson said:

There being no further debate, we have concluded and the roll call vote will now be called. Those responding to their names will indicate by the nominee's last name of the nominee of their choice.

Roll call vote to approve Senator Sullivan:

Yeas: Senators Becker, Cook and Stopka

Nays: Senators Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se. Smith and Thummel.

The motion failed.

d. Budget and Finance

Senator Becker asked if they could nominate multiple candidates at a time

Speaker Jackson said to keep it to one nomination at a time

Senator Becker nominated Senator Thummel

Senator Thummel accepted

Senator Thummel nominated Senator Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall accepted

Speaker Jackson said there being no further nominations, nominations are closed. Without objection, the nominees will be recognized in the order in which their nominations were made. Nominees, we recommend for you to leave the Ballroom during the interview portion, however you are entitled to stay according to Nevada Revised Statutes.

Senator Thummel said he was from the College of Business and he was running for the position of Chair of Budget and Finance. His main platform was financial accountability. He served on the executive board as treasurer for his fraternity. At the beginning of his election he laid out a \$60,000 dollar budget for his chapter. One of the things he learned was the importance of education. It was key to communicate where the student funds were going. This involved speaking and keeping in communication with Teixeira and Dr. Rodriguez. One of his goals would be to increase financial clarity with the senators. Many senators rely on the budget and finance committee to approve the budget. He would like to keep all senators well aware and involved with the budget. He noticed as an intern the simplified budget under Senator Feng, and he got a walkthrough of the budget. He thought this was a great way to expand the budget to the senators and the students to give them an idea where their money is going. He also talked to Dr. Rodriguez about the importance of maintaining a zero budget. He has experience with that in his fraternity, where they try to zero out the budget.

Senator Becker said Senator Thummel wanted to make the budget more available to the student body. Asked how he would do that

Senator Thummel said at every meeting he would get budget reports and make sure that all senators are engaged and know where the money is going. He would speak at every meeting about budget and finance and make sure senators know when the budget is updated.

Senator Becker asked if he would make the budget more available to the senate, and then they would make it more available to the students.

Senator Thummel said he encouraged the senator to direct the constituents to the simplified budget, and he would find ways to implement and expand the budget to make it more accessible.

Senator Smith asked what set him apart from Senator Kuykendall

Senator Thummel said his experience with budgeting with his fraternity and understanding the concept of a zero budget so that all the money goes back to the students.

Senator Martinez asked what ideas he took from Kyle Feng as an intern on something he wanted to change

Senator Thummel said he met with him twice and met with the head of the Wolf Shop. The revenue from there goes to ASUN, so he would like to have them more involved.

Senator Billman asked what the greatest challenge for him would be

Senator Thummel said having various organizations like Ink Blot work together to make sure when they come to budget and finance meetings so they know where their money is

being spent. Making sure that the departments are prepared for the budget and finance meetings.

Speaker Jackson asked that Senator Thummel invite Senator Kuykendall into the room

Senator Kuykendall said good evening, he was a junior studying accounting. He has learned a lot about budget and finance through his courses and he met with the previous budget and finance chairman. He knows about the accounting world. One of the most defining factors for an individual is what they learn outside of their education and the classroom. What they make of their education outside of the classroom defines them. He volunteered to do taxes for low income individuals who could not afford to have someone do their taxes for them. His knowledge of taxes doesn't make him a better leader, but the experience gave him the value of the dollar. He worked with people of different backgrounds and realized that the value of a dollar isn't the same for everyone; to some people a dollar means getting coffee or going to the movies, but to some people, five dollars may go to classes, or their meals for the week. Every dollar that students pay for credits is important. It's easy to look at the entire budget and see that it is huge, but that is the wrong way to look at it. He would look at every dollar spent to make sure that their money is going to good places. Right now they have good financial transparency, you can see the budget and the simplified budget. But they were lacking transparency in communication because some students don't even know about the website and what you can find online. One of his goals would be to go out to organizations and communicate what they are spending the money on. The most important part of the Budget and Finance Committee is to uphold integrity and make sure students know their money is being used wisely. Every student should be able to see the impact of their money the year they spend it. It is described as a tax, but he liked to think of it as unearned revenue. A student spends money towards every credit that they take, but really they are paying a subscription for the upcoming year. What is most important is letting the students know their money is spent wisely.

Senator Jackson said she would like to acknowledge the disruption in their meeting, and asked Coffin and Keys to please leave the meeting. Asked the senators to acknowledge that this is not something that is normal and they will not allow disruption of decorum during their meeting. Apologized to senator Kuykendall for the disruption.

Senator Flangas asked if Kuykendall could give his final statement again

Senator Kuykendall said his goals in his plan for budget and finance was not just transparency, it was also upholding integrity and making sure everyone got a fair shot at their education.

Senator Becker said he asked the same question to senator Thummel, he was talking about how they were going to communicate money to the students. He asked how he would do it and what examples of how he would do it

Senator Kuykendall said there had to be participation and they had to get students to ask questions in public comment. It wasn't just budget and finance that was responsible for the funds because senate approves resolutions that spend money. They need to go out to the students as well, by speaking to different organizations like RHA and clubs and organizations to communicate to students and get everyone involved so that students know about their opportunities to use their funds.

Senator Flangas asked how he would enable his committee to understand how to use and

work with the budget

Senator Kuykendall said that for people who don't understand budget and finance, he would propose bringing in people who deal with finance to talk about finance. Faculty can give insight, and he would teach about how budget and finance works. He didn't think people shouldn't not get involved just because they don't know about budget and finance. The previous chair was from the college and science and he did a great job. Senators and other students can understand how budget and finance works

Senator Martinez asked if he had spoken to the previous budget and finance chair or anyone who oversaw the committee

Senator Kuykendall said he talked to former senator Kyle Feng, who inspired him to run because he told him that budget and finance needed to uphold its own integrity and to approach the money conservatively so that money is spent efficiently.

Senator Bussman asked if he had any experience outside of the tax job

Senator Kuykendall said he was an accounting major and he has taken courses to understand it. He worked with his fraternity to create budgets, but he had never been the treasurer.

Senator Jackson asked that he step out of the room for discussion. They would move into the debate

Senator Becker asked what year senator Thummel was

Senator Se said he was a sophomore

Senator Flangas said it was admirable that senator Kuykendall had an idea of what each dollar meant to a student, and that he has thought about how ASUN will affect the whole campus.

Senator Billman said he liked how Senator Kuykendall met with the previous chairmen to know what was going on. It showed initiative

Senator Becker said to Senator Billman that both of the senators had experience with Budget and Finance. Senator Thummel was an intern.

Senator Billman said he knew that, but he thought that since Senator Kuykendall wasn't an intern, he thought it was more impressive. They both showed initiative

Senator Sarwar said that even though Senator Kuykendall didn't have as much experience he had a lot of passion and was willing to teach people

Senator Becker said senator Kuykendall said he had experience with budgeting in his fraternity but he didn't lie and say that he was the chair. He was transparent

Senator Mah said he thought Justin was more composed and he believed that was more important because he was dealing with student funds and money, which required a steady hand versus Austin's speech, he was a little jittery in his speech with his ideas. Thought that Justin was more composed.

Senator Bussman said that he disagreed, he thought experience was more important than speaking skills. He thought that Senator Thummel spoke well enough. A chair who is in charge of a two million dollar budget should have formal experience with that sort of thing

Senator Becker said they talked about how the speaking in the speech is irrelevant, the main thing was the personality, and they want a steady personality that isn't hyperactive.

Senator Mah said even though Austin does have experience, he thought Justin for the position had more concrete ideas. Austin beat around the bush. He stated that he wanted to make the budget more transparent but didn't say how. He didn't think they could be more transparent when there is an accessible budget on the website.

Senator Becker said Senator Thummel wasn't asked a specific question, he was vague. He didn't the chance to give specific details, but Senator Kuykendall did. Moved to ask Senator Thummel to come in for further questioning.

Speaker Jackson said they could bring him in for more questions

Senator Becker asked how he would specifically increase communication to the students and make the budget more transparent

Senator Thummel said he was impressed with the simplified budget, and he would want to promote that as much as possible. With students who have issues who have to pay into the organization, they can show them the simplified budget and find ways to promote more transparency.

Senator Becker asked how he would promote it to the students

Senator Thummel said the senators would be well versed in the simplified budget so that they can talk about it in their office hours and speak to clubs and organizations about how the budget works to reach to as many students as possible. If they are well aware, they can talk about the budget.

Speaker Jackson asked Senator Thummel to step back out of the room for more discussion

Senator Mall said that Senator Kuykendall's composure during the interruption was impressive and said a lot about his personality

Speaker Jackson said seeing no further debate they have concluded, and a roll call vote would be held. When their name is called, please designate their choice for the chair.

A roll call vote was held

Senator Kuykendall: Becker, Billman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Flangas, Lippi, Senator Mah, Senator Mall, Senator Martinez, Paningbatan, Senator Sarwar, Smith, Sullivan, Stopka

Thummel: Bussman, Cynthia Lee, Se

Senator Kuykendall received the majority of the vote

Senator Smith motioned to approve Senator Kuykendall to the chair of the committee of budget and finance

Seconded by Senator Flangas
Motion carried

Senator Kuykendall was sworn in as the Chair of the Committee of Budget and Finance

e. Civic Engagement

Senator Smith nominated Senator Flangas to the chair of the Committee of Civic Engagement

Senator Flangas accepted

Speaker Jackson said Senator Flangas could give her presentation and have questions and answers

Senator Flangas said: Hello. My name is Nicole Flangas; I am a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, and I stand before you today in hopes of becoming the Chair of Civic Engagement. When I first decided to run for office, the main reason I wanted to be part of ASUN was simple - at the heart of this organization is the commitment to make this campus and the community both within and around us better. And so when I think about civic engagement - I think at its core we are taking the spirit of what ASUN is and giving it back, and expanding that opportunity, to the students. There are countless ways to interact with and better a community - to be by definition "civically engaged" - but I have a specific vision to advance volunteerism, service learning opportunities and political activism. Volunteerism is something our campus has recently taken to new heights because of GivePulse. What we can do to further the volunteer opportunities is provide workshops during orientation and throughout the year about how to use GivePulse. I also want to start a push for having representatives go speak directly to clubs, organizations, and Greek life, as well as charities and nonprofits within the local Reno-Sparks community about using GivePulse. And this campaign to get more local charities linked with Nevada Students can start with Service-Palooza - My goal is get more than 50 charities represented on that first week of the semester and to have to them actively using GivePulse to extend opportunities throughout the year. Further, I want to initiate a larger recognition program for those in our student body that do above and beyond in volunteering. In terms of service-learning, I want to further the 2020 Strategic Plan "No Walls" and the work of Provost Carmen by writing resolutions in support of initiatives that further service learning opportunities. Further, this committee can work with the cooperative extension office in their efforts to create more service-learning courses in regards to all the colleges on campus. Lastly, Political Activism is where we, as a campus, can grow. Election season may have ended, but students' opportunities to be politically engaged are infinite. I want to work very closely with Legislative Affairs to coordinate "Know Your Rights Week", and the Elections Commissioner in bringing speakers that encourage less represented groups to become politically active and run for office on the university level as well as beyond. Further, I want to incorporate political volunteerism opportunities into GivePulse. We are living in a time where the political conversation is critical, so creating mediums for students to get involved is a step towards giving our generation and university a voice and re-enforces the power of the people as a check on both ASUN and local and National Government. So I will close with the words of Margaret Mead who understood very clearly what civically engaged individuals can do: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Not only can this committee be that small group, but with this vision, so can the students on the campus. THANK YOU.

Speaker Jackson said they were now open to questions

Senator Billman asked if she met with the previous chair

Senator Flangas said he met with former Senator Green and they talked about service Palooza. He set a record of bringing organizations to campus. They also talked about some of the stigmas that go along with community service and activism. Sometimes people in the sciences feel like they can't get involved. Her heart lies with political activism. They had a very contentious election, but she believed that dissent was the highest form of patriotism.

Senator Lee asked if the college of science felt like they couldn't participate

Senator Flangas said there was a stigma that people in the college of science don't feel like they can get involved or they don't get reached out to. In the colleges of education and liberal arts there are a lot of opportunities. Sometimes in the sciences it is hard to get involved. They are trying to reach out to the college of sciences and give them opportunities to volunteer that deal with the sciences.

Senator Lee said she felt like college of science people are very involved, like with the medical student association and honor societies are very involved. One of her platforms was to make a volunteer abroad chapter. She didn't think they weren't involved.

Senator Flangas said she wanted to create a campaign that directly was devoted to the sciences so that they had more opportunities

Senator Kuykendall said he was a fan of service learning. Asked how she would increase service learning opportunities

Senator Flangas said they could write legislation to create and support initiatives to create more opportunities and support those that already exist. They are working towards the Carnegie designation, which they didn't get last time because they didn't have enough service learning opportunities on the campus, so now they can reach out and eventually service learning classes will come about. Right now they don't have the opportunity to create service learning classes.

Senator Martinez asked if she could elaborate on her experience with community service organizations

Senator Flangas said on her resume she talked about organizations she was involved with. She was involved with the National Charity League and rotary. In high school she hosted the state leadership conference and had a mini service-palooza. She was on the Northern Nevada Youth Leadership Council and she was the co-chair of that board.

Senator Cook left the room at 8:13 PM

Speaker Jackson said they would now move into debate and she asked Senator Flangas to please leave the room.

Senator Cook returned at 8:16 pm

Senator Becker said he felt comfortable with her being the chair

Senator Martinez said she seemed very confident and she already had ideas and reached out to organizations. Didn't see a reason they shouldn't vote her in

Senator Kuykendall said it was important that she mentioned democratic engagement. It wasn't just service learning but also democratic engagement in today's political climate.

Roll call vote was held to approve Senator Flangas to the Chair of the Committee on Civic Engagement

Yea: Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan, Thummel

Nay:

The motion carried

Speaker Jackson said that Senator Flangas had been elected as the new chair on the committee of civic engagement.

Senator Flangas was sworn in.

f. Government Operations

Senator Kuykendall nominated senator Thummel

Senator Thummel accepted

Senator Billman said he nominated himself

Speaker Jackson said the nominations were now closed. She recommended that they leave the senate chambers

Senator Thummel said he would be right for the chair because he was an intern for the Committee on Government Operations. He saw how they went through the SAS and reviewed bills and resolutions. He has met with the past chair about looking at bills. When bills are brought to the senate table with errors it is off putting, so he would like to meet with all the members to make sure that bills are on the right form and properly worded. He also sat on the bylaw committee for his chapter, which are basically the SAS for their fraternity and people propose bylaws and he works with them to format and reword them

Senator Martinez asked what he discussed with former senator Jordan

Senator Thummel said it was brief, it was about what the chair does for the committee and how it goes through bills and resolutions. He assigned the committee to read the SAS for rewording.

Senator Lee said there was a gap in representation in senate, there were more males than females. Asked how he would fix that

Senator Thummel said one of the things he would do was to work with the elections committee to include more diversity. ASUN did a great job raising participation and they can do that towards diversity and women by working with the election committee to increase participation among minorities.

Senator Jackson asked Senator Thummel to step out of the room and invite senator Billman in

Senator Billman said: Hello again, my fellow senators. While an intern for the 84th session, I

had the opportunity to sit on multiple committees and while it mostly consisted of going to safety sustainability and wellness meetings, I also had the opportunity to go to a few Government operation meetings. While at those meetings, I learned the basics of what government operations committee entails, which is to review bills regarding the functions of ASUN government and those associated documents. Using this experience and others, the major goal that I have if you elect me as your committee chair, is to provide an adequate and productive environment to properly comb through legislation that comes through the committee so that when it reaches the Senate table, it is has had all the kinks worked out of it and is ready for productive conversation. Thank you

Senator Lippi asked how he can elaborate on a positive, proactive environment

Senator Billman said he meant a place where everyone is comfortable speaking their voice and everyone is comfortable with their opinion. Someone may have an important opinion on a topic, and if they are not comfortable they may not share

Senator Becker asked what experience he had with government operations and outside of ASUN

Senator Billman said the boy's states thing he mentioned was a mock government simulation. They had it set up as if you were each in your own city, it had all the operations and it opened his knowledge of what government operations were. In his FHA chapter, he saw the workings of government through leg affairs, as well as passing bills, and he could be helpful

Senator Cynthia Lee said ASUN is very divided in women and minorities versus men. Asked how he would solve that

Senator Billman said he believed it was important to... asked what she meant by fixing it

Senator Cynthia Lee said there was a gap between women and minorities compared to men, and asked how he would fix it because ASUN is supposed to be a fair representation of the student body

Senator Billman asked what she meant by fixing

Senator Cynthia Less said encouraging more women of people of different sexual orientations to apply for senate

Senator Billman said having events like Unity Week to reach out to those people and get them involved, as well as putting in more emphasis. Unity week shows that ASUN is supportive of different views.

Speaker Jackson said that with no more questions, Senator Billman could leave the room. That job responsibility fell under elections commission and other departments like the elections commission. As it pertains to government operations, its more about the legislation.

Senator Stopka said that he believed Senator Thummel seemed more ready for the position and had more experience.

Senator Flangas said she furthered that sentiments. His commitment to clear and concise

bills is something they should look forward to. The SAS is 178 pages, and he wanted to make the SAS applicable to students.

Senator Sarwar agreed, thought that senator Thummel's thoroughness and clarity made him an excellent candidate

Senator Becker recognized that both candidates said they have experience with the last committee chairs and they both went to meetings. Asked for a public comment from Senator Jordan through the speaker, who he thought who had the upper hand in terms of government operations

Speaker Jackson said he could ask former Senator Jordan if he met with the chairs, but this was an opinion of the senate, so he could get information from him but not his opinions.

Senator Becker said through the speaker to former committee chair of government operations Jordan, asked if he met with both of these candidates

Former Senator Jordan said he met with Senator Billman multiple times but not specifically about government operations. He gave a presentation during the meeting about what government operations did. He did not meet specifically with anyone about government operations. If someone remembers speaking with him, it was in passing. There was no formal meeting about anything that happened in government operations

Senator Bussman asked if Senator Thummel claimed that he actually sat down with Senator Jordan and talked with him

Senator Becker said from his recollection, he believed that he did say that he talked to Former Senator Jordan

Senator Stopka said he would like to agree with Senator Becker

Senator Flangas said she felt like he could have been talking about how they sat on the government operations committee. They didn't ask if he specifically talked to him. Didn't want to assume he was lying

Speaker Jackson asked if they would like to bring him back in for questioning.

Senator Cook asked if Senator Thummel had personally sat down and met with former senator Jordan about government operations

Senator Thummel said yes, when he had his first intern meeting. They discussed the overview of what the chair does

Senator Becker asked what kind of insight he gained that could be advantageous

Senator Thummel said it was just general because at the time he didn't know what government operations was, they talked about what he did at his chair position

Speaker Jackson said they could now have more discussion

Senator Smith said that she wanted to point out that Senator Thummel hasn't really known what government operations was until this semester, but Senator Billman has been serving

all throughout high school and college

Senator Cook said point of clarification: asked former senator Jordan if he has or has not sat down with him

Former Senator Jordan said that current senators could sit down and do “speed dating” to meet everyone. Senator Billman heard the same thing as senator Thummel

Speaker Jackson wanted to redirect the conversation into the qualifications of the candidate

Senator Flangas said just to give a rebuttal on Senator Smith’s statement; Senator Thummel sat on the bylaw committee of his fraternity, so they both have some past experience

Senator Becker said they all made the point to discuss what he said and what that means, but he wanted to discuss the level of experience. Senator Billman had more experience with his fraternity as opposed to the other Senator.

Senator Paningbatan said Senator Billman was involved in Boys State, it was a week-long program, it wasn’t something that was long term

Senator Kuykendall said through the speaker to Senator Becker, it was his understanding that Senator Becker had done boys state and wanted to know more about it

Senator Becker said Senator Billman was at boy’s state and he was there to participate in government operations, but he can’t speak for his competency. He didn’t run for any positions. How competent and comfortable you are with government functions has a lot to say. If you were to be elected it would say a lot. He wasn’t elected.

Speaker Jackson said for clarification, Senator Kuykendall was asking about the function of boy’s state

Senator Becker said there were three kids from every high school and they came here over summer. It was a student run government and they elected each other into positions using Roberts Rules, and they had a government, lieutenant governor, and secretaries of state

Speaker Jackson asked if there was anything to do with legislation

Senator Becker said he couldn’t confirm that

Senator Se said he went to Boys State. They did have committees where they would review and create legislation, and review them in committees and make amendments, and do things like you would in government operations. They learned a lot about the different kinds of bills.

Speaker Jackson asked point of clarification if there were time limits for discussion

President Teixeira said she could set all her time limits

Speaker Jackson said she would like to take more discussion

Senator Sarwar said that experience wasn’t the only factor to recognize the potential of someone

Speaker Jackson remained the senate to read the SAS and understand these details

Senator Flangas said the role of government operations was to review the SAS and the rules, but they didn't ask if they reviewed the SAS

Speaker Jackson agreed that they should ask them that question because it was pertinent to the role

Senator Flangas asked if Senator Billman had gone through the SAS and read the rules of the Senate

Senator Billman said he has gone through the entire document, but it is a lot to take in and he needs to look at it more before he had a handle on the document. He has looked through it twice

Speaker Jackson asked Senator Billman to invite Senator Thummel in for more questions

Senator Flangas asked if Senator Thummel has read through the SAS and the rules of the 85th senate

Senator Thummel said not the entire SAS, but he will if he is elected to get an understanding of what to improve and change

Senator Becker said that no offense to Senator Flangas, but unless they have given them a quiz on the SAS, they shouldn't take their knowledge of the SAS into consideration

President Teixeira said point of information: they will write as many bills as budget and finance does, and everything needed to be perfect because they affect the SAS and he thought they needed to take that into consideration

Senator Becker said they didn't want to only take into consideration their character and experience. Asked what else they should consider for this chair

Senator Sarwar said seeing how thorough and experienced they are is important. There are other factors like how thorough they are and how they would approach it. Thought that Senator Thummel would be more detailed

Senator Cook said he thought they had asked them enough questions to get a general idea of who they are, and wanted to move to a vote

Senator Mah said going off besides experience, personality is important. Thought senator Thummel was more coherent in his speech in what he was trying to convey. Senator Billman wasn't as smooth. Believed Senator Thummel had a better presentation.

A roll call vote was held

Senator Thummel: Becker, Senator Bussman, Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Senator Mah, Senator Mall, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Senator Stopka

Senator Billman: Senator Cook, Senator Kuykendall, Lippi, Senator Martinez, Sullivan

Senator Thummel received the majority of the votes.

Roll call vote on the approval of senator Thummel to the Chair of Government Operations
Yea: Becker, Senator Bussman, Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Cook, Senator Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Senator Kuykendall, Lippi, Senator Mah, Senator Mall, Senator Martinez, Paningbatan, Senator Sarwar, Se, Smith, Senator Stopka, Sullivan
Motion carried

Senator Thummel was sworn in as the director of the Committee on Government Operations

- g. Public Affairs
Senator Cook nominated Senator Becker
Senator Becker accepted

Speaker Jackson said the nominations were closed. Senator Becker had five minutes to give his statement and answer questions

Senator Cook left the room at 8:49 PM

Senator Becker said good evening, his name is Ryan Becker. He is speaking to run for the committee chair of public affairs for the University of Nevada, Reno. His job would be the university and legislative director's liaison outside of campus, with the public and community. He would work with the director of Legislative Affairs to resolve issues of health and wellness, and health and education on sensitive topics like sex trafficking, which he was passionate about it. Five years ago about there were 600 girls in Nevada that were victims of sex trafficking, and now there are 300. He wanted to make serious and sensitive topics comfortable to talk about. The It's On Us campaign, he would like to put some sort of organization to connect with sex trafficking because it went hand in hand with sexual assault. His major was pre-med and community health science. Health was one of his biggest concerns, especially with his undergraduate research studying nicotine and drug use.

Speaker Jackson opened the floor for questions

Senator Paningbatan said he was passionate about sex trafficking, asked if he was in any clubs or organization that do things to remedy the problem

Senator Becker said there are no clubs that seek to prevent sex trafficking, but he was in AMSA which was working on getting speakers to come to prevent sex trafficking from a non-profit called Awaken. He wanted to be close with them through his term

Senator Flangas said in the rules of the senate, it said that public affairs should be responsible for creating policies at local, state, and federal levels. Asked how he would specifically look at policies

Senator Becker said he had examples for local and state, from his experience, he was involved in Civic Engagement at Green Valley High School and they had local congressmen come and speak. He wasn't sure how they could reach out to the federal level. There was nothing more civic than their legitimate government. Having speakers would attract attendance.

Speaker Jackson said public affairs dealt with writing legislation on policies going through the state, local, and national level

Senator Bussman asked if there was a specific legislation he wanted to push through regarding sex trafficking

Senator Becker said he wanted to be able to carry that out through ASUN. Specifically, he talked about the It's on Us campaign which was important in the 84th senate, and he wanted to create legislation

Senator Bussman said It's On Us went through university affairs, so that wouldn't change jurisdiction, but he could work with that event

Senator Flangas said this committee shall voice student concerns about tuition and fees. This is the first year they can raise fees. Asked what he would do to ensure student concerns are heard about tuition and fees

Senator Becker said they would have to inform the students about that, because he had no idea about it, so they had to voice it to the senate and to students. He could do that via electronic messaging, emails, posters, and emphasizing everything civic they do on campus by an opportunity board online where they post everything going on.

Speaker Jackson said their question and answer period was up and asked Senator Becker to leave the room for debate.

Senator Kuykendall asked how Senator Becker would represent all of the constituents and represent the student body as a whole because there are many diverse groups and it is hard to accommodate every single person.

Senator Billman said he liked how he had specific ideas about the committee, but it seemed like he didn't know all the duties of public affairs. They host a veteran's breakfast. He has some great ideas.

Senator Martinez said some of the things he was saying were great and he was talking on his feet. His plans didn't seem to align with the job itself when he talked about its on us, and he danced about legislation and how he would implement the sex trafficking bill. He was not motivated for new ideas for the committee.

Senator Flangas said the point that Senator Kuykendall brought up about how he would address public affairs was important. Asked to bring him back for questioning

Speaker Jackson said they could bring him back in for questioning

Senator Kuykendall asked how he would represent a very diverse group of students from campus without isolating other groups

Senator Becker said he would have to make his committee as diverse as possible. That wouldn't solve everything, but it would be a start.

Senator Flangas said public affairs is the voice of ASUN in the community. With that wide range of views, how will he make sure that all those views are represented.

Senator Becker said he would do it very explicitly.

Senator Flangas said public affairs is supposed to be the voice of ASUN, and asked how he would work with all the views on campus and make sure the policies reflected the student body

Senator Becker said he would have to vet it through his diverse committee and they would have to think of another way to vet out any lack of diversity. They could run the bill through senate and then the senate can check back for diversity if it didn't reflect the students. Then the responsibility would fall to the senate to reflect the students

Senator Sarwar asked how he would create a medium in which students are more connected to the issues of public affairs

Senator Becker said he would publicize his role. He can't say that more than 50% of the population know about his job. His committee could publicize to the public because they are not aware. He would be happy to walk around campus and go club to club.

Speaker Jackson asked Senator Becker to leave the room for more debate.

Senator Cook said he thought that they should do the same thing they did with committee of academics and give him another week to prepare

Senator Martinez said he agreed. He felt like he was dancing around the questions once more, and his answers did not pertain to the public affairs committee.

Senator Mah said he agreed as well. Every question they asked, he had no concrete ideas. He didn't believe he was qualified because he beat around the bush, especially when he said it was someone else's job. He needed a vision and goals.

Senator Flangas said when they look for someone as the chair, especially with the increase in tuition, they needed to know how to reach out and uphold the ideas of a diverse group of people. She agreed they should wait a week.

Speaker Jackson said they would move into a roll call vote

Roll call vote

Nay: Senator Billman, Senator Bussman, Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Cook, Senator Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Senator Kuykendall, Lippi, Senator Mah, Senator Mall, Senator Martinez, Paningbatan, Senator Sarwar, Se, Smith, Senator Stopka, Sullivan, Senator Thummel

Motion failed

Speaker Jackson said the candidate for the chair did not receive the majority of the votes so this position will be up for nomination next week.

*Senator Cook left at 8:49pm
Senator Cook returned at 8:52 PM*

- h. University Affairs
 - Senator Smith nominated Senator Bussman
 - Senator Bussman accepted

Senator Becker nominated Senator Cook
Senator Cook accepted

Speaker Jackson said nominations were now closed. Asked them to step out of the room during each other's presentation

Senator Bussman said he was a junior psychology major with an emphasis on psychoanalysis and a minor in business administration. He thought that the experience he had throughout college made him an effective communicator, and his experience with marketing made him a good candidate because University Affairs was to market the senate to students and to the faculty. He mapped out a summary of what he has already done to prepare for the position by reaching out to individuals about University Affairs, which is how he developed the platform, through crowdsourcing. He hoped to bring innovations to the position. He made a list of liaisons he thought were important for this position. There were some line items in the University Affairs description. He had experience with marketing which was the approach he wanted to take. He was chosen as the COLA seat for the student advisors board and he already works with publications on campus. He talked to Amy Koeckes about advertising, and she said the Joe Crowley Student Union screens are underutilized and they should be explored more. He talked with Blythe about the newspaper and he wanted to put a department of the month section in the Sagebrush. He wanted to hold outreach events to inform the constituents about ASUN and get their opinions. He had plans for a food event because it was a good incentive to get students engaged. The second event was Dunk a Senator which got students involved. When students get out and have fun with senators they open up, which is what outreach events are about. He wanted to work with the executive board with initiatives. He wanted to continue the It's On Us campaign and any other initiatives the directors have. He also wanted to talk to the previous directors of Health and Wellness Week. President Teixeira's platform was based on mental health, so it was important to communicate with him.

Senator Martinez asked how he would delegate positions

Senator Bussman said the committee would decide that. He would decide which liaisons were important. Senators had specific goals and departments they wanted to work with.

Senator Flangas asked if he could talk about some examples for reaching out to the community

Senator Bussman said the last session got rid of WTF ASUN page, which was unfortunately named. He thought the problems with that campaign can be fixed and remade in a positive way. The name, What to Fix, would encourage freshman who have a broken AC unit to ask ASUN senators to fix their air conditioning, but it wasn't in the jurisdiction of ASUN, so they had to reframe the perspective of what to ask. They should ask about their concerns rather than what to fix. This will need a lot of refining as he puts the idea out. There should be some kind of incentive to give students a compensation. He wouldn't want to put that through ASUN funds, so he would contact different companies to get sponsorships for prizes.

Senator Thummel asked what experience he had with marketing

Senator Bussman said he worked with a company called H and H in Vegas in high school. He worked in the samples department, and they did printing for large companies. Companies would express interest in purchasing a product, so they would look at that

request and send them samples to give a good representation of what they can do with their company and these products.

Senator Martinez asked if he had any discussion with the current chair of university affairs

Senator Bussman said yes

Senator Martinez asked what he discussed

Senator Bussman said he got the idea for the department of the month, and she was the main driving force for developing his platform. There were smaller things they talked about but she contributed a lot to his platform.

Speaker Jackson said there was no more time for questions and answers right now, asked if he could invite the next candidate in

Senator Cook said he served on this committee last session, so he knew what departments they needed liaisons for and he would reach out to former senator Bradley and use her if he were elected. His goal for this session was to make the liaisons closer and have better ties with their departments. In the past, they are assigned a liaison and told to meet with them. He wanted to require his committee to meet with their departments at least once a month, and that they go to a meeting whenever the meetings may be or sit down with the director of campus police. Transparency is key, the goal of the committee was to reach out to the different departments and make sure they were working together. He would talk it upon himself to be the liaison to Jim Fitzsimons. He thought that Pack Fit was a huge thing that this university could take even farther. It has already exploded, and it has so much more potential. His goal for this position last September was to get classes on the quad, and he would use this committee to bring that to light and make it happen. Thought that if he had a committee to work through to get their ideas and use them to implement this, it could work with pack fit and they would flourish.

Senator Martinez asked if he talked to the committee chair outside of being a part of her committee and if there were any ideas

Senator Cook said he reached out to her today to see if there were any tips to implement. They had a good relationship now.

Senator Martinez asked point of clarification: are there any new ideas for next year?

Senator Cook said not yet, but that went along with using your committee and coming up with ideas for the body

Senator Billman said one of the jobs listed in the SAS for university affairs was to promote senate among the student body. Asked how he would improve that

Senator Cook said through liaisons and having them meet monthly. If they know their department, there shouldn't be any problems with transparency

Speaker Jackson said question and answers were over and asked Senator Cook to leave the room for debate

Senator Kuykendall said senator Bussman had the best vision and the most ideas

Senator Lippi said Senator Bussman was very prepared and committed

Senator Paningbatan said Senator Bussman was creative. His poster showed his creativity and he might be more in tune with today's popular culture.

Senator Flangas said the titles he underlined were specifically written in to university affairs, so he understands the duties of the committee. He is committed to answering each of the duties.

Senator Cynthia Lee said Senator Cook had a good vision. Senator Bussman wanted to have more days of the academic year to promote wellness. Senator Cook just said to promote pack fit

Senator Paningbatan said Senator Cook was a part of the committee last year, he had experience but no vision to continue to improve the university. Senator Bussman was creative and he already had ideas

Senator Thummel said hearing about his experience with marketing in the past was valuable

Roll call vote was held

Senator Bussman: Becker, Senator Billman, Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Senator Kuykendall, Lippi, Senator Mah, Senator Mall, Senator Martinez, Paningbatan, Senator Sarwar, Se, Smith, Senator Stopka, Sullivan, Senator Thummel

Senator Cook:

Senator Bussman received the majority vote

Senator Smith moved to appoint Senator Bussman to the chair of the university affairs

Senator Smith moved to approve Senator Bussman to the chair of University Affairs
Senator Kuykendall seconded

Roll call vote to approve Senator Bussman to the chair of University Affairs

Yea: Becker, Senator Billman, Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Senator Kuykendall, Lippi, Senator Mah, Senator Mall, Senator Martinez, Paningbatan, Senator Sarwar, Se, Smith, Senator Stopka, Sullivan, Senator Thummel

Senator Bussman was approved as the chair of the committee on university affairs

Senator Bussman was sworn in as Chair of the Committee on University Affairs

Speaker Jackson said the next order of business is the appointments of Senators to the Senate Standing Committees. Each committee must be composed of between 5 and 9 members, and each Senator must serve on at least two committees. The Committee on Budget and Finance must have at least 7 members.

Senators who have been elected as Chairs are automatically on their own committee as well as on the Committee on Oversight, which fulfills the two-committee requirement. However, it is highly encouraged that you also sit on another standing committee. Asked a point of clarification if they had to appoint members to the committees that were not standing.

Director Beattie said since two committees were not standing, asked if some senators could wait to be added until next week

President Teixeira said per the senate rules, it had to be two

Dr. Beattie said because two committees are not being appointed, all twenty senators would have to sit on the four committees.

President Teixeira said they could all sit on two committees because that committee will not meet on time to be agendaized. When they do this, make sure the language is that they nominate to put themselves on the committee by unanimous consent so they don't have to vote for every committee

Speaker Jackson said they would skip the Committee of Academics and consider the membership on the committee of budget and finance: Senators Mah, Senator Thummel, Senator Mall, Becker, Senator Martinez, Smith, Senator Cook, and Se

President Teixeira said if you are a committee chair, Oversight and another committee is enough

Senator Becker motioned to approve the membership of the committee of budget and finance

Senator Kuykendall seconded

Motion carried

Speaker Jackson said Senators Senator Bussman, Smith, Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Cynthia Lee, Lippi, Senator Kuykendall, Senator Billman were proposed for membership on the committee of civic engagement.

Senator Flangas moved to approve the committee

Senator Billman seconded

Motion carried

Speaker Jackson said Senators Smith, Senator Stopka, Senator Mall, Sullivan, Senator Thummel, and Senator Billman were proposed for membership for the committee of government operations

Senator Se motioned to approve the membership of the committee of government operations

Motion carried

Speaker Jackson said Senators Senator Mah, Paningbatan, Senator Stopka, Senator Sarwar, Flangas, Smith, Senator Bussman, Se, and Senator Cook were proposed for membership on the committee of university affairs

Senator Cynthia Lee moved to approve the committee by unanimous consent

Motion carried

Senator Stopka left the room at 9:40 pm

13. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AUTHORIZED UNDER SAS 102.04.b

14. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND

REFERRAL

15. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were comments or announcements at this time

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Teixeira said congratulations to everyone. He challenged them to prepare themselves for the elections of the empty chairs, especially academics which he was passionate about and encouraged them to know what Former Senator Henderson did. Encourage people who ran tonight and lost to run again, they still have the opportunity to win. The discussion was really good, they would learn how to use the proper verbage, speak with the right language, and wanted to remind them that everything was on public record, so it could be traced back by audio and paper. Congratulations to the new chairs.

Senator Green said shout out to the senate, they had a great discussion Shout out to Senator Becker for asking a lot of questions. Be active at the table because that is how you are a good representative for your constituents. Do your homework if you will run again next week. Shout out to the senate secretaries, so try to keep them in mind. Wanted to talk about the interruption, that was Coffin and Keys, they will write a lot about you, but they are bullies. Things that come from people behind masks don't know anything, they have the power, so don't give them the power. Its' easy to get mad at them.

Senator Stopka entered the room at 9:42 pm

Perdue said she was the news editor for the sagebrush. Wanted to congratulate everyone. If they wanted to highlight anyone, please feel free to contact them so they can highlight people. Being the news editor she was passionate about that because school pride went into that and she felt they lacked that

Dr. Beattie said he wanted to mirror Dennis and thank the senate secretary and clerk, they have an 80-page script and prepared everything because they are very dedicated. Wanted to applaud speaker Jackson, but this meeting was very well run even with interruption. Thanked the body for asking questions. They were all diligent. Everyone spoke and he was glad. The speaker was supposed to make sure people spoke. Was really excited for this session. Next week, everyone kept talking about four o'clock that was to take pictures. They can wear their normal senate clothes because they have a robe to wear. The senate page will change by noon so their profile picture will be up. They will have professional pictures up there. They will be on the listserv tomorrow. Next week, there will be some appointment on the agenda, so Noah will submit some candidates, interview some people, and have an appointment. Suggested they pull the job descriptions and have them prepared, and have that at senate so they can ask questions. He always says that and every year people say they should have done it. Their job is to hold these people accountable. Then, it will be oversight's job to call them in if they are not meeting those commitments. Homework: they should be meeting with student services. Next week, at least four of you should share what you learned. He won't assign specific people, but be ready to share that experience. Will work with Speaker Jackson to come up with a list of people to invite to senate. Roberts Rules are confusing and they did a great job, they can mess up because it is still a classroom. In a few weeks, they will understand. Great job tonight. Through speaker Jackson to Senator Becker

Senator Becker said through the speaker to Dr. Beattie, asked what they should discuss for student services

Dr. Beattie said to find out what they do. Many of them are new, so they don't know what

enrollment services entails, or the fitness center, or the police. They should find out about their department and projects.

Secretary Godoy thanked them for a great meeting. They weren't here that late, they have stayed here until midnight before. For civic engagement and budget and finance, they have their oaths. If you gave a speech and ran for a position, and didn't sign an NRS waiver please see her. If everyone can go around the table and clarify their names

The table clarified their names

Director Rodriguez said she was excited for an ASUN retreat to talk about civic learning and democratic engagement. They have transformed the ASUN. A student activities center plans and presents programs and assesses learning outcomes to assure students learn and grow. This year it was presented at NASPA, the largest collection of higher education professors in the world, and this year their staff submitted six program proposals, and five of them were accepted. In San Antonio with 75,000 professionals, they were chosen to present the information related to first generation students in clubs and orgs, starving college students with their data on the food insecurity, on political engagement, scholarship research, did a survey on Latin-x because Spanish is a gendered language. Be prepared, they have important data and they will work with Senator Jackson to give them access to that information. The chair of civic engagement has a lot for democratic engagement. They still need to engage students in the democratic process.

Speaker Jackson congratulated everyone, this is where their journey begins. Thanked everyone for being patient. Was proud of them for asking critical questions and making sure everything is vetted thoroughly. For their chairs, she would contact them to see when the committees can meet. Also, wanted them to start contacting their committee to find a weekly meeting time that works. Their meeting times had to be on business days between eight and five. The best way was to create a doodle poll. Thought they did a really great job pushing people to be better. They had a bunch of important decision coming up and would be approving executive board members, so they needed to come to the meetings prepared and know all the duties and have questions. Encouraged them to talk to people to target their discussion. Agreed with Dr. Beattie that it was important to document their promises and keep them accountable. On the ASUN website they could find the minutes and look at speeches to keep them accountable.

Director Rodrigues said it occurred to her, what stops the body from having potential appointees submit things in writing about their goals so they can follow up. Forgot to tell them they would receive an invitation to the civic engagement recognition breakfast

Speaker Jackson said that was a great idea and they could request that. Think about how to keep people accountable and efficient.

Secretary Godoy said that if they ever needed anything from the secretaries, let her know. She basically lived in the office. If she is there, stop by and say hi, she is a resource for them and she would like to help them.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting of the 85th Senate at 9:59 pm.