

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 17th, 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 5:36 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, Bussman, Cam. Lee, Cook, Cyn. Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Se, Stopka, Sullivan, and Tool were present.

Senators Billman, Sarwar, Smith, Thummel were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from April 19th, 2017
- b. The minutes from April 26th, 2017

The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bailey Gamberg said: "My name's Baily Gamberg and I was a Liberal Arts Senator in the 83rd Session and I am still an active member of the student body. I am here to day to express my concern over the nomination of Kyle Feng for the Office of Assistant Director of Event Programming, Budget and Finance. In my time with ASUN, I never saw people outside of this realm come to contest an appointment as a member of public comment. So being the first in a while to do so, I'm a little nervous. I'm nervous because I know that President Teixeira does not like opposition as evidenced by his determination to not have any officers in the cabinet who publicly opposed him. I'm nervous because I care about this student government and I don't want to see a year of failed programming due to poor selection of officers. I'm nervous because even if I list all of the reasons that Feng shouldn't be Assistant Director, some of you will still support him in this role out of loyalty, indifference, peer pressure, or any other reason. I know that Feng served as the Chair of Budget and Finance in the past session, but budgeting within Senate and within Programming include different tasks. In senate, you pose a lot of questions about budget issues that are being proposed by those above you in exec and work on CAIS sheets throughout the session. However, in programming, you are responsible for budgeting several events. For example, if a new programmer or intern asked Feng estimates for how much money would be needed for security or joe staff or another item, he wouldn't know due to inexperience in the subject. I don't know whether or not Feng has had event planning experience in any of his other

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activities, but creating an event from the ground up for the entire 20,000 student population is on a much larger scale than planning a club social would be. As an Assistant Director, he should be knowledgeable and is supposed to be looked up to as a leader and role model in the department. I do not believe someone can serve as an experienced leader in a department that they've never had anything to do with. I also know that several other people applied for this position who had two or three years of programming experience and would be easily able to help with budgeting and planning the events, managing interns, providing answers, and using feedback on previous years to improve the Programming department. I'm not here to advocate for those specific people, but I don't want to see how the Director and President chose someone completely new for an Assistant Director position over these other, more qualified individual. If Feng is showing interest in Programming, which I think is great, he would be much better suited to starting out as a regular programmer while he can learn the ropes without having an entire staff looking on him and depending on him when he most likely won't know the answer himself. I appreciate you all for your time and for listening to the voice of a concerned member of the student body."

Dr. Beattie reminded them that they will hear a special election for the open engineering seat. He spoke with Oversight about this and wanted to remind the body that unlike the appointees, senators have not been through the formal interview; this is the interview. He asked them to reach back to when they ran, they all needed to have goals and plans on how to represent constituents. He asked the body to remember that at this point, they are the vetting process. They don't need to ask over the top questions but they do need to ask questions relating to why they wanted to be senators. Explore those areas and think about questions during the meeting. Another thing is that Speaker Jackson added another meeting because of important legislation. It was important they can meet quorum. Not enough of them had responded yet so please make it happen.

Speaker Jackson said that before the election, they will have a period to discuss potential questions. She welcomed the high school students in the room. If they needed her to fill out the form, send her an email or catch her after the meeting. A nominee has an event to attend to so they will move directly to agenda item 11c.

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

- a. Nominations, Open Senate Seat for the College of Engineering

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira
President Teixeira said he met with Provost Karman about how a student came and talked to him about there not being a campus map online or anywhere with gender neutral bathrooms listed; he is now working on that. Provost Karman set the student up with Kevin Richards and the map will also be added to the ASUN app. He talked to The Center about how they saw diversity moving and it was an interesting conversation. They were all excited to see what was coming next year. He is working with Chuck Price for expanding the Joe; that will be a conversation that will happen all year. He will come in the fall to talk about the survey. If they hadn't taken the survey, they needed to take it since their opinions were needed about the Joe. He had a meeting next week with Dr. Ellis, President Johnson, and Speaker Jackson to discuss all the things they are going over. If they had anything that should be mentioned at the meeting, send it to either Speaker Jackson or himself. Both Dr. Ellis and President Johnson always give them great ideas about how to accomplish things or who to talk to.

Senator Becker asked if the timeline had been established for the expansion.

Speaker Teixeira said the process started with seeing what students wanted and their opinions and then seeing the prices for those things. Then everything needs to go to a vote by the students on a ballot. Then they need to talk to the administration about how much it would cost. Then the Board

of Regents would need to start a conversation before construction could begin. It could take anywhere from 2-4 years.

There were no further questions.

- b.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza
President Teixeira read the report into the record: VP Atienza was waiting for New Student Initiatives to send bottles and hats for the Getting Involved workshops; he will show them the designs at the next meeting. Traditionally they just hand out water bottles but this year they decided to at hats. They will have water bottles all year but they thought it would be cool to have hats as well.

There were no questions at this time.

- c.** Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley
Chief of Staff Bradley was working on the same projects for exe. training, retreat, and Green Dot training. She was still hammering out details and getting invoices. It wouldn't be anything too big but they will see it all coming soon.

There were no questions at this time.

- d.** Director of Sustainability, Steven McNeece

- e.** Attorney General, Cameron Harris
Attorney General Harris said tomorrow will be the trial for Brandon Rusk v. President Teixeira. He will represent ASUN. He has been preparing for that but if they had questions or amendments, they can reach out to him with the cool function on the website to contact the attorney general.

Senator Becker asked if the meeting was open to the public.

Dr. Beattie said no.

Speaker Jackson said Chief Justice Bruketta will discuss it more later.

- f.** Director of Programming, Mia Kinel
Director Kinel said she met with 360 Learning to discuss the summer barbeques. She had the dates for them: June 1st, June 22nd, and July 27th. They are great opportunities for outreach for them so please help. The times for the first barbeque are from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm or when they run out of food. She had her appointments for assistant directors up. She will address that later. She is conducting programmer interviews tomorrow. She has a meeting with the Joe and is still working on the BLF proposal.

Speaker Jackson noted that students are paying into the Association over the summer so it was important they were still outreaching to constituents over the summer.

- g.** Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero
Director Desamero said he set up meetings with Jacob Boulton to talk about expanding the lineup for club resources and to create an accountability system for clubs and orgs. It may become a project depending on commissioner interest. He contacted Senator Thummel about a SAS change to change

the title from Funding Manager to Assistant Director of Clubs and Organizations. He also wants to update the SAS. If they are interested in helping, he wants to form a committee would love to have their support and their input. He will present it on the 31st hopefully. He is finished with his nominations. He received 18 apps but he only had 6 spots. He had 4 applications for funding manager with only 1 spot. It was a very difficult decision but he will have the nominations ready by tomorrow so they can hear them next Wednesday. He decided to assign coalitions to commissioners based on each nominee's strengths, qualifications, and personalities. He had a plan to reorganize clubs and orgs agendas to include tasks, projects, and initiatives. He will do this to better orient the commission around projects and initiatives as he mentioned during his interviews. He had a meeting at 11 am with Cairn Lindloff and they talked about collaborating on big events like Club Fair and iLead. Club Fair is set for the first Thursday of school in the quad. Every year, they break their record in attendance and hoped they will again this year. It will be a fun event. iLead is tentatively set for the second Saturday of the school year. iLead was their leadership conference for the club leaders to come and build practical skills for running their organization. He will assign iLead and club fair to a commissioner or a group of commissioners so they all have projects right away. They will hear more next week about what the commission will do over the summer.

There were no questions at this time.

h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Schultz

Director Shultz said: "Over the past two weeks I have been tracking five bills in the state legislature, scheduling interviews for department positions, and I have recently submitted my nomination to the Senate for Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs. Speaker Jackson will provide you with further details once the agenda for the next Senate meeting has been posted. I am currently researching democratic engagement software focused on voter registration, as our contract with TurboVote is in its last year. Please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, or guidance regarding this process. I would like to say thank you to Senators Becker and Bussman for reaching out to me regarding their respective Committees."

There were no questions at this time.

i. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

Chief Justice Bruketta said there were some miscommunications about the hearing tomorrow. It is actually a closed meeting as stated by the Board of Regents. He checked the SAS and couldn't find anything about hearings needing to be closed meetings but the Board of Regents supersedes SAS. Other than that, he will close one position for Associate Justice but will leave the other open. If they had anyone that they wanted to recommend, let them know to apply soon. He should have someone by early June.

Senator Flangas asked what the application process was.

Chief Justice Bruketta said it was like any other position. They applied, then he gets the names, and works through interviews. He has them write up a draft of a brief and goes through interview questions.

Speaker Jackson said the applications can all be found on the UNR job search page.

Dr. Beattie said they needed minimum number of credits.

Chief Justice Bruketta said associate justices needed to be a junior in credit standing; they need to have 60 credits completed.

Senator Cyn. Lee asked if anyone could come to the hearing.

Chief Justice Bruketta said the only ones there will be both parties, Attorney General Harris and Brandon Rusk, and any evidence or witnesses.

There were no further questions at this time.

- j. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson
Speaker Jackson said they had been doing a great job so far. She recommended they use the summer to lay the foundation for the year. It gets crazy once the semester starts. As President Teixeira mentioned, she will be meeting Dr. Ellis and President Johnson. She needed to have their goal sheets by Friday at 5 pm since her meeting is on Tuesday. Regarding absences, unless there are extenuating circumstances, she would love to have 24-hour notice if absent. If it is not within 24 hours, the absence will be unexcused. Before now that didn't apply but in the future, it will be the rule.

There were no questions at this time.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee

Senator Cam. Lee said Dr. Beattie sent her a timeline for the undergrad research applications. It was disappointing to see NURA only got 444 applications compared to 70ish last year. They really needed to be on top of advertising the application deadlines and what NURA is. She will be assigning liaison positions for over the summer to her committee members. She wanted to reiterate what Speaker Jackson said earlier about students still paying into the Association over the summer. Speaker Jackson advised the committee to have all the members advertise within their colleges when it came to NURA. It wasn't just for science or engineering; it was for everyone that wanted to apply.

There were no questions at this time.

- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall

Senator Kuykendall said the last meeting they had was before their last senate meeting. To reiterate, there will be three pieces of legislation today. They will be seeing legislation to correct an error on the budget at next week's meeting.

There were no questions at this time.

- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas

Senator Flangas said their last meeting was a while back but they will have goals ready. She will send a workup of who they will contact for service palooza. It will be around 8-10 organizations and each member will have one additional organization. They want to top former Senator Green's record. It was coming along well and was excited about it. She looked forward to working with Director Kinel. She had a meeting with Senator Bussman is going to meet with people in charge of integrating WebCampus and Give Pulse. So far, the only option was to make it a widget on WebCampus. If they can find an interface where they did integrate it as a module, they can model it after them. They will work on that during the summer until they figure out how to create a new program. She will have updates next week. Right now, it was all tentative but they needed a model. If they knew of campuses that used Give Pulse, let her know.

There were no questions at this time.

d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel

e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker

Senator Becker said they had a meeting last Friday and it was very successful. The committee voted Senator Sarwar as vice chair. They had a brainstorm session for the 9/11 commemoration and what to do with the American flags. They thought of posting miniature American flags around the Joe lawn. Senator Sarwar wanted to do flags that are the same color but make a giant American flag that could be seen from the KC. They could also get the news involved and have the veterans speak. They had public comment from Director Shultz and he will be included in the doodle poll.

Speaker Jackson said for the 9/11 commemoration, talk to her about the stuff they might want to order so she can make sure they get them in advance. Last year, it was a huge rush to get everything on time so this year, she would like to have everything finalized sooner rather than later.

There were no questions at this time.

f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman

Senator Bussman said University Affairs had its last meeting last Friday. He thought all of the individuals on the committee will be working on cool stuff; he will have more updates on those things later as more things are set in stone. Going forward, he has scheduled individual meetings with a majority of the committee members to figure out summer plans. One thing he was figuring out still was figuring out where all the senators going out of town will be going and having them go to neighboring universities. He thought looking at other universities' student governments would be cool sources of information. As far as the goals for the Wolf Shop, he will be working with them since the Wolf Shop had an unprecedented financial crisis this semester. Steve Dubay is looking at different options to transition the Wolf Shop into a store that can better serve students and keep up with how textbooks are being used in modern day. More specifically, the issue Director Dubay brought to the committee was that there was poor communication between university faculty and the Wolf Shop. Currently, university faculty was not submitting their textbooks on time to the Wolf Shop for them to get the books from the right sources. It impacted the Wolf Shop but more directly impacted students since that caused textbooks to be more expensive. That causes students to shop elsewhere. Once Director Dubay gives Senator Bussman the percentage of faculty that is turning in their textbooks on time, he will have the committee reach out to different departments to create better communication. As far as outreach goes, he has spent countless hours thinking about different ways to outreach. He was beginning to think that there were no new ways. He found something and met with Director Shultz to discuss outreach; they are working on something very exciting and he hoped to present to the body by the end of the month on outreach.

Speaker Jackson said for the faculty problem, they can coordinate with their deans as well as their individual colleges.

There were no questions at this time.

g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Martinez

Senator Martinez said he was solidifying a syllabus and lesson plans for the internship. He has been talking with Chief of Staff Bradley and they will schedule another meeting to finalize the platform. He had a lot of new ideas he was implementing so the platform for this year was very different. He will also meet with President Teixeira and Speaker Jackson to get everyone's opinions and ideas.

Speaker Jackson apologized for skipping over Senator Martinez's his report.

There were questions at this time.

h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson

Speaker Jackson said they will hear all the nominations tonight. Excluding the appointment of the new senators, everyone was recommended favorably by Oversight. The committee chairs will also be sending committee goals similar to what she had asked the body to do.

There were no questions at this time.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on April 28th, 2017:

- a. Nomination of Ian Tralmer to the office of Senator for the College of Engineering
- b. Nomination of Alex Crupi to the office of Senator for the College of Engineering
- c. Nomination of Dillon Hedgpeth to the office of Senator for the College of Engineering

Speaker Jackson said they are going to be voting to fast-track the nominations because usually they must go through committee first and then senate but this motion expedited the process.

Senator Martinez moved to fast-track the appointments for the College of Engineering.

Senator Tool seconded.

Motion carried.

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:

Speaker Jackson said the nominations are Alex Crupi and Dillon Hegpeth. She asked the nominees leave the room so that the body can discuss possible questions. Given Dr. Beattie's comments earlier and what they have talked about, she asked the body what kinds of questions they would like to ask the nominees. She suggested they think about the College of Engineering and ask current senators what questions are pertinent.

Senator Kuykendall wanted to ask how they planned to get engineering students involved in ASUN.

Senator Martinez thought an important question was if they were available Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

Senator Becker wanted to see if Mr. Crupi had new ideas or if he was going to build off of his goals from last session.

Senator Flangas wanted specific goals to hold them to.

Speaker Jackson said during Oversight, the committee talked about what kinds of questions they wanted to ask. Think about the types of questions they were asked during the debate that were helpful.

Senator Kuykendall wanted to know if Mr. Hegpeth met with other senators.

Senator Becker wanted to ask Mr. Hegpeth if he had previous leadership or ASUN experiences.

There was no further discussion on possible questions.

i. NOMINATION OF IAN TRALMER TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

ii. NOMINATION OF ALEX CRUPI TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Mr. Crupi read his speech: “Hello Senators, for those of you who don’t know me my name is Alex Crupi. Today I’m going to give you a somewhat unconventional presentation of myself and my ambitions. First, I’ll start with my background, related experience, and goals I’d like to accomplish as a Senator in the 85th session. Then, I’ll talk about why I’m here before you today vying for another opportunity to have a seat at the table. And finally, I’ll finish with an idea that hopefully poses a rhetorical question for the body to consider. So, let’s get into it. I am a second-year senior double majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. I have served two terms as a Senator for the College of Engineering where, in the 84th session, I also served as the Parliamentarian. I am a former President and Treasurer of Tau Kappa Epsilon as well as a supervisor at the Student Union. Through these various positions I have had the opportunity to develop myself, and my leadership style, while improving our community. I want to keep this short so I’ll get straight into my main goal, reformation of the University’s current academic advising standard. As I’m sure many of you have experienced, there are disconnects in how individual colleges work together on advising. There are also, at times, disconnects in how different departments in the same college work together as well and I want to try to work with every Senator here to push each of our colleges to make a more streamlined and effective method of academic advisement, the scope of which is seen beyond the development of a single college. Again, to keep it short and allow you all ample time for questions I’ll move toward why I sit before you tonight. Through the last few years civic engagement has become a pivotal part of my life and has shown me the impact that a small group of people can have when they work together with respectful, honest, and direct discourse. And THAT is exactly why I’m here, in my time as a Senator I was able to understand how to present a topic in another light, how to add perspective to a conversation and most importantly how to keep an honest and direct line of questioning respectful. I’ll even use today’s nomination as an example, and this is where things get a bit unorthodox. I am not here to compete against the other two gentlemen who have applied for the position. If your decision tonight was based purely off of experience then it is notably difficult to compare someone who has little to no ASUN experience to a two term Senator, but that’s the thing, this decision is based on a lot more than just that. Often times when the body is hearing from someone who has been nominated for a position they are deciding if the position is filled or if it will be left open for a few weeks; tonight, I intend to give the body a different set of options. As a body, you need to recognize that an appointed position not only allows you to vet the candidate and fill an empty senate seat, but it lets you hand pick a new member of your team that will balance well with your strengths and compensate for any weaknesses to help you achieve your goals. You will quickly find that you do not just represent the students in your college. With that being said you will be working on projects as a team that will benefit the University as a whole and in this mindset, you can now evaluate what you have here and fill this position based on what you need to complete your team. If you’re looking for someone with wide eyes ready to take on the world and spitball ideas left and right about legislation and projects to be done I’m not your guy. However, if you’re looking for someone who is dedicated to uphold the integrity of the position, who can provide insight into the last two sessions and who will pose difficult questions without a political facade while helping to find efficient solutions to the problems you might have then I’d be happy to serve for a third term.

That's all I've got for tonight, and by acknowledgement of the Speaker I will now take any questions."

Senator Becker said Mr. Crupi had been a two-term senator. He asked Mr. Crupi if he planned to carry over old plans or if he had new ideas.

Mr. Crupi said the biggest one he wanted to work on was academic advising. He worked with the College of Engineering but wanted to branch out to other senators. The new engineering senators might have run into this but engineering generally operates like they had everyone figured out. The only one he wanted to bring back was advisement, other than that, anything the senators were working on currently.

Senator Kuykendall asked what he can say was his greatest achievement from his past terms.

Mr. Crupi said the veterans' scholarship legislation. In having talked to others in the Veterans Association, it was a big deal for them even though to Senate it seemed minor. It impacted an important group of students that remembered it two years later even though it passed unanimously and without much discussion.

Senator Martinez said he talked about not being a person who wouldn't be willing to create legislation as much but would give insight. He asked why he stated that and if that showed his weaknesses and strengths for what could be provided during this session.

Mr. Crupi said legislation was not the most effective way to get things done necessarily. Sending legislation to directors was fancy but it didn't always get things done. It doesn't always work on paper; sometimes, something needs to happen before things get done. They needed to have conversations. It didn't mean he would spitball projects and ideas left and right. He was a solutions-oriented type of person and in clear detail can tell them what they should do to accomplish it. He wasn't going to just present a problem without also presenting solutions.

Senator Flangas said a big thing they talked about was outreach and he also mentioned it in his campaign. She asked what he can lend the senate body and what can he do in his position to extend outreach.

Mr. Crupi said he spoke to Senator Bussman since Senator Bussman was looking for new outreach ideas and he didn't have any new ones off the top of his head. In the last two years, he toyed around with different ideas. The most appealing idea he had was senators tabling in their respective colleges. That posed issues for colleges like Liberal Arts that didn't have dedicated buildings. But if students saw them in the main buildings rather than in the KC, that was more effective. Other than that, senators should go out and talk to clubs and orgs directly, whether it be through assignments from the Speaker or the Chair of Public Affairs or University Affairs. Often times, talking to large classrooms was overlooked. Last year, he and Senator Urquidi talked to Engineering 100 classes and that right there let them hit around 500 students. That was a better way to get outreach because he was able to see more concerns and address questions in that short amount of time than he ever saw during an entire year of tabling.

Senator Stopka said in Mr. Crupi's speech, he stated the College of Engineering was being a line of communication and ASUN couldn't do much. He asked if Mr. Crupi was stating that if elected as senator, he wouldn't do anything but be a line of communication.

Mr. Crupi said not necessarily. There isn't an ever-present need for ASUN's help. The college doesn't lack something that requires ASUN's help. There are things however like actually going to the Engineering Leadership Council to see what they are doing and what they need. That was a great way to gather information. Another thing that could be done was talking to the deans to see what directions the deans wanted to take and then helping the deans continue to push in that direction. The College of Engineering didn't reach out for financial help or for help throwing events. There were multiple engineering related clubs that worked directly with the college for throwing events. They already had the main things that other senators did for their colleges covered. Things like Health Week or Business Week were already covered by the college since they opted to put them on themselves.

Senator Sullivan asked if he could explain why he was censured in the 83rd particularly what happened and what he learned.

Mr. Crupi said if he remembered correctly, it was because he missed meetings. That censure was related to not being able to make a certain set of committee meetings after a schedule change at the start of the session.

Senator Stopka asked if he was available at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Mr. Crupi said not today because he had work at 6 pm but normally yes.

Senator Martinez said many of the senators were being upheld to goals. Senator Martinez asked if Mr. Crupi had possible goals they could use to hold him accountable.

Mr. Crupi said that wasn't something he had thought about much yet. The biggest thing was to make sure the session operated effectively and accomplished projects. Personally, he would assist chairs with anything they needed and to assist senators in understanding what they needed to do to accomplish things and who they should talk to. Other than working on academic advising policies of the university, he didn't have anything else.

There were no further questions; the body moved on to the next candidate, Mr. Hegpeth.

iii. NOMINATION OF DILLON HEGPETH TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Mr. Hegpeth said he was from Southern California. Right out of high school he went to a junior college down there and then transferred to the University of South Dakota on a full ride. Then he transferred back to the junior college for a year and then came up to UNR. Having been to those other places, he has seen how their student governments have tried to conduct events and how they have tried to disseminate information. Because of that, he thought he would be a new person with fresh ideas for ASUN. He has had some leadership roles. He was the community service chair for his fraternity and coordinated events such as park cleanups, food back volunteerism, helped out at bike repair shops, and he has connections in helping special education kids get more involved in athletics. Community service is a great way to get your organization more well-known and to be involved with your community. He was also captain of his football teams in high school and at his colleges. He knew how to lead a group of people to success, knew how deal with conflicts of interests, and knew how to resolve them accordingly. He was running for the position because he wanted to make an impact for engineering students, getting them

more involved on campus so they can have a better college experience. In order to do that, he had three goals. First, to have a better relationship with students and professors. A great way to do that was to have professors more available by having their office hours and locations online. Second, he wanted to have more service opportunities for engineering students. A great way to do that was to make Give Pulse more known around campus. He did work with Give Pulse once for an event and it was by far one of the easiest, most convenient ways to get community service. Last, he wanted better public participation and knowledge of ASUN and what they were doing. A great way to do that was to have constant website updates. He knew one part of the ASUN website still talked about the 2016 Homecoming events. Tabling around campus could also improve as well as having events to better engage students. He also talked to a previous engineering senator, Trae Taylor. He told Mr. Hegpeth about the seat and what the college was doing. Mr. Hegpeth knew there was a lot of money being invested into the college but he didn't think engineering students knew that. They can all see the construction and renovations happening around campus but he thought they could get engineering students more involved. They needed to educate the students on the renovations and how those renovations would help their college. If he did get the spot, the two committees he planned on sitting on were the Committees of Civic Engagement and University Affairs. He believed civic engagement was the participation of individuals in their community in order to better that community. A great way for that was to outreach to local nonprofits and providing students with opportunities to volunteer at those nonprofits. For university affairs, he believed his goals coincided with the committee. He wanted to promote Senate among the students and have good communication between Senate and the university community.

Senator Becker said he had great ideas but they often looked for plans. Mr. Hegpeth proposed advertising Give Pulse more to engineering students and advertising Senate more the students through University Affairs. Senator Becker asked if he had any ideas on how to do that.

Mr. Hegpeth said tabling was a good way. From his previous universities, they tabled around and often. A great place to table was in front of the cafeteria where the freshmen and sophomores were. If they tabled there constantly, students would eventually approach the table. Tabling was a good way to get out there. They could also go to lectures and present before class.

Senator Martinez said something all current senators had to do when running was come up with goals. Senator Martinez asked Mr. Hegpeth if he had goals to keep him accountable.

Mr. Hegpeth said he had three goals: better relationships between students and professors, have more community service through Give Pulse for engineering students, and have more ASUN knowledge through tabling, website updates, and events.

Senator Kuykendall said that for next semester and spring 2018, he needs to be available every Wednesday at 5:30 pm for Senate meetings.

Mr. Hegpeth said yes. He was free after 3 pm every day and could easily make the meetings.

Senator Flangas asked if he had experience with Robert's Rules of Order or with writing legislation.

Mr. Hegpeth said no.

Senator Martinez asked what he could provide in terms of reaching out to the College of Engineering besides having a fresh, new mind.

Mr. Hegpeth asked if he meant getting the College to know ASUN.

Senator Martinez clarified informing the college about the ASUN positions since in the past, the College of Engineering had had vacant seats. How would he advocate for and inform students about the College of Engineering.

Mr. Hegpeth said a good way to do that was having better public relations with the college. Not many engineers wanted the position and if they had better relations, more engineers would know what the position was, what it required, and what they would get out of it. If they had better relations, it would be more sought after.

Senator Kuykendall said coming from different universities and being a transfer student, he asked Mr. Hegpeth what plans he had to get nontraditional students involved.

Mr. Hegpeth said by having some kind of way to contact transfer students. He knew when he transferred, he completed the transfer process in about 2 or 3 weeks. He got into the dorms and that was about it in terms of outreach from the university. After that he just went to his classes. Something to do was to keep in touch with transfer students during the transfer process and then after the process has been completed. They could let them know about events or clubs they could join. He transferred last spring and since there wasn't much communication he didn't get to interact with clubs. Transfer students should be given information about clubs they can join on campus.

Senator Becker said on his resume, Mr. Hegpeth listed having experience with collegiate football. Given this perspective, Senator Becker asked Mr. Hegpeth if that gave him any insight he could bring to this university.

Mr. Hegpeth asked if he meant keeping people accountable.

Senator Becker said anything.

Mr. Hegpeth said they needed to stay in contact with someone if they gave that person a task. They need to stay in contact the whole time and build good relations rather than waiting until when the task is due and finding out then if the task was accomplished or not. If something is wrong, they need to speak up immediately as opposed to letting it brew for some time.

Senator Mah said coming from a different school, he asked if Mr. Hegpeth saw in differences that could be implemented.

Mr. Hegpeth said the other schools had better ways of getting information out. When he was at South Dakota, they tabled every day and in spots where people walked through all the time. He saw people tabling in front of the Joe and KC often but the other universities tabled every day. If they did that, they might see more participation from a larger variety of students.

Senator Martinez said besides being a line of communication between ASUN Engineering Senators and the College of Engineering, Senator Martinez asked Mr. Hegpeth what he thought were other problems.

Mr. Hegpeth said the university needed to get its resources out better. He knew engineers never went to the Math Center, even if they were failing their classes. He thought more information should be available at the DeLaMare Library since not many students knew about it. They can also rent out technology and very few people have rented it out that he knew of.

There were no further questions, the body moved to the general debate of both candidates.

Senator Bussman acknowledged that Mr. Crupi was in his fraternity and he will be abstaining. He wanted to reiterate that Mr. Crupi didn't have any goals and would be more of an advisor.

Senator Cam. Lee thought that Mr. Crupi was a stronger candidate. Mr. Hegpeth had trouble answering important questions. He had difficulty answering questions relating to his college. She found it weird that Mr. Crupi didn't have set goals but it was important they had those kinds of people that could contact people and give them advise on what directions to take on ideas.

Senator Cyn. Lee pointed out that both candidates had similar ideas but the way they presented them was different. They both wanted to be lines of communication but Mr. Crupi was more realistic and Mr. Hegpeth was more hopeful.

Senator Flangas thought Mr. Crupi had interesting insight. He didn't say he wasn't going to do anything but rather inform their decisions and make sure they follow precedent. That was admirable. One of his specific goals was to work on advising in the College of Engineering. She thought his demeanor and how he talked about it didn't imply that he wouldn't do anything. She more so thought it implied that Mr. Crupi had tried in the past and it was met with resistance. One of the things they can do is ask him to have a better line of accountability. What Mr. Crupi can provide this Senate Body with was very important since many of them were new and they only had two people returning. Keeping Senate accountable was not a bad thing.

Senator Cook said Senator Bussman summarized it best. If Mr. Crupi was appointed, he was just going to be present. Senator Cook disagreed with Senator Flangas on Mr. Hegpeth not recognizing problems at the university. He thought Mr. Hegpeth did recognize problems when he mentioned the ASUN website being out of date. He also came up with solutions on the spot and that made Senator Cook believe Mr. Hegpeth had a go-getter kind of vibe. He seemed to want to go out of his way to action on issues whereas Mr. Crupi just wanted to advise.

Senator Becker wanted to ask if they could not vote in a senator today.

Speaker Jackson said they would need to re-open the job application and the seat would be open for at least two more weeks.

Senator Stopka said he wanted them to be a progressive session; he wanted the body to accomplish things. It was said that Mr. Crupi was realistic and Mr. Hegpeth seemed hopeful. He wanted to have someone with big ideas that would improve the university. He wanted a go-getter rather than someone that would sit and just realistic say they couldn't do much.

Senator Kuykendall said a brief disclaimer was that Mr. Hegpeth was a part of the same organization as him but they were not each other's superior. His opinion on Mr. Crupi was that his idea to operate as an advisor was what the speaker was supposed to do. Senate was not designed to be like that. Additionally, if Mr. Crupi wanted to be an advisor and keep people accountable, the fact he missed meetings showed he couldn't keep himself accountable. He thought it was great that Mr. Crupi posed the purpose of having solutions to their problems but that was something that the body could collaborate on. He didn't feel that only a single person should do that when the body can effectively communicate and collaborate. One thing the body did need in his opinion was someone that had ideas, goals and visions. Mr. Hegpeth came from a different university and that was untraditional. Senator Flangas proved that great things can come from those that look from the outside in. Having Mr. Hegpeth on the body would make him an asset. His three points proved that Mr. Hegpeth did his homework and research before applying for the position. Mr. Hegpeth wanted to solve the issue of engineering students not being involved. He personally knew that many engineering students weren't involved and wanting to get them involved said a whole lot more than just wanting to be an open line of communication and giving up on engineering students like Mr. Crupi had suggested.

Senator Cyn. Lee said that just because Mr. Crupi was more realistic, it didn't mean he wouldn't get anything done. He wrote legislation for the veterans' scholarship. He also said he would assist chairs. It was up to the committee to finalize goals together.

Senator Paningbatan said that for Mr. Crupi, even though he said he would be realistic, he they would still put goals on him. He won't play the advisor role. Senator Paningbatan wanted someone who had experience with ASUN. They didn't need someone with ideas. Mr. Hegpeth had big ideas but no specifics. Senator Paningbatan didn't like the lack of experience and the fact he didn't reach out more to others for problems in the college.

Senator Mah said Mr. Crupi didn't have goals and said he would help by using his experience. Senator Mah believed the person they elected should have goals and ideas rather than just being an advisor. Senator Mah also believed Mr. Crupi lacked accountability last session because he missed meetings. Mr. Hegpeth had goals that weren't very specific and his answers to questions were not very concrete. His inexperience in government and his resume showed that neither candidate was qualified.

Senator Martinez said Mr. Crupi was censured in the 83rd session, not the 84th and that showed he saw the consequences.

Senator Sullivan said Mr. Hegpeth had more ambition despite his lack of experience. Mr. Hegpeth explained how he would be involved in Senate by mentioning which committees he wanted to sit on. In contrast, Mr. Crupi only mentioned wanting to help other senators and be an advisor. He lacked concrete goals. Senator Sullivan wanted to elaborate on what Senator Kuykendall said in terms of accountability and disagree with Senator Flangas. MR. Crupi had lied on record saying he would resign from the position due to a conflict with class and Senate and come the end of the session, he did not resign.

Senator C. Lee said Mr. Hegpeth does not have set plan. They all had goals but may not have known how to do accomplish them and what matters is accomplishing them. Mr. Crupi would be good addition because he knows who to contact and how to solve issues.

Senator Flangas said she wanted to note that during their debates, they were not very prepared themselves and lack of experience is not bad. They have learned a lot in a month. Lack of experience was not a reason to cut anyone off.

Senator Se said it is not fair to say Mr. Hegpeth cannot sit on the body because of experience. Senate is about to learning about the government and seeing how the university is run. Mr. Crupi has experience but is past the point of trying to improve the university. Mr. Crupi mentioned he was going to sit as an advisor. Having advisors was important but they already have those resources. Mr. Crupi taking a seat would not be beneficial.

Senator Mall said a point that stood out was office hours. Many engineering professors just put out a calendar and have students fill out a time slot. Office hours are not a major thing in the College of Engineering. Another thing is that the College of Engineering is very independent, as Mr. Crupi pointed out. They had their own tutoring center and their own electronics to rent out. Everything was done through the college and they didn't go to other places for resources. That is why many students don't go outside of the college because everything was given to him. He also didn't believe the body should be bringing up something that happened over two years ago.

Senator Becker said asked Speaker Jackson how Mr. Crupi was as a senator during the 84th session.

Speaker Jackson didn't think it was appropriate for her to answer the question but the body could direct the question to Chief of Staff Bradley.

Chief of Staff Bradley didn't want to be involved in their discussion but loved the dialogue.

Senator Becker asked Speaker Jackson if she could talk about Mr. Crupi's accountability during the 84th session and asked if he would be accountable.

Speaker Jackson said she didn't feel comfortable answering that question given her role as speaker but the question could be directed to Chief of Staff Bradley.

Chief of Staff Bradley said she didn't want to get involved in their discussion but really loved the dialogue.

Senator Becker said Senators Paningbatan and Se said they can't count someone out because they lack experience. He could say for a fact that Mr. Hegpeth could bring an outside perspective to the table but Mr. Crupi had years of experience that he could bring to the table. That was something to consider.

Senator Kuykendall said to consolidate the conversation, it sounded like Mr. Crupi would be a great addition, but per the SAS, they had to do more than just adding to the conversation. They must also write legislation. If they showed engineering students that the senator they had was someone that didn't want to actively help, despite pushback, that

set a horrible precedent for Senate and for the College of Engineering. Just because they haven't found ways to get them involved yet, that didn't mean they couldn't find ways in the future. They should look at past experience of senators, including Mr. Crupi's experience, to see why they couldn't get students more involved. He wanted to clarify that many of senators had lost focus of where they were a couple of months ago. He had very large goals and ideas and was starting to realize that not all of them were possible. Though vague, Mr. Hegpeth had ideas and that was where he seemed to be. Senator Kuykendall said they could all see how much they had learned in the past couple of months. Ideas and platforms can be reshaped to be more attainable. The size of goals or platforms shouldn't be the determining factor. He would ask all senators here to specify when they said verbatim the goals or what they would accomplish and actually follow through since those things changed over time.

Senator Martinez said something important Mr. Crupi talked about was how the body had the opportunity to handpick someone that would balance out their weaknesses. Going off of Mr. Harpeth's goals, Senator Mall already addressed the fact that some of the goals cannot be implemented. In being beneficial, that wasn't truly beneficial. Despite being given goals by Mr. Hegpeth, Mr. Crupi would also be held accountable through what the SAS said. As senator, Mr. Crupi would be held accountable to the same standards they were all being held to. A current engineering senator already debunked some of Mr. Hegpeth's goals and in addition, a person who isn't enthusiastic in presenting ideas doesn't mean a lack of ideas. It was more of an introvert/extrovert type of decision a person made when presenting themselves.

Senator Stopka wanted to remind the senate that two of the biggest responsibilities of ASUN was student retention and graduation rates. They had a candidate, Mr. Crupi, that wanted to be a line of communication and a candidate, Mr. Hegpeth, that talked about various ideas. Mr. Crupi had a lack of ideas and ideas Mr. Hegpeth had ideas that couldn't be implemented. He asked the body which candidate would improve graduation rates and student retention. He thought that the candidate that had ideas, even if vague, is better than a candidate that want to be a line of communication.

Senator Kuykendall said as far as someone doing their duties, as a senator, one thing to remember was that Mr. Crupi actively opposed legislation as not being efficient. To some degree, it had substance. But the fact he had a negative attitude and pessimism towards the duties of being a senator – such as having no goals and wanting to give solutions but not ideas – was irresponsible. Someone that swatted down ideas could prevent great ideas from becoming a reality.

Senator Lippi wanted to echo what Senator Mah said. Mr. Crupi had experience but the lack of goals was a negative image. They also had Dr. Beattie as an advisor. MR. Hegpeth had general goals but no real depth. Mr. Hegpeth struggled to answer their questions. Senator Lippi believed the body should wait for different candidates.

Senator Cyn. Lee said Mr. Crupi was knowledgeable but Mr. Hegpeth didn't do research on his college, like how they have their own math center and tutoring center. Everyone on the body had goals but none of those goals would be accomplished without the proper resources. It wasn't that Mr. Crupi didn't want to write legislation. There was nothing wrong with him being an advisor. Mr. Crupi will have the goals that the body or his committees put on him. They will hold Mr. Crupi accountable to those goals.

Senator Martinez wanted to echo what Senator Cyn. Lee stated. Egos aside, there was nothing wrong with having resources. The body had the opportunity to add someone that could be beneficial and would balance them out. Mr. Crupi's statement proved that he knows his college and what can and cannot be accomplished.

Senator Se got the impression that Mr. Hegpeth didn't know about his college. Mr. Hegpeth wanted to increase awareness about the resources available to students but he felt that wasn't an issue. He seemed to have good knowledge of the resources the college of engineering had and didn't think the platform was wrong necessarily.

Senator Martinez asked Senator Mall if they had their own tutors.

Senator Mall said they had engineering tutors that took a more practical approach rather than saying, "Here is a problem let's find the solution together."

Senator Kuykendall asked Senators Mall and Se if they felt they didn't need someone that thought the College of Engineering should be left separate from ASUN.

Speaker Jackson said they didn't have to answer if they were not comfortable.

Senator Mall said it was an interesting question since their college was very much so academically focused. If you can't get an internship, you won't get a job. ASUN was great overall but ASUN needed to have something to drive engineering attendance at events. That was usually clubs and orgs affiliated with ASUN.

Senator Se didn't think the college should be separate from ASUN. They were independent but the presence they had in Senate was helpful in progressing current goals. He felt that it was important to have senators that would represent them in that way and would have communication. Having new ideas wasn't a bad thing.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Crupi: Senators Cam. Lee, Cyn. Lee, Lippi, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Tool

Mr. Hegpeth: Senators Becker, Cook, Flangas, Kuykendall, Mah, Se, Stopka, Sullivan

Abstentions: Bussman

Mr. Hegpeth received the majority of votes.

Senator Cook moved to approve Dillon Hegpeth to the Office of Senator for the College of Engineering.

Senator Sullivan seconded.

Senator Bussman thought that with an entire college, there might be better applicants. He felt neither candidates were worthy today and they should reopen the pool.

Senator Cook felt that more people might not apply next time.

Senator Sullivan asked Senator Bussman if he thought reopening the application would be productive seeing as the application was open for a long time and they had the election process.

Senator Cyn. Lee thought that if Mr. Crupi would had stated his platform in a different way, the body might feel different about him. She asked the body if that was true.

Senator Mah told Senator Cyn. Lee that regardless of how Mr. Crupi had presented his speech, he had no goals or platform. The body was looking for goals and a platform.

Speaker Jackson said they are in a motion to approve Mr. Hegpeth; this discussion should have happened before the motion.

Roll call vote to approve Mr. Hegpeth:

Yea: Senators Cook, Flangas, Kuykendall, Martinez Se, Stopka, Sullivan,

Nay: Senators Becker, Bussman, Cam. Lee, Cyn. Lee, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Paningbatan, Tool

Abstentions:

Motion failed.

Speaker Jackson sought a motion to recess until 7:42 pm. She asked that during the recess, they do not discuss the action item and stayed in the room.

Senator Kuykendall moved to recess until 7:43 pm.

Senator Flangas seconded.

Senator Cook asked if they can use the bathroom.

Speaker Jackson said yes but they should not speak to the candidates or other senators.

Motion carried; the body will recess until 7:43 pm.

Speaker Jackson called the meeting back to order at 7:43 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union.

Speaker Jackson appreciated the body's standards and discourse. At the same time, not approving the nominee leaves this college without proper representation for at least another two or three weeks. Also, remember that this was the nominees' first interview process. It was not like with President Teixeira's nominees where they had been vetted through the application process and told what was expected of them. Also, keep in mind how much experience they all had when they first applied for the job; re-read the goals and platforms they put on the website originally and reflect on that. Remember they are holding people to a high standard but shouldn't be unreasonable. They should keep this in mind for next meeting when they hear the journalism candidates. The application will be reopened and both nominees will be welcome to apply again if they so choose.

Roll call to re-establish quorum:

Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Bussman, Cam. Lee, Cook, Cyn. Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Se, Stopka, Sullivan, and Tool were present.

Senators Billman Sarwar, Smith, and Thummel were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

b. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 9th, 2017:

i. NOMINATION OF AUSTIN LENSCH TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EVENT PROGRAMMING, MARKETING AND INTERNS

Senator Flangas moved to approve the nomination of Austin Lensch to the Office of Assistant Director of Event Programming, Marketing, and Interns.

Senator Martinez seconded.

Director Kinel said she had high expectations for this position and Mr. Lensch surpassed all of them. In her absence, Mr. Lensch would be the acting director and would be her right-hand man the entire year while also planning and executing the curriculum for the internship. For his interview, she asked he bring a marketing plan, a training program for the interns, and an interview outline for interviewing candidate. She was overall confident in Mr. Lensch's ability to thrive in the position and encouraged the body to ask challenging questions.

Mr. Lensch said thank you for having him, he was excited to be here. For some time, he has been passionate about education and programming which are vital for this position. He has wanted to be an educator since he was a kid, and that's all he wants to do. He has been inspired by many people in programming. He is majoring in education and wants to apply what he has learned to the department. He has been involved in event programming since middle school, and involved in student government and was the president in high school. He knew he wanted to be involved in the university, and at orientation he attended the "Get Involved" session, so he went home that night and applied for the internship with programming. His first year, he was an intern and learned the basics of the department and how to be successful. His second year he was hired on as a programmer. In the last year he has learned about his strengths and weaknesses. These passions will help guide this process and will be a benefit to the board. This position is split up into marketing and internships. His goal for marketing was to create strict deadlines and hold the programmers accountable. He will require details for events eight weeks prior, and he has mapped out the fall semester dates. This will give him a week to get sort out the details and submit it to Inkblot for the seven week bundle, which is the largest bundle you can get. As well, he will work with Director Kinel to hold everyone accountable by creating a strike system or a contract to make sure everyone follows the deadline. He will create an environment that emphasizes marketing, so he wanted to have a good relationship with Inkblot by inviting the director and team members to come to the meetings and talk about how they can improve. He is interested in reaching out to a professional marketer to get them excited about marketing. He would like to involve programmers in the marketing process which will get them excited about their own events. Next, he wanted to create and maintain a relationship with the director of Inkblot to create accountability. He would have biweekly meetings with the director, and will at least have an account coordinator. He would also like to show them appreciation by sending them notecards after big events. He would establish new marketing techniques for reaching diverse populations, look at what other schools were doing, reach out to students, and look at survey results. If they are cosponsoring events, he wanted to work with those groups. When it comes to internship he wanted to hold interns accountable and create a learning atmosphere with clear expectations. He wanted to create a contract with expectations and removable offenses, so that they are aware of that. He wanted to have a strike system, where one strike is a talking to, a second strike is a written up form for the director, and a third strike is removal from the program. They would get an email for each strike. He wanted to treat all the interns the same and make sure everyone feels equal. He would educate all the interns about being a programmer and enforce weekly meetings to improve the education process, and create intern binders

with worksheets or lessons so they can look that over as they plan events. He included a syllabus in his portfolio to break down semester one and semester two. He wanted to increase the retention rate by showing appreciation for the interns, by having intern of the month, and that would be submitted by programmers or the director. He wanted to have one-on-ones to see how they are doing and how he can accommodate their needs. He would give a survey to both programmers and interns at the end of semester one to see what needed to be changed. He had an idea to create a general survey for the last board and then list board to see how his changes affect the program. Last, he wanted to collaborate with other ASUN officials to create diversity and give a quality experience. He wanted to plan socials for the interns so they can meet the people they will work with in the future and they can learn what each board does. His syllabus is in the portfolio, semester one is lessons on how to event plan, and semester two is planning their own events. He laid out the mentoring process and the hiring process. He believed his passion and experience would allow him to give to this board everything he could.

Senator Flangas said Mr. Lensch stated he wanted to create and maintain a relationship with Inkblot and create accountability. She asked if he met with Blythe Steelman and the Director of Inkblot.

Mr. Lensch didn't have a meeting with Blythe yet but he is meeting with inkblot next week. He will also set up a meeting with Blythe.

Senator Flangas asked how accountability would work.

Mr. Lensch said a lot of times when working with inkblot, they need their information but programming also needs to ensure they get their designs or proofs or posters in a timely manner to market events. Inkblot would keep them accountable by making sure programming turns in all the necessary information and they would keep inkblot accountable by making sure they get everything they were promised in a timely manner.

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

Senator Martinez said he will be abstaining since the nominee is his big. From a constituent's perspective, he believed the nominee was qualified and had a well thought out program. His ideas for interns involved himself and the other colleges.

Senator Becker wrote down three questions and Mr. Lensch answered them all in his speech. Senator Becker knew Mr. Lensch from around campus and he always heard that Mr. Lensch was always very enthusiastic and pleasant. He thought the programming department could use that.

Senator Flangas furthered that point. Mr. Lensch represented the face of programming to the student body and if they wanted an enthusiastic person, then they wanted Mr. Lensch. He had tangible and well-thought out goals. She came with questions but Mr. Lensch already had a plan of attack.

Senator Busman said his questions are usually about accountability but it was already built into Mr. Lensch's platform.

Motion carried; Senator Martinez abstained. M. Lensch was sworn in.

ii. NOMINATION OF KYLE FENG TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EVENT PROGRAMMING, BUDGET AND FINANCE

Senator Martinez moved to approve Kyle Feng to the Office of Assistant Director of Event Programming, Budget and Finance

Senator Tool seconded.

Speaker Jackson asked they refer to the supplemental documents.

Ms. Kinel said she was nominating Kyle Feng. The position presented an extremely competitive applicant pool. Her decision to nominate Mr. Feng was not an easy one but she did so because she believed he was the most qualified. When she applied for the Director of Programming, she took upon herself to keep the department's best interests in mind and that is what she is trying to do. Mr. Feng was well versed in the budget programming and the budget of the Association. She was aware that this position required a lot of attention to detail and accuracy and that is what Mr. Feng will bring to the table. Although he had no previous programming experience, the duties in the SAS were: The Assistant Director will be responsible for all administrative duties, including accounting matters that pertain to the ASUN Event Programming Budget and filling out proper paperwork. This meant that programmers will go to her for questions on programming. Her decision to go forward with one applicant and not another came from what the SAS read and her experience in the department. She had been in the department for four years now and in different position and she didn't feel that previous programming experience was needed in this position. She felt that after Mr. Feng's presentation, they will see why she went for this candidate over another. She was confident he would meticulously maintain the budget. She asked Mr. Feng present a budget breakdown of the 2017-2018 term, a plan to regulate the budget, and an outline plan for keeping programmers accountable.

Mr. Feng said he will be a junior in the fall majoring in accounting and math. He was a senator for the College of Science and was chair for the Committee on Budget and Finance last session. During his term, he gained a passion for civic engagement and got in depth knowledge of ASUN's budget by doing financial reviews and expenditures. To address his lack of programming experience, he was the president of his residence hall his freshman year and during his time, he hosted a multitude of programs that spanned academics, community service, and culture/diversity. He serves as the vice president and new member educator of his fraternity. In that position, he planned two new member programs. His first goal was to regulate the budget and provide additional oversight by being a second layer of clearance for funds. This was tedious since programmers already had to go through Central Station but he believed this was a necessary evil to make sure the budget was being spent with integrity. His second goal was to implement a system of differential analysis to compare costs between different vendors when programmers request funds. He had an additional section in his portfolio on this. His third goal was to implement the funding tracker started last year. It was a valuable resource they had. It would be silly to have programmers buying more things when they have several items in the priming closet. Regarding accountability, the most important part was making sure that programmers were being fiscally responsible. In the event that a programmer does go over budget, he had an outline of questions to ask to see why the overspending happened. If it is deemed that the spending was unreasonable, they will implement a strike system like what Mr. Lensch mentioned. If they had questions regarding the portfolio or any other questions about what Ms. Gamberg said, he welcomed them now.

Senator Kuykendall asked what he could bring to the table that was defend from what was proposed before.

Mr. Feng said because he lacked programming experience, he could see the budget in a new way. He could see times when programming went over budget during the financial reviews. Being new, he could go through new vendors to purchase things. Because programming was so used to using the same vendors they often spent more; but he could bring in new ways to save money.

Senator Martinez said going off of Mr. Feng's BLF analysis, he asked Mr. Feng to give a breakdown of what he did. Senator Martinez saw some notes but he wanted Mr. Feng to give details to explain why he chose what he did.

Mr. Feng said this year for BLF, they were allocated the same amount. Last year, they saw large net loss so the goal was to lower the loss as much as possible. First is he raised the prices of tickets because they will be putting in more money into the talent and bands. This will entice students to pay the higher price. He was also thinking that if they had different time slots to buy tickets with different prices, that would also encourage students to buy tickets. He was approximating \$29 for tickets. Another thing was that last year, the food trucks gave them money but if they charged a percentage of the sales, programming would get more revenue back. He was also adding more money into talent and bands. He also had price changes for the Farris Wheel and the photo booth from different vendors. He kept the zipline because many students used it. The next change was considering student cadets to help with security to reduce costs. Since the cadets would be volunteers, they would need less security. He also had less fences and barricades. For the generators, since they were planning on using them each year, they should purchase them from the ASUN capital fund. They can use them for up to 10 years if they maintained them properly.

Senator Becker asked why he chose this position.

Mr. Feng said last year having been chair of Budget and Finance, he saw the expenditures of all departments. Programming did a great job last year but there were events that could have saved them money. He also spoke to former Assistant Director Leard and the biggest problem he had was not maintaining the spending tracker. Programming had a big excel workbook where they tracked all the expenditures. The biggest flaw last year was that they didn't track everything because Mr. Leard stopped using it last year during the second semester this meant they knew they would be under budget but didn't have any exact numbers. Being the meticulous person he was, he would be able to assist the programming department by maintaining the tracker.

Senator Flagon asked Mr. Feng if he could elaborate on the differential analysis tracker and if he would be training the programmers personally on maintain it.

Mr. Feng said yes. This was something they did in accounting. They take expenses and list them side by side to see which was the better option. Essentially, they list the quantitative costs and the qualitative costs then pick the option that came out to having a positive number. He did this since money wasn't always the best way to measure benefits.

Senator Cyn lee wanted to say his BLF breakdown was thorough and well linked to the notes. For transparency, she asked he elaborate on not being able to properly estimate costs as mentioned in the public comment from earlier.

Mr. Feng was not sure what she meant. He asked if they could refer to public comment.

Senator Cyn. Lee didn't catch everything mentioned in public comment.

Ms. Gamberg said she meant not having experience in the programming he couldn't pull estimates off the top of his head and need to take time to look up estimates.

Mr. Feng said his job wasn't to plan events; it was to make sure that programmer were using student funds to the best of their ability.

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

Senator Kuykendall asked Director Kinel why she chose Mr. Feng over the other applicants based on his experience.

Director Kinel said initially when making her decision, she referred to the SAS. It was strictly an administrative position. She was there to guide programmers; Mr. Feng would not be advising programmers. She also considered his outside perspective as bringing in a new light. It was awesome to have many people return year after year but it wasn't to their benefit to never step outside of that same routine.

Senator Kuykendall asked Director Kinel if she was confident in his ability to go above the learning curve.

Director Kinel also considered their abilities. She thought that because Mr. Feng as new, it would be easier to mold his outlook to match what she needed for the department. Whereas someone who had been in the department a long time wouldn't be able to take into account her needs.

Senator Martinez said a concern for him was the public comment. He asked Speaker Jackson if he could address the public comment.

Speaker Jackson said they would not address public comment during the approval of the nomination.

Senator Kuykendall said he asked a question to Director Kinel and she was technically public comment.

Speaker Jackson said she was the appointing body and was relevant to discussion.

Senator Bussman said that budgeting and working with accounting was a highly transferable skill. Specific work with programming didn't matter as much as his work was with the budget. Mr. Feng obviously had experience with budgets and didn't think the experience argument mattered in this context.

Senator Flangas said he did have some event planning experience. He wasn't out of touch with planning events and could see both sides.

Senator Kuykendall believed Mr. Feng was the right guy. Despite his opinion, he will abstain since Mr. Feng was a superior to Senator Kuykendall.

Senator Martinez agreed with Senator Flangas in the sense of planning events in res halls and fraternities. He was given a budget when planning events for Peavine and needed to understand the structure of the budget.

Senator Cyn. Lee appreciated how he looked towards the future and how he looked toward the future and planned on using things that would save money either now or in the long run.

Motion carried; Senator Kuykendall abstained. Mr. Feng was sworn in.

c. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 11th, 2017:

i. NOMINATION OF OLUWAFEMIFOLA P GBENJO TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Senator Flangas moved to approve the Nomination of Oluwafemifola Gbenjo to the Office of Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Martinez seconded.

President Teixeira said this applicant stood out to him because previous directors came and spoke to him about her passion. Director Hurdle said she was perfect for the position as she did incredibly as a programmer. Director Rojas, the previous Director of Diversity and Inclusion director, also recommended her.

Ms. Gbenjo said to her, diversity was a very raw topic with many subcategories including race, ethnicity, values, culture, background, beliefs, gender, and sexual orientation. Diversity is a very important topic and that was why this position was very important. Diversity is also very important to her. When she was growing up in high school, diversity was on the backburner; it wasn't something that was talked about or even thought about. There were about five black people in her graduating class so obviously diversity was limited for her. When she got to college, she was able to join several organizations including Black Student Organization, Sisters on a Move, and the Reno African Student Association. Then, she started to see how many groups there are on campus. Given the political climate right now, diversity and inclusion were especially important. There were groups of people that didn't feel welcome whether it was on campus or even in the country. It is a very important topic. She believed inclusion and diversity were reciprocal; you can't understand diversity without understanding inclusion and you can't be inclusive without understanding diversity. She believed all groups on campus deserved to have their voices heard. This was especially true within ASUN. It was ASUN's responsibility to cater to the various needs of all students on campus; that is why this position was so necessary and important. For her, she wants to educate people who were like her. People who didn't know about diversity or what it was. She wants to educate people on embracing roots and being proud of where they come from and knowing they are safe on campus. She believed she was qualified for this position because she can relate to many groups. She can't relate to everyone – no one can relate to everyone – but she wants to be a liaison and representative for all people who may not be getting as much representation as they deserve. Whether this be through events or meetings or passing legislation she believed diversity and inclusion was very important. Her qualifications for this position included partaking in various leadership roles in her time in high school and in college. In college specifically, she was the events chair for Sisters on a Move, a member of the events committee for Black Student Organization, and an event programmer for the Department of Event Programming. Programming taught her the basic rules and guidelines to be able to throw an event. Having been the vice president for the past

year and the transitioning president for Black Student Organization, she has connections and relationships with various people on campus that want to make all student voices heard. AS far as teaching, she hasn't had as many roles but was a mentor to her programming intern and is a mentor for Big Brothers, Big Sisters at the Boys and Girls Club. She mentored an underprivileged teenager who was about 13 years old. As director, there are a lot of involvements on and off campus that she wanted to take part of in the upcoming year. To name a few: The Diversity Summit, the Unity and Diversity Forum, involvement with The Center, involvement with the Diversity Initiative Committees. All of this is so that the campus and community know that this position exists and that ASUN does care and is advocating for a diverse campus. Even though we are a predominately white institution, everyone is welcome on the campus no matter of who they are or where they come from.

Senator Becker asked how she planned to educate the student body.

Ms. Gbenjo said through events. She wanted to have events where diversity clubs and orgs came out since not many people knew those clubs existed or that those groups of people were even on the campus. Whether they tabled or held carnivals or had barbeques they wanted people to know ASUN does care about diversity and inclusion. She thought a lot of people were ignorant. Ignorance is not often used but it was the best word to use even though it had a bad connotation. When she said ignorant, she meant that many people just didn't know; they may not know what is or isn't offensive. Education is the biggest part of that. It was all worth it when people were willing to listen.

Senator Bussman asked this at oversight but wanted to ask it again. He asked if she would be willing to present a breakdown of the budget.

Ms. Gbenjo said yes.

Speaker Jackson said President Teixeira allocated \$10,000 to initiatives. Speaker Jackson asked Ms. Gbenjo if she could explain how she would use that increase.

Ms. Gbenjo wanted to throw one or two large scale events. She wanted to have a diversity carnival or a diversity fest where all clubs came out and displayed clothing, pictures, food, etc. anyone interested could come out. This included getting the community involved and having carnival rides, food, face painting, games, and things like that. With the rest of the budget, she wanted to support other initiatives on campus and other clubs with her budget. She wanted to be a support system for them.

Senator Flangas said they talked about reaching out to the Reno community to improve diversity in Oversight. She asked for an example of how students would work with the community.

Ms. Gbenjo said there were a lot of groups outside of campus that also could benefit, like the Boys and Girls Club. They hold events and have after school programs for under privileged students. They could have advocates from UNR going over and helping them. While they are there, they can talk to students about their plans and getting them thinking about applying to UNR. Diversity with underprivileged students was a problem as far as retention rates, graduation rates, and even applying. That is why it was important to reach out to young students in the community and getting them thinking about college. They needed to get kids whiel they were young.

Senator Cyn. Lee said Ms. Gbenjo wanted to bring awareness to minority issues on and off campus in her short-term goals. Senator Cyn. Lee asked Ms. Gbenjo what issues she wanted to prioritize.

Ms. Gbenjo said social injustices that have been going on campus. She didn't know if they had seen that someone wrote nigger in the KC and she wanted to educate people on how that wasn't okay. She wanted to talk about social issues and bringing them to campus so people can see how they can help.

Senator Martinez said she had an internship planned; he asked she addressed it more since it wasn't in the SAS that she have one.

Ms. Gbenjo would work with President Teixeira on that. She was not sure on the structure but based it on Programming's internship structure. She needed to establish the department structure before moving into that.

Senator Kuykendall said her 4th point of her short-term goals was to fill the diversity board with individuals that wanted to improve diversity and inclusivity. He asked what characteristics she looked for in filling the roles.

Ms. Gbenjo asked for passion and dedication. If they were not passionate about diversity, they would not fit into the position. They needed to take action to be inclusive, otherwise why care. It was also a small department and very new, they needed to build it up. She needed to build it from the ground up. That is why she needed dedicated people.

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

Senator Bussman reiterated that she created the platform before knowing about the budget expansion so what she had was a solid start and seemed ready to be held accountable for everything. She was a promising candidate.

Senator Martinez said she had a lot of ideas. He was reiterating that the position was newish and she was paving the way for how it should go. He liked her ideas and had experience in diversity and inclusion. She identified with the diversity she wanted to bring it. There were other people she couldn't relate to but she wanted to reach out to them. He thought it was important to realize that even though she identified as a person of color, she couldn't identify with everyone but still wanted to include them.

Senator Cyn. Lee liked she talked about sensitive subjects. She didn't know about the word in the elevator and liked she wanted to include everyone.

Motion carried; Ms. Gbenjo was sworn in.

ii. NOMINATION OF COLE NASON TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BLUE CREW

d. Senate Committee Changes

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

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix
Speaker Jackson moved to approve S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix

Senator Tool seconded.

Speaker Jackson wanted to present it and then amend it. Both were to suspend senate rules. This first one addressed the speaker needing to call a meeting of the senate every Wednesday at 5:30 since they will be having senate every other week at 5. The next part addressed the Committee on Oversight.

Speaker Jackson moved to amend the title to say, “Senate Binding Resolution 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix” by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; amendment passed.

Motion carried.

- b. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1
Speaker Jackson moved to approve S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1.

Senator Kuykendall seconded.

Speaker Jackson said this resolution addressed points if they missed committee meetings; if they weren't going to have committee meetings then they cannot get points because they don't apply.

- c. Speaker Jackson moved to amend the title to say, “Senate Binding Resolution 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1” by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; amendment carried.

Motion carried.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix
- b. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1

Senator Kuykendall asked if they needed to address agenda item 14 first.

Speaker Jackson said they will address agenda item 14 after they do 15.

Speaker Jackson passed the gavel to Senator Martinez because they were her resolutions. Senator Martinez accepted.

Speaker Jacksons moved to fast-track S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix.

Senator Tool seconded.
Motion carried.

Speaker Jackson moved to fast-track S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1 by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

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 Transfer Funds from the Capital Fund to the Nevada Wolf Shop
Speaker Jackson said they will not hear the bill today. They will address it next week when Steve Dubay can come and speak to the situation. Please be here next week.
- b. S.B. 85 – An Act to Move Monies Within the ASUN Senate Account
Senator Flangas moved to approve S.B. 85 – An Act to Move Monies Within the ASUN Senate Account.

Senator Tool seconded.

Speaker Jackson proposed this piece to move money for this fiscal year. A few secretary positions were added last session and they were never filled. She wanted to give as many senators as possible the option to go to a conference coming up in June. She reallocated the funds to make the budget. She also attached the memo that had the breakdown.

Motion carried; Senator Flangas abstained.

Senator Martinez passed the gavel back.
Speaker Jackson accepted.

- c. S.B. 85 – An Act to Move Monies Within the Undergraduate Research Account
Senator Martinez moved to approve S.B. 85 – An Act to Move Monies Within the Undergraduate Research Account.

Senator Kuykendall seconded.

Senator Kuykendall said this legislation moved money within the Undergraduate Research account. It moved \$1000 from the Host line to the Operating line because the host budget was allocated for the launch party they were going to have but it was no longer possible. The reasoning for the movement was because they had unexpected operational costs. The committee agreed it was appropriate to recommend this since the money was being moved within their account and it didn't affect any other accounts. They also felt the department should be able to use their money in the most effective manner possible.

There was no discussion.

Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senator Reports

Senator Stopka said there was going to be huge shakeup in his college. He met with the dean and the dean expressed that the College of Science will be split into 4 colleges. That meant they were going to have to add more senators.

Senator Cook said to clarify, they would be broken down into different areas not colleges.

Senator Stopka said they had DHS which will be made up mostly of social work. Then they had Nursing going independent. Then they had Community Health Sciences going independent but it would include Pre-Nursing. This was because pre-nursing wasn't a major technically since the acceptance rate was small. This way if a student was not accepted into nursing, they could still switch majors easily. Pre-nursing students would stay in CHS until they were accepted into nursing school. This meant that nursing would be made up of third and fourth years students only. Finally, they had speech pathology becoming part of the school of medicine since it had nowhere else to go. This meant DHS, Nursing, and CHS would need to be recalculated so they could figure out how many senators they need. The math hasn't been done yet but it was looking like DHS and Nursing would need one senator each and CHS would keep three. The vote for CHS going independent will happen June 8th at the Board of Regents meeting. There wasn't any dissent so it will mostly happen and probably within 2 years at the most. It would all depend on how long dean recruitment took but two years for sure. The last point was that DHS will continue having a vice president but he will no longer be a line of authority, that will belong to the new dean.

Dr. Beattie clarified that they had a formula that was the same as the US Government used for reapportionment. They all get one senator and then the formula takes over from there based on numbers.

Senator Cyn. Lee asked if speech and pathology was going to the medical school.

Senator Cook said speech and pathology would be moved to the medical school but they will still be undergrads. He wanted the dean to come next semester to explain it. They will be undergrad students in the medical school so they will still need representation. They will need to figure out a way to represent the undergrad students only.

Speaker Jackson thought it would be beneficial to have their dean come to senate.

Senator Bussman was not familiar with the process for apportionment but asked if this would remove positions for their colleges.

Dr. Beattie said yes.

Speaker Jackson said that before her first session, the College of Education had 2 senators but because of reapportionment, they only had one senator now.

Senator Kuykendall asked if Senator Bussman was asking if they were going to lose senators during this term.

Senator Bussman said no. if they split up speech pathology and removed that position from another college, he didn't think that was a fair split.

Dr. Beattie said that was a problem to tackle later. The way it currently worked was that every single college got representation. Otherwise it would be like saying a state didn't get representation because it only had 2,000 people whereas California had 6 million.

Speaker Jackson thought this can be discussed at a later time. She did add however that the Reynolds School of Journalism had about 600 students whereas College of Education had about 1200 students and yet they had the same number of senators because of the reapportionment formula.

Senator Flangas was wondering if changing the formula could be done by them or if the students voted on it.

Dr. Beattie said the formula was in the SAS.

Senator Flangas asked if they could vote on it.

Dr. Beattie said yes. There was talk about reapportionment as well in the constitution so they should read that to know what they needed to know.

Speaker Jackson said she would love to look into that further if Senator Flangas wanted to continue exploring it.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said the only person needing to know the technology for calling in was Speaker Jackson and Senator Martinez. What will happen is that she will send a link via email and when the meeting time comes, they click on the link and it will take them directly to the meeting. When they are on screen, they can choose to turn their camera off, turn the microphone off, etc it was up to them. It was super simple to use and they only needed to log in about 5 minutes before the meeting. If anyone else wanted to learn about Go To Meeting, they needed to set up a meeting with Raul and he will train them. This was in case any committees wanted to meet over the summer. Summer meetings were happening because students paid into the association over the summer and they were therefore expected to make it to meetings. It can be electronically or whatever. They can make a meeting occasionally but they must be here. Two summers ago, senate missed almost all of its meetings and it was really disappointing; last year, they only missed one. If they had an issue with Go To Meeting, they can face time or even call in and be on speaker. For the appointments tonight, they voted on selecting a nominee and then approving that nominee. What they did was within their rights. However, he wanted to make sure that the people that voted not putting the person in office voted that way because they truly believed the nominee was not qualified. They should not be voting based on their preferred candidates not being nominated. If that is the reason why they voted in such a way, that was not fair to the College of Engineering. They should really reflect on that.

Speaker Jackson said she got trained today so they should be good to go on using Go To Meeting. She asked they let her know in written form how they will connect if they cannot be here physically.

Dr. Beattie liked the dialogue on the table and the questions they asked.

Speaker Jackson agreed.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.