

# Committee on Public Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session  
Minutes for Friday, May 12th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.  
Joe Crowley Student Union Room 405

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Becker called the meeting of the committee on Public Affairs to order on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:02 PM in room 405 of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Kaitie Christensen

## 2. ROLL CALL

Chair Becker and Senators Lippi, Sarwar and Sullivan were present.

Senators Bussman was absent excused.

Senators Smith and Tool were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Becker read a letter from Spencer Schultz into the record:

“Greetings, his name is Spencer Shultz and he has just been appointed as the 2017/2018 director of legislative affairs. He was excited to serve the students and looked forward to attending meetings with them all. He apologized for his absence, but he was attending an event at Truckee Meadows Community College. His platform had three main points: encourage structural retention, adopting a student policy point system to ensure student funds are being spent responsibly, and a new campus conversation event based on the 1960’s free speech movement at Berkeley where students will have a microphone and a platform to speak for two to three minutes about a topic of their choosing. Continuing the pursuit of organizational work, he will lobby for the students, improve events, engage in education, and provide opportunities for the students to engage. He will attend future meetings and work with Chair Becker.”

Chair Becker said he would probably be at every meeting they were having, which would probably be bi-weekly since they are on the off-session. He will bring his program analysts and his program director with him.

## 4. MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes from May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be discussed at this time.

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**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Election of a Vice Chair**

Senator Lippi said he nominated Senator Sarwar

Senator Sarwar accepted

Senator Lippi asked her about her goals

Senator Sarwar said to work with the department of legislative affairs to track the legislation, keeping issues in mind for the next legislation. That way they can set up a good foundation with policy analysis. She will get some feasible goals and work with the chair

Senator Sullivan asked why she wanted to be vice chair

Senator Sarwar said she was going to run for the position of chair. She has gone to legislature a lot, she had experience revising and editing bylaws. Legislation interests her and she had a good understanding of being in communication with everyone, but she didn't want to do all the agendas.

Senator Sarwar was approved

**b. 9/11 Commemoration and Veteran's Breakfast**

Chair Becker said his committee was in charge of the 911 commemoration and the veteran's breakfast. Last year they didn't do the 911 commemoration and students were upset, so they needed to do that this year. Wanted to get an idea for that, like putting up flags or having a speaker

Senator Sarwar said she liked the flags idea, but they could make it interactive and each person could get a flag, write something, and put it somewhere

Senator Lippi said they could have all of the veterans sign something

Chair Becker asked how they would sign that, would they reach out to the fraternity, ROTC and clubs.

Senator Lippi said he should contact the leaders of those positions and invite them to the meeting to discuss

Chair Becker said he could do that

Senator Sullivan said there were community organizations they could contact

Chair Becker said he was in contact with the veterans' affairs commission

Senator Sarwar said he could contact the leaders of organizations to get their ideas

Chair Becker said he thought they would have some ideas

Senator Sullivan said they could get the contact information of veterans association so that people can get involved

Chair Becker said right on. They could hand out buttons or stickers

Senator Sarwar said stickers would be cool

Senator Sullivan said yes

Chair Becker said people would be down for American Flag Swag. In November they do the veterans' breakfast, and he would reach out to the veteran associations to get an idea

Senator Sarwar asked where it was held last year

Chair Becker said he didn't know but he would reach out to the former chair

Senator Sarwar asked if it was usually on campus

Chair Becker wasn't sure, but he would contact former senator Eshenbaugh

Senator Sullivan asked the date of the breakfast. Depending on weather, they might want it inside or outside

Chair Becker said they would have to plan that. Saturday would probably be the best say

Senator Sarwar said she thought it was on a Friday last year

Chair Becker said they needed someone for food and catering, but he would discuss that with former chair Eshenbaugh

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Becker adjourned the meeting of the Committee on Public Affairs at 5:12 pm.