

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Speaker Jackson called the Senate meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cam. Lee, Cyn. Lee, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Paningbatan, Sarwar, Se, Smith, Stopka, Sullivan, and Tool were present.

Senators Cook and Flangas were absent excused.

Senators Martinez and Thummel were tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from April 12th, 2017
The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Caroline Ackerman was the general manager for Wolf Pack Radio and Cecy Cervantes was the PR Manager for *Brushfire*. They will be having AMPS this Friday in the Fishbowl in the Joe since they will be releasing a new journal. No one from *Insight* was able to make it but she will pass around some copies. She also had some buttons, stickers, and hand bills for Wolf Pack Radio. They wanted to introduce themselves and say congratulations on their election; they were all super excited. They are located right down the hall; *Insight*, *Brushfire*, and Wolf Pack Radio all share an office. Wolf Pack Radio is funded by ASUN and is student run. They usually get 50 unique shows but this year they had 60 volunteer writers and DJ's.

Ms. Cervantes said *Brushfire* is the literary journal and they publish 2 issues per semester. They also have a party and poetry. They get many submissions so they are very selective. They are super fun and were looking forward to getting to know them.

Ms. Ackerman said *Insight* used to be The Artemisinin back when they made yearbooks but now the school is too big for a yearbook. They publish three times a year. They had some writers but anyone can also write for them. The final thing is thing that Wolf Pack Radio used to do show with senators and she wanted to bring that back. She will reach out to them to see if anyone wanted to give senate updates. Senators would talk about what happened in senate. If anyone was interested, let her know.

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Speaker Jackson encouraged them to get to know all three offices since all three offices did incredible work; they should be promoting the publications to their constituents.

6. **RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL**

- a. The resignation of Associate Justice Taylor Stichauf
Speaker Jackson read the letter into the record:

“Dear Chief Justice Sam Bruketta:

I am writing to inform you about my resignation from my position as an Associate Justice with the Associated Students of the University of Nevada. I am leaving this position due to graduation, and my last day will be May 12, 2017.

Thank you for all the opportunities, guest speakers, and projects you provided me throughout the position. I enjoyed working on the mediation project, and hope to see it do well in the coming years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Stichauf’

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira
President Teixeira said it had been a busy week. He finished the interviews for Clubs and Orgs and the Director of Diversity and Inclusion. He made a decision on both of them and Speaker Jackson has already received one of the appointments; the other he just decided on about 30 minutes ago and he just sent it. He met with Chuck Price for 2 hours on Friday and talked about the possible Joe expansion, what ASUN’s role would be, and what steps would be needed. It would most likely be a student fee. They would have to start by seeing what was feasible and how they could do it. Then they would have to talk to President Johnson and Vice President Ellis about the student fee. Then they would create a ballot question before elections. Then it would move on to the board of regents. He and Mr. Price had an interesting conversation about possible vendors that would be added in the student union. Mr. Price is also looking at different things that students have asked for over the years such as a 24-hour study hall, more gaming areas, more locations to hang out outside. The next piece was BLF. Director Kinel will talk more about it but they were looking at possible artists and offers. Tomorrow, he will send his chief of staff to the Student Tech Fee Advisory meeting since he has class. He had two people going through today. Three were recommended favorably but Mr. McNeece had a training for another job he is taking over the summer. Mr. McNeece will not be here tonight but they will have Spencer Shultz for Director of Legislative Affairs and Cameron Harris for Attorney General. He was super excited for them to come up.

Senator Becker asked if they could disclose vendors.

President Teixeira said he could not because of contracts.

There were no further questions.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza

VP Atienza thanked everyone that attended the Pack Internship Poster Reception. He especially thanked Senators Bussman and Flangas, Speaker Jackson, and Chief of Staff Bradley. The event went well as they had not just students that were recipients but also employers and even employers who were interested in joining the program. They had a great turn out and it was a great event. There is ASUN orientation training after the senate meeting in Pack Place; it shouldn't be more than 30 minutes. There will also be training on Sunday in case they could not attend today. No one told him they couldn't make either of those so he was assuming everyone could attend. He had an upcoming meeting with the Advisory Board and the Student Fee Advisory Board. He and President Teixeira will be going to the Board of Regents on May 9th.

There were no questions.

c. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley

Chief of Staff Bradley will attend the Student Fee Advisory Board tomorrow. She is planning the executive training with President Teixeira to book rooms and catering. The dates are set. The full ASUN retreat will be done a little differently this year since the Joe is booked for two months straight. They will have to get creative and look at some different places around Reno and the campus. She thought it would be a good thing to change the scenery. If they had any theme ideas, send them her way since she wanted a good list before deciding. They are looking at the end of August, around the 18th – 20th. It wasn't set in stone yet but please keep it in mind. The It's On Us video shoot was earlier today and will continue tomorrow. She thanked those that participated already. She started creating a contact list for the sponsor drink since she wanted to get it done as soon as possible so it would be set by midfall. The summer will see all the groundwork. She also has a meeting with Senator Martinez on Sunday about the internship.

Senator Lee said some of them had Nevada Fit in August. She asked if they could schedule it around August 19th - 24th.

Chief of Staff Bradley said it started that Sunday so they are shooting for right before then when they were all coming back into Reno anyways. There will be a lot of trainings around that time so they will stay away from that week.

There were no further questions.

d. Director of Programming, Mia Kinel

Director Kinel said BLF planning is in full swing. The goal is to have tickets by June 1st so they can target orientation while parents are here and they have cash. They cannot disclose artists because of negotiations so please do not ask them; they will tell them when they can. She was working on getting a calendar of events so they are aware for spring and the fall. They will see her nominees for assistant directors in the upcoming week since she had interviews on Friday.

Speaker Jackson said they will be volunteering at their event to get outreach hours.

There were no questions.

e. Director of Legislative Affairs, Veronica Charles

Director Charles said she had been working to wind things down at the legislature. They had 5 bills going through that they watched or presented on. This past session, they asked a few people to support SB 101 for tuition reimbursement of the children of civil servants that died in the line of duty and that did pass two weeks ago. They had two bills that didn't make it so they will no

longer follow them. One bill coming up next week was dealing with student loan reimbursement and consolidation. The next director will be talking about that. Other than that, she had nothing to report.

There were no questions.

f. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

Chief Justice Bruketta had a presentation for them. He was the chief justice during the 84th session and will continue in 85th. He will be talking about the judicial council and share information on what they do and the goals they have.

Overview of the Presentation:

- Role of ASUN Judicial Council
 - How Judicial Council can help you
 - Goals of the administration
- Current projects
- How you can help the Judicial Council

Misconceptions:

They are not the human resources of ASUN. If they go to their office, its not a bad thing. But they will listen to them talk about their feelings. They also did more than just swear in the president. They do meet more than once a year and even more than once a semester. The most important rule from last session was that when Senate did its job, it made the Council's job much easier.

Role of ASUN Council:

- Given Power under Article 4 of the ASUN Constitution
- Powers are outlined in Title 3 of the SAS
 - Composition: 1 Chief Justice (2 year term)
4 Associate Justices (2 year term)
5 interns (1 year term)

The chief justice and the associate justices must be junior or seniors and interns may apply the next year if they'd like.

- Duty:
 - (1) Hear all cases that arise under the constitution and statutes of the Associated Students
 - (2) Resolve controversies among members of the association and adjudicate all cases all cases where the constitutionality of an act of the Senate, the President of the Association, or any member of the Association is called into question

They hear cases whether they are elected officials or members of the Association and they resolve controversies whether through cases or dispute resolutions. They are a backup to Senate for anything Senate implements by enforcing it. They make sure that everything Senate does reaches constituents.

How can the council help:

- Provide insight into future and passed legislation
- Legislation interpretation
They can give interpretations of legislation for their purposes and why they are here today

- Precedent
They can analyze legislation to see what it would do and see what kinds of precedents would be set.
- Help ensure the voice of your constituents are heard
- Answer questions regarding procedure of members of the association
If they had questions about the SAS or what it meant, they can give their interpretations.

Goals of the Administration:

- Increase transparency throughout the council – a lot of people don't know what the council does
 - Accessibility
 - Informal availability
 - Research
- Work with students and representations of the association to develop Alternative Dispute Resolution – this was a big thing because they had seen a drop in students filing cases. He wants to look at other possibilities to ensure conversation is happening
 - Co-mediation program
He will talk more about this once the program gets going
 - Informal accessibility
Being able to reach out to all members and making sure they are within the bounds of powers
- Develop and execute a Judicial Council Internship Program
- Work with community partners to create a relationship between students and the legal community
 - Talks
Guest speakers came in to talk about various topics such as conflicts of interests. He was looking at doing a talk on what happens if a student is picked up on a DUI
 - Programs
- Change the View of the Judicial Council
In the past couple of sessions, it has been that the council only meets once a year or semester and he wants to change that so that the council is more active and being supportive

Current projects:

- Establish and Execute a Judicial Council Internship Program
 - 2016-2017 Program established under Justice Chahal (just resigned last meeting)
They haven't had interns for 4 years; this year they re-established the program and had more apply than they could take in. It helped develop members that wanted to apply so they could take the next step; stepping in wasn't a bad thing but it helps to have developed members
 - Develop members to serve the council
- Work to enhance the quality of the Judicial Council – he wants to start documentation since he had almost nothing when he took over
 - Develop a Judicial Council Rules of Procedure (Justice Fleming/Mixon) much like the Senate Rules
 - Work with Executive and Legislative branches to enhance transparency
 - Working with community partners to increase university exposure

- Develop an undergraduate Co-mediation program
 - Research and development by Chief Justice Bruketta Justice Stichauf
They have been working with other universities and the Boyd School of Law to create a program where students develop solutions

What else can they do:

They can provide training on things like what is a conflict of interest or how to write and present legislation so that it is well written when it reaches the table. They help develop programs across the campus. Lastly, they maintain the integrity of the ASUN.

His email was chiefjustice@asun.unr.edu and was located in the office right next to the president's office. He was there often, stop by and introduce themselves.

There were no questions.

- g. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson
Speaker Jackson said a Ch 202 class had an exposition happening titled *How to Think like Leonardo DaVinci*. It would be a great outreach opportunity for senators to see as the class will be discussing different issues around campus as well as possible solutions. She would really appreciate it if everyone that could go please attend.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Cam. Lee said they had their first meeting last Monday and during the meeting, the committee talked about goals. This included extending the Knowledge Center's hours on weekends and over the summer. They will have their last meeting next week and will continue to go over how to implement goals. They are also electing vice a chair. The committee decided they will meet with Dr. Mencing bimonthly, or twice a month, to get information for undergrad research.
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said last week, they met last Thursday to discuss legislation and review the 2018 fiscal year budget. President Teixeira gave a presentation on the budget. They favorably recommended the bill and they will hear it under agenda item 17. This senate meeting, they will review a bill from two weeks ago because of timing it had to wait even though the committee recommended it favorably two weeks ago. Moving forward, this next meeting will be discussing two bills. The first is from Speaker Jackson; he wrote the other since an organization is requesting funds. He asked his committee let him know their availability so they can hold meetings before they had to agendize for Senate.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas
Senator Billman read the report into the record:

"First, thank you to all the senators that came out to the civic engagement recognition breakfast - and thank you to Chris for putting on such an important recognition event for those on campus who go above and beyond and our partners off campus who work with us to create civic engagement opportunities. The Committee on Civic Engagement last week outlined specific goals for the committee and will be looking at how to incorporate them into a comprehensive strategic plan over summer. We also talked about how to improve the committee and ultimately improve the on-campus relationship that this committee has with the organizations which do activities which engage forms of democratic engagement - so we

are looking towards creating liaison system after consulting the soon to be appointed director of clubs and orgs. We are also meeting with Chris and Amy from the center for student engagement to discuss Give Pulse, the future for Give Pulse, and how to best promote the use to our community partners and students — that meeting will be this Friday at 5 pm in the President’s Conference Room.”

- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker
Senator Becker said they had their first meeting today at 4 pm in Room 320. It was brief but they had good content. They had public comment from Director Charles and that was the most important component. She gave a presentation on how Legislative Affairs and Public Affairs are related, how communication should be, and the role the committee played. No one ran for vice chair which he was disappointed. He encouraged all members to run or other senators to run if they joined today.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman
Senator Bussman said at the last meeting, they established their lessons. Their next meeting will be next Thursday to establish goals for the summer so there is some accountability. This way, they will have something to discuss at their first meeting. There are some specific things he wanted to talk about. He wanted to work with the Career Studio to promote Hand Shake. It was a new internship service the studio was unraveling for the fall. It hooked them up to a national network of internships that other universities are hooked on. It was important in the level of GivePulse to civic engagement so he wanted to make it a priority so that it was properly marketed to all students. He met with Cairn Lindloff yesterday about doing something with orientation but the Career Studio already had their own dedicated space for promoting their services. He also learned that as an orientation guide, he couldn’t represent anything else. Something Senator Flangas had been working on was connecting GivePulse on WebCampus and he wanted to do that with Hand Shake. He thought it was important because they are trying to establish both civic engagement and career readiness as pillars of education. He spoke with Amy Koeckes and she gave him a better contact to advance that movement. Moving to the ASUN text service because a lot has happened with that. To recap the vision, currently every orientation session had a workshop where students could go to. There, students sign up for a text service to get university information. The future was to move from an opt-in system to an opt-out. He spoke to Cairn Lindloff about that and that wasn’t her jurisdiction so she pointed him to Melisa Choroszy with Enrollment Services. Ms. Choroszy didn’t see why they couldn’t give incoming phone numbers to be hooked up. The first text sent out would be if they didn’t want to have the service, then they could opt-out. That would drastically increase their base number of people they are reaching. One caveat is that under FERPA, a student can choose to not release their academic record so it would then not be accessible. That was fine since those not opting-out would be mostly the 3500 freshmen coming in; that would triple the access they had. He actually just got an email from Ms. Choroszy right before the meeting. She said that information about class standing wasn’t a metric they had so they could only get the data from all undergrad students and that would be a lot more than 3500. That would completely change the effect that the ASUN text service would have. He will talk to Director Koeckes about the infrastructure that went along with that increase of the program. The service they currently used operated on credits and with 2500 or so students, they had enough credits but not enough to send messages to such a huge portion of students. They are trying to contact their provider to work out how much the expansion would cost. Another thing they are looking at was content filters. Students would decide what kinds of messages they wanted. For students not as involved, they might just get event notifications. For a student that was far more active and engaged, they can get texts about ASUN services and service opportunities. It would have a huge

amount of customization. He was excited to work with that in the future. As far as other things the committee is doing, Speaker Jackson sent him and Senator Paningbatan unfinished legislation. It would be a resolution to expand the disability resources; they will work on that. As far as health and wellness events, he met with Student Conduct and they have been working with a group called NV Dope. They were a group of students that have had issues with substance abuse in the past and want to voice their opinions to help students deal with substance abuse. He wants to voice their concerns to wanted to work with the group to give them a voice through a substance abuse event. That was being done with Senator Se since he was the liaison for the Office of Student Conduct. Other than that, he, Senator Se, and Senator Sarwar met with the Office of Student Persistence yesterday to get a presentation on the new sexual assault data that had been collected. It had some very eye opening information. Some developing information was given and that gave them ideas for routes on sexual assault prevention; he was looking at ideas for that. He will bring more information when he had it.

*Senator Lippi left the room at 6:06 pm
and entered the room at 6:09 pm.*

Senator Thummel entered the room at 6:09 pm.

- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Martinez
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There are no candidates up for discussion at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

- a. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on April 26th, 2017:**

- i. **NOMINATION OF SPENCER SHULTZ TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Senator Smith left the room at 6:09 pm.

Senator Becker moved to approve the nomination of Spencer Shultz to the Office of Director of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Stopka seconded.

Speaker Jackson asked Mr. Shultz leave the room so that the body may discuss possible questions.

Senator Cyn. Lee said in his platform, he wanted to create a relationship with political officials. She wanted to know how.

Senator Becker wanted to ask about his prior experiences with other activities to see how they will support the position.

Senator Smith entered the room at 6:11 pm.

President Teixeira said he first met Mr. Shultz at an NSA meeting when he was the president for TMCC. Right then he knew Mr. Shultz was an impressive individual because he commanded the attention of the room; he knew exactly what he wanted to say and how to say it. That was very important in a director since they will be dealing with legislators in very intense situations. The next year, Mr. Shultz transferred to the University and wanted to get involved immediately. However, he didn't have the credit load necessary to take on the position he wanted. Mr. Shultz gave it a semester but kept trying until he joined the Department of Legislative Affairs. He worked with Director Charles and did an incredible job in the position.

Speaker Jackson said Mr. Shultz would have 10 minutes to present which would be followed by a period of 10 minutes for questions and answers.

Mr. Shultz said he will run through his platform. If they had his resume, on the bottom sheet they will see the Department of Legislative Affairs 2017-2018 Platform. The bullet points are the main lines. Point 1: Streamlined pathway within the Department designed to encourage structural retention and future success One of the largest problems he saw with student governments was retention to make sure they had the infrastructure necessary to move forward. As this is an off year, the department should create a strong foundation so that the following session can really push more bills, register more voters, and have more to do. Point 2: Adoption of best practice office policy: Introduction of a point system. He had the same problem when he was at TMCC where there were members not in office during their office hours and that was a waste of student fees. He would like to get this done as soon as possible, hopefully by the end of the summer. Point 3: Introduction of a new campus conversation event focusing on individual participation and engagement. During the 1960's Berkley protest, a group of students got together to protest university policy. Eventually police got called to the protest, which he would like to avoid. While there, one of the students climbed on to the police car and placed a microphone. that student allowed others to come on and speak for 2-5 minutes. Berkley and UCLA both have a space where students can speak for 2-5 minutes. He believed that campus conversation was very important and would push them closer to No Walls 2025. Lastly, Point 4: Continuing the pursuit of previous organizational work. He believed previous directors had done a wonderful job and he wanted to continue that. For his qualifications, he was the president of TMCC, was currently the Projects Coordinator for the department, and had been involved in student government for 3 years. He asked for questions.

Senator Billman asked he expand for streamline pathway and how it would enhance the internship program.

Mr. Shultz said it would grab freshmen and takes them to the department. It lets them know what they can do to get involved on campus. He included an example of a vague formation: policy analyst to assistant director to director. The idea was to encourage people to continue in the internship program. The purpose of internships/mentorships was to continually push for higher positions after internships. He was hoping it would increase retention because those freshmen at the beginning of their sophomore years will tell the next freshmen class about the internships. He would be seeking a senator to amend the SAS along the lines of a

clear pathway to have more funding for internships, the opportunity to have more interns, etc. He had 3 stages planned out if elected director. Stage 1 was hiring his department over the summer and working with them. Stage 2 was coming to Senate with plans. Step 3 was working progressively throughout the year.

Senator Becker said he was the chair for the Committee on Public Affairs. It was his responsibility to be in close contact with and communicate efficiently with him about current legislation. Since this was a gap year, Senator Becker asked how he wanted to build a foundation.

Mr. Shultz said he would reach out to all senators and Speaker Jackson. He would need all their help since he was a transfer student. There were some things that he would need their help with. He will work closely with them. If they had ideas, let him know; he was an open person with an open door. He will work by attending all committee meetings for Public Affairs. But if there are other committees he should go to, let him know and he will make time. If he can't attend, he was great with email and texting.

There were no further questions; the body moved to discussion.

Senator Sarwar said he would be dedicated and had experience. His goals aligned with No Walls and they were all working toward that.

Senator Becker would reiterate President Teixeira's statement that he had experience with leadership and that showed in his résumé.

Senator Stopka liked his introduction of a point system; that would help with department accountability.

Motion carried.

Spencer Shultz was sworn in as Director of Legislative Affairs.

ii. NOMINATION OF CAMERON HARRIS TO THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Senator Kuykendall moved to approve Cameron Harris to the Office of Attorney General.

Senator Smith seconded.

Speaker Jackson asked Mr. Harris leave the room so that the body could discuss possible questions after having seen his supporting documents. If there were no questions at this time, they could wait until after his speech.

There were no possible questions discussed at this time.

Speaker Jackson said the members of the Committee on Oversight could ask the same questions again if they felt the questions were important and pertinent to the body.

President Teixeira said Mr. Harris was the returning attorney general from last year. He was sworn in after they came back from winter break since former Attorney General Tedford graduated. Prior to getting this position, Mr. Harris had never been in ASUN before. He educated himself on the SAS almost immediately. Seeing as he was the president of his fraternity, he worked a lot with their judicial board. Additionally, the reason why he picked Mr. Harris, was because President Teixeira saw the amount of work Mr. Harris put in last session during elections. He put in a lot of effort in his opinions and worked hard to make sure everyone was following the SAS. President Teixeira once saw Mr. Harris around 12:30 am in the library working on an opinion during finals week. That showed him that Mr. Harris was always working. During the interview, they talked about how they aligned with how President Teixeira wanted opinions written. Mr. Harris was the most qualified for the position. There were a couple of other people that applied but they simply didn't have the same qualifications and knowledge of the SAS that Mr. Harris had.

Speaker Jackson said Mr. Harris would have 10 minutes to present followed by a 10-minute period for questions and answers.

Mr. Harris said he was a biochemistry major graduating in spring 2018. He served as the president of Kappa Sigma. Through that he has dealt with diverse opinions as the chapter is full of diverse individuals. He physically worked on their governing documents and helped perfect them. While they are not perfect now, they have been improved on. He planned on doing that in this position now. He was the previous attorney general so he was very familiar with the SAS, the Constitution, the Senate Rules, and Nevada Open Law. There are some discrepancies and he will bring them up. Some plans he had included fixing the elections code. Many of them who ran for senate received emails from him because there were some occasions here he could have filed charges. He didn't because he felt it was unfair since there were so many discrepancies. He wants to make sure everything is consistent and congruent. He was a very personable and friendly guy but he also had no problem bringing the hammer down if needed. The law is the law and they must follow it. There are no stupid questions with him. Secretary Godoy will tell them, she has had numerous questions and we go back and forth with calls and texts. He had no problem helping and advising them but will also keep them in line. He asked if there were questions.

Senator Bussman asked if he decided on a timeline for suggestions to revise the Elections Code.

Mr. Harris said before elections.

Senator Becker asked why he wanted to be attorney general.

Mr. Harris said that after doing it last semester, he wanted to get involved with ASUN because he felt the university and doing great things and he felt the university could benefit with his hands on something. After doing it, he wanted to fix the SAS as well as the Elections Code to avoid future problems because small things lead to big things.

Senator Thummel asked what challenges he faced while serving and how he would overcome them.

Mr. Harris said when first got involved, it was a big wake up into reality. He didn't know the documents and learning them was a challenge. But he is now more familiar with them. The SAS was a big document but he was trying to get through it all. His only real problem was not getting opinions out fast enough but he will improve with time management.

There were no further questions; the body moved to discussion.

Senator Cam. Lee was sure he was well versed in the SAS. He caught that she didn't post the agendas in the physical locations on time. Even though she was only off by an 1 1/2, it violated Nevada Open Meeting Law. Like he said, little things can lead to big problems and she was happy Mr. Harris caught that.

Senator Kuykendall wanted to reiterate that they need someone that was stern and to the point and didn't allow for personal motives to get in the way. They hadn't heard any other candidate but he was very qualified

Motion carried.

Cameron Harris was sworn in as Attorney General.

iii. NOMINATION OF STEVEN MCNEECE TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

iv. NOMINATION OF BRANDON WALBERG TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

b. Senate Committee Changes

Speaker Jackson said committees will be changing times in the fall; she asked if there were any senators that needed to change committees.

Senator Becker asked Senator Billman if he was removing himself from the Committee on Public Affairs.

Senator Billman said he removed himself from the committee last meeting.

Speaker Jackson asked Secretary Godoy if she had record of that or if they needed to make a motion.

Secretary Godoy said she would have to look and didn't know off the top of her head.

Speaker Jackson said if it was an issue, they could resolve it next meeting. She thanked Senator Becker for his diligence.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

There was no legislation to be considered under first reading at this time.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There was no legislation to be fast-tracked at this time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

There was no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to Make Revisions to the FY17 Budget
Senator Stopka moved to approve SB 85 – An Act to Make Revisions to the FY17 Budget.

Senator Lippi seconded.

Senator Kuykendall read the bill into the record:

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- 1 Whereas, there currently remain funds in the reserve line of the
2 association budget;
- 3 Whereas, the tuition support needed for the semester requires
4 additional funding for its final recipient;
- 5 Whereas, the reserve line of the ASUN Budget and Finance
6 account (1702-105-0102) will be lowered to assist in alleviating
7 the aforementioned difference;
- 8 Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, the “Reserve”
9 line of the Budget and Finance committee account (1702-105-
10 0102) be decreased by \$1,000.00;

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- 1 Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, the
2 “Tuition Support” line of the Milton D. Glick Academic
3 Initiatives account (1702-105-0135) be increased by \$1,000.00.

Senator Kuykendall said this bill was brought to him by Director Rodriguez because the Academic Initiatives Account provides assistance to students experiencing some type of crises and are in need of tuition assistance. There was one student that still needed funding for the semester and because it had to be done within fiscal year 2017, that is why this revision is happening now. It must be made proactively not retroactively. The reason it is being moved out of the Budget and Finance Committee’s account was because it was where the excess of the budget goes to. It doesn’t harm any other organization; it just provides assistance without dipping into other accounts.

There were no questions or discussion.

Motion carried.

- b. S.B. 85 – An Act to Approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018
Senator Stopka moved to approve SB 85 – An Act to Approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

Senator Billman seconded.

Senator Kuykendall asked President Teixeira to give an explanation of the budget.

President Teixeira said there was a number in parenthesis – \$16,911 – that was the amount of money he moved in the budget. It was relatively small compared to former President Boone who had about \$40,000. They didn't have a lot of money to spend this year for a lot of different reasons. At the Senate account, they will see that wages are going up because the cost per living credit went up. Senators are paid from that credit so as it goes up their pay goes up. Moving down to the Executive Board. They can see that nothing changed except for the last line item – Diversity and Outreach. This is the line item for the Diversity and Inclusion position. He increased it by \$10,000 and doubled it because he felt that diversity was an important issue last year. This was especially true based on the conversations he has had with students. It was totally justifiable to add \$10,000. Additionally, he believed they needed to expand on the department as a whole and the department will most likely have new members added. Down to BLF. The budget stayed the same except for the revenue line. That line was the money they got from selling tickets. Last year, they got to about \$148,000 but their mark is \$150,000. If the department goes over their mark then they can keep the money and move it within the account. If they don't make the money then he keeps the money and moves it however he wants. He increased it to \$160,000 because last year they started selling tickets two weeks before BLF and they made \$129,000. This year they will be selling tickets through orientation so he expected it to increase by at least \$20,000. Director Kinel is avid about getting that number higher. Elections, the Contingency Fund stay the same. The Operating line for *Insight* magazine is going up. ASUN Center for Student Engagement is seeing a big increase because professional salaries are going up. It wasn't his choice but because the state will be paying more into healthcare and the like, they had to match. Salaries and Fringe were affected for the same reason. Travel, Post, and Operating are all going up. Moving down to Legal Services. They wanted to be more efficient with how Legal Services has been operating in the past years. So, they took down the amount of student wages allocated. This was because some of the things they were billing could have been done in a more efficient way. Moving down to the Host line for Leadership Programs. They are moving \$4,000 out of the DFS internship program. Because they had so little money, Director Rodriguez said she could handle the program on her own so that money will not be needed anymore. Moving down to ASUN Sound and Lights & Resources. He was taking \$6,711 out of student wages because the Joe recently developed a sound and lights department so much of what they would do in the building won't be ASUN Sound and Lights anymore. They also saw that they could be more efficient with how they had students out during their shifts. On top of that, he needed to have a conversation with Chuck Price about how Sound and Lights would work with clubs and orgs. In the Judicial Council and New Student Initiatives, nothing changed. Moving past that, to Academic Initiatives. The ASUN Academic Banquet has never actually been thrown but they have had \$2,500 there for a long time. ASUN had an end of the year banquet and additionally, it would make sense to have the people honored at the academic banquet to come to the end of the year banquet. That way, club leaders and academically honored people are being honored together. Moving down to Blue Crew, they made no changes. For Legislative Affairs, they took out \$4,000 because it was an off year. Last year they had an additional \$5,000 since it was an on-year and they needed the money to operate and do everything they did to engage students. There are no more changes. At the bottom, there was a number – \$634 – and that was the total amount of dollars not allocated. That was all he had to move around in the budget right now. He wanted them to realize this budget was based on a 3% growth in students. That was very conservative because they were hoping for a 5% growth in students. However, they didn't want to budget for a 5% growth but only get 4% and then be down money. He accounted for 3% rather than 5%. The budget was as conservative as possible.

Senator Sarwar left the room at 6:41 pm.

Senator Kuykendall asked if there was reason for the heading difference now. They amended the budget heading but wanted to make sure.

President Teixeira said the heading wasn't changed.

Senator Kuykendall said it was changed.

President Teixeira said he hadn't touched it; if it was changed it could be due to the secretaries.

Secretary Godoy said she only printed what was on the website; she did not change a thing.

President Teixeira said they should keep in mind that Speaker Jackson agendized this a week before their meeting happened.

Speaker Jackson asked Senator Kuykendall if there were any amendments that needed to be made.

Senator Kuykendall said one of the subheadings said FY18 but should say FY17.

Speaker Jackson said it was clerical; a motion was not needed.

Senator Kuykendall asked the body if they understood how to read the budget; he wanted to make sure they knew what was going on before approving it.

Senator Cam. Lee asked about the right side.

President Teixeira said that right where it said FY18, it should say FY17. This was the operating allocations. Next to it was the end result and next was that was the difference.

Senator Paningbatan asked if the \$634 was all they had to move.

President Teixeira answered yes. He was being as conservative as possible. They had to pay many expenses like renewing GivePulse and the payment for the fields. They will see later on that the Wolf Shop will be needing money, things like that.

Senator Bussman said President Teixeira was hoping for a 5% increase, not 3%. He asked where the increase would go if it happened.

President Teixeira said that would be a future conversation. It might come up that BLF came up with \$100,00 in revenue and then money would need to go there. He can't give a correct answer right now because they didn't know what would happen, the bookstore could burn down.

Senator Smith said on the last page where it asked about the total budget, its total was \$2.5 million but the allocated was \$3.02 million. She asked if that was an estimate.

President Teixeira said it was the balance forward. The balance forward was made from allocations from how much money has been spent and where it was spent.

There were no further questions or discussion.

Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. **Senator Reports**

Speaker Jackson knew many of them were still getting through their connection assignments. She asked those that hadn't gone yet please say who they met with and what they learned from the meeting.

Senator Cam. Lee had the Center for Student Engagement and Front Desk. For Front Desk, she met with them two weeks ago and they talked about what Front Desk does. They are the first impression for the Center when people come to Pack Place. They also keep up the office. ASUN has many confusing rooms and offices so when people come in, they guide the people. They also check out supplies that clubs use, like the popcorn machine and the coolers. She met with Sandy Rodriguez as well for the Center and from the website, "The ASUN Administration/Center for Student Engagement works collaboratively with the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) and The Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services under the Division of Student Services to engage, educate and empower undergraduate students to take action in the best interest of the student body and the University community." They were the action beyond the classroom and in charge of the clubs to guide their success and funding. People wonder if students being in clubs takes away from studies but research shows that engaging in clubs are more likely to graduate.

Speaker Jackson said on the point, she heard some things that Front Desk was not being treated respectfully. She asked the body to be respectful to Front Desk because they are helpful. If they hadn't done the connections assignment yet, please do it.

Senator Stopka hadn't gone but a while ago, he met with Adam Garcia from Police Services. They talked about different crime rates and if they went up or down. He learned about the position and what they do. They are the same for all around the valley for all other colleges in the area. He and Senators Cook and Becker are working on getting a meeting with their college but meetings are hard to set up. He contacted James Fitzsimons and is meeting with him for University Affairs. He wanted to expand the intramural fields and wanted to know how they were supporting it. He and Senators Bussman and Sarwar met with Jennifer Lowman and Lisa Maletsky to learn about sexual assault stats and what they can do to help, like programs to help victims or how to increase reporting. They asked that the stats not be shared yet.

Senator Kuykendall asked Senator Stopka if during his meeting with Chief Garcia if he mentioned if the crime rate went up or down.

Senator Stopka gave him the whole report and overall, the rate has been low; it hasn't changed up or down.

Senator Bussman said that if they wanted a copy of the report, Police Services had a some on hand. They can ask for that.

Speaker Jackson said if they hadn't presented, she wanted them done by the end of the semester.

Senator Becker was not assigned to Police Services but he gained some very valuable information and wanted to share it. He met with the associate director and commander. They gave him a bunch of stuff ASUN could help with. They had three new classes they are holding. One of them was new and the other two were being moved from Lombardi. They had a fitness and self-defense class called Girls on Guard on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30. They also had another self-defense fitness class for girls but he didn't write down the differences between them. They said they maximized the exposure of these classes to the students. They actually found out that there was a new club on campus and so they wanted to increase their correspondence with Clubs and Orgs. They also went over pedestrian safety. There were a lot of issues with students cutting on roads and the use of crosswalks after dark. About a year ago, a student was actually hit by a car and he was unaware of that. That was because of pedestrian traffic violations. They discussed some possible ideas to help fix that. The best idea was to have inkblot or someone make a short video that could be shared at football games that helped students be safe when walking. Senator Becker also offered having ASUN retweet Police Services social media posts and maybe doing sponsor Instagram posts. They were very open to helping ASUN and on the campus app the university had, they wanted to add Police Services App. Police Services also had their own app available through the Apple and Google store and they would be more than willing to add ASUN's contact information.

Speaker Jackson said it sounded like a lot of the information he received was very relevant and pertinent to what they were doing. She asked he keep in touch since many times, in previous sessions they have talked about increasing safety but there hasn't been any follow through. If any senators were interested in pursuing the projects, be sure to talk to the Committees on University Affairs or Public Affairs.

Senator Cyn. Lee asked senator Becker if the message should be sent to drivers.

Senator Becker thought that too at first. They do a lot of advertising to drivers and found out that sometimes, there are too many traffic symbols going on and they focus on that so they don't actually crossings. Pedestrians are usually at fault since they made a pedestrian violation.

Speaker Jackson thought it was an important conversation they needed to have in committee to address who had what responsibility.

Senator Sullivan met with Megan Pepper from the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life. A major goal of the office was working towards the wellbeing of the campus community and each individual chapter on campus while holding them accountable. They do this through IFC, Student Conduct, Greek Week, and Homecoming. Some of the issues they are addressing are hazing, risky behavior, sexual assault, and rush and recruitment. They were all important toward she community. To address the issues, Ms. Pepper mentioned a membership education program for each member of all fraternities and sororities. He thought it was a little extreme but could see a variation of that being put in place. Also, a sexual assault workshop. He knew there were some on campus and around the community but he wanted something for preventative purposes. He will be working very closely with Ms. Pepper and any other senators that are interested.

Senator Becker said he and Senator Lippi are a part of a peer health educator group. They got a really good sexual assault training from Green Dot. They can do it wherever it was

requested on campus and it was provided through an office on campus he didn't remember the name of. He could give the information later.

Senator Bussman said Green Dot was an outside movement but was accessible by the university because they had reps.

Senator Becker said Senator Bussman was correct but Senator Becker believed Green Dot has trained specific individuals on campus to then go out and train students and faculty.

Speaker Jackson loved the ideas being thrown around. She asked they make sure to follow through in committee to have detailed conversations about logistics.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Kuykendall said they always printed a lot of documents. He asked they had access to technology like tablets be used for the meetings. If they were going to push for sustainability, they should live it too.

Speaker Jackson said she printed the documents so she would take responsibility. If they had laptops or tablets, she will send the documents over email. If they wanted, they could use laptops but she wanted to make it easier for everyone by having physical copies.

Senator Becker liked the idea of having sustainable technology and thought they could foot those through central station so that Clubs and Orgs could use them as well. In the long run, they would save more money by not having to print as many copies.

Speaker Jackson said the comments and Announces section was only 2 minutes long. If it was okay with everyone, she would like to move to public comment.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Kuykendall wanted to clarify he wasn't calling her out; he just meant in general.

Speaker Jackson thought it was a valid point and didn't want them to throw their secretary under the bus either.

Senator Kuykendall clarified he didn't mean to throw the secretary under the bus either.

Speaker Jackson said it was an important thing they should discuss as well.

Dr. Beattie passed around their timesheets for the year. He will explain how they get paid right now. In the constitution, it said they get paid by a rate governed by law. For changes, it had to go through a ballot initiative with 2/3's of the student body voting in favor. It was meant to be a stipend. What they used to do was given them half their money on November 11th and then the other half April 15th. What happened was that they had people not finishing their terms. What they do now is they break the stipend evenly throughout the year. That way, if they quit on December 1st, they only got paid until then. At first, they would let them report their hours but they found out that student officers were paying themselves their entire stipend in the first semester and then not showing up for work in the second semester. They have been working through various systems to find one that works. On to how senators are specifically paid. In the SAS it said, "The aggregate amount of equivalent to the cost of six undergraduate credit-hours per semester at the university." As tuition goes up, so does the amount they get paid. As they can see he gives Central Station a spreadsheet that calculated how much to pay them. They had to divide \$2748. That amount came from per credit fees such as the registration fee. \$215 in the fall per credit each semester. The formula for that was \$215 times however many credits multiplied by 2 to account for each semester.

There was also the ASUN fee of \$5 per credit and the tech fee which was \$9 per credit. From there, they take the \$2748 and divide it between the pay dates. There were a different amount of days in a pay period so that had to be calculated out as well.

Senator Kuykendall asked if it still had to be reported even though it was a stipend.

Dr. Beattie said it was reported as an hourly wage because policy changed and they are not allowed to just hand out stipends. When it was first created, the spirit of stipends was to alleviate some of the costs of their education when they took 6 credits a semester. That pay scale over the year was equal to 12 credits and changed every time tuition changed. They don't need to fill out timesheets. This way, timesheets will be automatically processed and money will be deposited every 10th and 25th of the moth.

Senator Cyn. Lee asked if they needed to sign all the sheets.

Dr. Beattie said yes. They need to sign where it said signature and give it back to Speaker Jackson. She will initial the boxes and bring them back to Central Station or him. He will sign the bottom later.

Speaker Jackson asked if they should put the timesheets in his box or on his desk.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they filed in date.

Dr. Beattie said Central Station will fill it in.

Secretary Godoy said she fully supported the sustainable initiative. They tried to do what they can by printing on both sides but because they abide by Nevada Open Meeting Law, there are some things that hinder the process. She recommended Senator Kuykendall work with the attorney general if he wanted to pursue that initiative to make sure anything implement doesn't violate Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Chief of Staff Bradley said they will do a training in here and it will be done by Director Kinel and herself. They will try to get them in and out as quickly as possible.

Daniel Lang was a journalism major and he had 3 comments. First, he heard some comments about sexual assault prevention. There are students in the Reynolds School of Journalism working on a campaign called YES! Always. It was a campaign about consent and it would be worthwhile reaching out to them. One of the reason he wanted to introduce himself was that he was also working on that. Since they don't have a senator, he was reporting back to the dean and the Journalism Student Council. If there was anything they wanted to know or wanted to report back, he would be happy to do that. His third announcement was that he wanted to reiterate what they talked about last week about mental health. One of their honor students had a senior thesis on student usage of the counseling services on campus as well as professor and faculty knowledge of the services. IF anyone was interested, she will be defending her thesis on Friday at 9 am. It would be a great opportunity about what she researched.

Speaker Jackson asked if he had a location.

Mr. Lang said it should be in the Honors Office in the Jot Travis Building.

Senator Becker asked Mr. Lang if he would be the point of contact for the sexual assault campaign.

M. Lang said he wouldn't mind if they reached out to him.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.