

# 85<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 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 5:06 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Jackson, Senator Bussman, Senator Cook, Senator Compton, Senator Flangas, Senator Kuykendall, Senator Lippi, Senator Mah, Senator Mall, Senator Martinez, Senator Paningbatan, Senator Sarwar, Senator Smith, Senator Sullivan, and Senator Thummel were present.

Senators Cam. Lee and Cyn. Lee were tardy excused.

Senators Becker, Billman, Se were absent excused.

Senators Stopka and Tool were absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. The minutes from July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Senator Martinez moved to approve the minutes from July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 through unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Wang said she was the commissioner for the Sciences and Engineering Coalition. She would love for her clubs to know their senators. Many of the clubs have expressed interest in getting to know their senators. Many clubs have students in all of the majors they represent. She knew a few clubs had already reached out to their senators and thanked them for responding to the clubs if they have. She would also like to invite them to the iLead Conference on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Speaker Jackson will send out an email later about the conference but they had a portion with a meet-and-greet with the commissioners of their coalitions. She also brought freshly printed handbills to hand out with more information about the conference. It was at 9 am promptly and the room information will be sent out later in an email. She was also their representing the Engineering Leadership Council. They would like to share their letter of recommendation for Ian Tralmer.

Commissioner Wang read the letter of recommendation into the record:

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Rules and Procedures Committee  
Engineering Leadership Council  
College of Engineering  
University of Nevada, Reno  
Harry Reid Engineering Laboratory Room 106  
Thursday, July 13th, 2017 at 5:00pm

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To Whom It May Concern of the ASUN Senate:

We, the officers of the Engineering Leadership Council, wish it to be known to the ASUN Senate that our choice of representation for the vacant Engineering Senator position be filled by Ian Tralmer. Ian is an active member of both the Engineering Leadership Council and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a member club of the Engineering Leadership Council. In Our opinion, it will be immensely valuable to have an Engineering Senator who has worked closely with Engineering Clubs and knows the Interest of the Engineering Students in those Clubs.

The Engineering Leadership Council is the association of all Engineering Clubs and represents thirty total clubs and we wish you take this letter into consideration

Thank you for your consideration of our wishes,

Justin Patridge – Rules and Procedures Chair  
Christopher Meyer – Funding Chair  
Brian Turner – Club Affairs Chair  
Brenda Penn – ASUN Representative  
Frances Vinlove – Programming Chair

Director Kinel said she was going shopping for the barbeque and requested the truck keys. She made her way to the truck only to have Juan from the Front Desk chase her down because there was a kitten stuck in the front of the truck. They saved his life and now they need to find him a home. She asked they stop by Central Station if they want it or if know of anyone who would want to adopt it.

Dr. Beattie wanted to follow up with what Commissioner Wang said. Going to the iLead Conference as Senators will get them to meet at least 300-400 club leaders and helps but a face to the ASUN Senate. It will help improve their reputation, not that they had a bad reputation but it was always good to try and improve it. This is especially important with clubs and orgs since they usually contact their commissioner and are in contact with the commission but may not know that senators can help as well. Let them know they have two go-to places rather than the one they think they have. Welcome Back Week and BLF are quickly approaching and as student officers, the expectation is they will volunteer. Director Kinel will need hands for all the events and it is a great chance to wear their polos. They will have about 5500 students at BLF and about 6000 at Wolf It Down. They needed to keep reaching out to students and this is a great way to meet students rather than waiting in the senate chambers for students to come to them. Just because they got elected, they can't stop reaching out. They need to go to club events as well and talk to clubs.

Speaker Jackson said added that meeting with a club that is part of their college is super beneficial. Last year with the College of Education, she met with the U of NEA every week and it was really great to collaborate with them on initiatives the College was doing. She would recommend they reach out to clubs.

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

- a. Nominations, Open Senate Seat for the College of Engineering  
Speaker Jackson said they had Ian Tralmer and Michael Thomas for the open Engineering Seat.

**7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira  
President Teixeira said he had been presenting to orientation groups on being civically engaged. He had also been working with Director McNeece on ideas from Sandy and reaching out to other student body presidents he met at conference earlier in the summer to see what they are doing. He also looked into different ways to see how they can do their elections and orientation presentations. They gave him a lot of feedback on what they do on their own campuses. He worked with Director Gbenjo on Pride Day and wanted to give him a shout out. He was talking to Ricky from the Center the other day and was very impressed by how everything turned out. He will be meeting with Speaker Jackson and Senator Kuykendall later to create a department for Director Gbenjo. They can expect legislation on that on the next agenda. There hadn't been any other meetings about the Joe expansion.

There were no questions at this time.

- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza  
VP Atienza said tomorrow he will attend the Nevada State Youth Leadership Summit. It was put on for sophomore and juniors in high school and for the students in the Dean's Future Scholars. They will have a reception that also serves as a great networking opportunity for them. He wanted to congratulate Senator Kuykendall for being the only senator to help with orientation, besides Speaker Jackson. There are two more sessions, one of which is an overnight session, starting tomorrow and Friday. The transfer orientation session is on July 31<sup>st</sup>. He asked if anyone could help with the parent session with Director Walberg.

July 28<sup>th</sup> Session: Chief of Staff Bradley, Senator Thummel volunteered

Vice President Atienza said he will contact them later for the July 31<sup>st</sup> orientation. He was talking to Enid Jennings from Student Health Services to get an event going for the second week of school. It will educate students on STD testing and different aspects of sexual health during sexual activity as well as resources on campus. He looked forward to sharing that information with them. He had a fun name but couldn't announce it yet.

There were no questions at this time.

- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
- d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley  
Chief of Staff Bradley said the polos will be here by time they start Welcome Week. They came in but they were the wrong polos so she had to negotiate for the ones they ordered. She hoped they could keep both the polos since their names were on them so they would be worthless to anyone else. They had retreat coming up. She thanked everyone for filling out the forms. She had to hunt down a couple of them but they had everyone they needed. She ordered the shirts yesterday and the bags. They will be having a service project with Keep Tahoe Blue on the last day. For the Nevada FIT people, she will work with them to get them involved somehow since they could only come for the first day. They might arrange different transportation for that. She and Speaker Jackson are doing that. The panel was full with community members. They will be

dedicating their time to them so she asked they be on their best behavior. Everyone on the panel was excited to work with them. For the internships, they had over 350 freshman alone express interest. She didn't have the exact numbers of how many actually applied but they should have a good pool to choose from. She had a meeting with all the assistant directors to see how they are doing with their syllabi and agendas. For orientation, she was pushing for more of them to learn the presentation and do it to help out. They only had a couple more presentations left. She was also helping President Teixeira with the 100-hour challenge. She was also working on a women in leadership conference with Speaker Jackson. They are planning for it to be at the end of November hopefully. It will be a half day thing to help women feel comfortable taking leadership positions and to run for them. She met with Kylie Rowe and Griffith Douglas to get sponsors and a team. Lastly, she was working with Director McNeece to get a reduction of plastic usage on permits. She was receptive to emails or texts if they had any questions.

There were no questions at this time.

**e. Director of Sustainability, Steven McNeece**

Director McNeece said he spent most of the summer doing research and brainstorming with Director Rodriguez to create ideas for what the position should be seeing. He was waiting to tell them things once the ball got rolling. For his first idea, he was working Dr. Sagebiel to get more recycling bins on campus. They are working on getting a uniform recycling logo so students recognize it as opposed to seeing a blue bin and hoping it was recycling. For his second idea, he was building the infrastructure for SNIF by building it from the bottom up. He was researching different campuses, like the University of Maryland since they have a crazy budget, to see how they do deadlines, distribute funds, and make decisions. He will be working with President Teixeira to build a committee that is constant so they can decide how they will distribute funding and who gets funding. The third idea is making events more sustainable. The first is BLF. He was speaking with Director Kinel and she already had the water monsters and water bottles as well as centralized garbage. They are also looking at creating incentives for more sustainable efforts on campus using BLF tickets. They might do recycling events or volunteer cleanups where people can be entered to win free BLF tickets. Those were the three things he was working on right now.

Speaker Jackson said once they had the infrastructure, they could partner up with University Affairs or Civic Engagement to make changes in the SAS so all events are sustainable for a long time after they leave. During one of the first meetings, he can speak to them to get drafts started.

There were no questions at this time.

**f. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg**

**g. Attorney General, Cameron Harris**

**h. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel**

Director Kinel said all the programmers have completed their training so all events have been distributed. BLF is all she thinks about. Assistant Directors Feng and Lensch, Dr. Beattie, and herself are working hard on it. Ticket sales start August 1<sup>st</sup>, she was just waiting on hand bills to be printed. She asked them to encourage all their constituents to buy. They will drop all artist names once all contracts are signed. She was working with Inkblot to get a poll out about the genre for the spring concert. She knew it was early still but if she wanted a big name she needed to start now. The last summer BBQ is tomorrow. She thanked them all for helping. There was a poll on the 85 session Facebook page. If they could volunteer please help as all her staff was out of town and she had class from 10 am – 12 pm. In regards to all the volunteer opportunities Dr.

Beattie mentioned, they will all be listed on Give Pulse and she will give them a heads up when they are listed so they can sign up.

There were no questions at this time.

- i. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero
- j. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Schultz
- k. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo  
Director Gbenjo thanked everyone that came to pride 2017; attendance doubled from last year; she has only heard good things. There were also more pride flags if anyone wanted one. She was working with the diversity initiatives to start discussions on 2018 Northern Nevada Diversity Summit. They do have a date for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018; they are beginning to plan that so there isn't much yet. She had been in contact with Our Story, a club on campus that shed light on personal stories. The goal was to shed light on issues. People can share stories of things they have gone through. They wanted to host an event with ASUN to bring in keynote speakers. She was emailing the president of International Club to plan Night of all Nations. It was set for Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She will meet with them to discuss how ASUN can contribute and help. For retreat, she had been coming up with a retreat activity on diversity for them to do.

Speaker Jackson said Pride was amazing. She thanked them for all their hard work. They really made an impact and it was great. She wanted to remind the body to pay attention to the SAS requirements and duties for the people they appoint. Many of the people on the agenda are required to report every other week or things like that. Take note of those that give reports or email them. They all sent their goals and platforms and she encouraged the body to save them so that they can ask questions during reports based on what they said at their approval. It was important the body kept everyone accountable.

There were no questions at this time.

- l. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason  
Director Nason said he had an update on the student tailgates. It turns out that it wasn't a tailgate that was being put on by the Joe; It was being put on by Wiegand and throughout the talks, the Joe took over. Athletics was on the same page as ASUN in that they didn't want to get involved initially. He went to the meeting to say that Blue Crew will not be involved but if the first couple of tailgates go well and students like them, Blue Crew would gladly contribute. He met with Athletics about a week ago and they are on the same page on supporting underrepresented sports. There was a lack of communication between them and Athletics on this topic. They will be having an event during Welcome Week on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The all sports calendar is in the process of being compiled so it can be sent out. Finally, he was hoping to have a full board today.

There were no questions at this time.

- m. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

## 8. **REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel

- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Martinez
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

**10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

**The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

- a. Nomination of Ian Tralmer to the office of Senator for the College of Engineering
- b. Nomination of Michael Thomas to the office of Senator for the College of Engineering
- c. Nomination of Courtney Kinsella to the office of Elections Chair
- d. Nomination of Cate Heydon to the office of Programmer for the Department of Blue Crew

Senator Sullivan moved to fast-track nomination a-d by unanimous consent.  
There was no dissent; motion carried.

**11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

- a. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**
  - i. **NOMINATION OF IAN TRALMER TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Speaker Jackson said he will have ten minutes to present followed by ten minutes for questions and answers.

Mr. Tralmer said he applied to fill the vacant engineering seat. When preparing the presentation, the first thing he thought of was to read the mission statement in the SAS. The first bit was about maximizing the educational experience of all the students in Nevada and the second was about making sure that the official positions provide learning experiences for leadership, integrity, and civil service. His interpretation of that was that he valued hard work, but a student at the university was more than a day job. The university had an effect that was pervasive and being a student inches into every aspect of your life. It wasn't an educational experience anymore; it was a wholistic life experience. That is why he believed it was ASUN's and the University's job to make sure students, faculty, and staff all receive the best possible services. In addition, it was the University's responsibility to make sure that the students that came through the programs came out well-rounded in terms of education and character. This is the reason why they had engineering students take CH courses for example. In short, he wanted to be a senator so he can contribute to making the University of Nevada as good as it can be, make the student experience as valuable as possible for as many as possible, and prepare students for the outside world. He had that desire and felt senate was the best fit for those desires based on the communication skills required. The way he saw it was that good communication was needed for a person to succeed as a senator. They had to talk to other senators, faculty, director departments, chairs, and constituents in and out of their college. He believed that he had good communication skills, it was even a strength if his. But he is also always looking to develop those skills. As far as past experience, he has served as a tutor for the Math Center. Multiple times a week, he opens up a classroom and anyone can walk in for help. He deals with students from various levels of English literacy to math education and all from different back grounds and helps all of them. Given his desires to make the university a better place and enthusiasm in dealing with people, he felt senate and Senate would be a good fit. As far as the committees he was interested in, he looked through the

descriptions and wanted to sit on University Affairs and Civic Engagement. For Civic Engagement, he felt it was an event planning team whose primary purpose was to get students more involved in volunteerism and increase participation in student government. He saw the committee as two parts: event planning and civic duty. When it came to event planning, he felt very competent in those skills. He felt he could promote, plan, and execute fun and engaging events. That came from his experience with his work as Director of Community and Vice President for Nevada Esports, a club on campus. His work has all been directly related to setting up and planning events that consistently bring in around 300 people. He was also not a stranger to civic duties. His experience with the honors program lead him service learning. Service learning, for those not familiar, was drawing a location out of a hat and then volunteering there for at least 20 hours then writing an essay. When he drew out of the hat, he got High Desert Farming Initiative. It was a university owned farm. This was probably as far as you could get from electoral engineering and that made him hesitant to go. He ended up walking in and harvest lettuce for the DC, picked peppers for the school district, bundled herbs and spices to sell at farmers' markets, and took everything else they had and gave it to Catholic Charities and a homeless shelter. What happened there was that he put in his time, energy, and effort into making the community around him a better place and that in turn bettered him. He learned and practiced new skills he didn't have before and he met new types of people he otherwise wouldn't have. The end result was that he was immersed and exposed to a completely different dimension of life that he wouldn't have otherwise experienced. That all drastically shifted his goals as an engineering student. Although he was apprehensive at first, he quickly learned to appreciate service learning. What he learned about service learning is what ASUN called civic engagement. The main issue he would like to tackle while on Civic Engagement is the lack of engagement from engineering students. He talked to many people and many of them said they didn't want to do anything. They just wanted to come to school, take their tests, and leave. They didn't want to talk to anyone or get involved; they just wanted to graduate, break into the industry, and die. That wasn't good. He looked at the voting percentages for this past election and all the other colleges were sitting at a turnout rate of 20%-25% yet engineering was only at 15%. He didn't like seeing that and wondered what happened. Civic engagement and the exposure that service learning provided had the potential to become a very important aspect of engineering since it would make students more aware of their community and how their technical skills will contribute and benefit the society around them. It can also help them see how the technology they produce will impact the world. In his mind, the ideal engineer has strong communication skills, has an acute awareness of how work affects the world at large, and has a strong sense of ethics to see how decisions made impact other people. Engineering isn't just math. As far as he would make that happen was through a couple of ideas. He did a lot of research online and saw that many people were talking about engineering and service learning together. He read about either making it a course or maybe giving out a research stipend. At the moment, he had the idea of talking to Dr. Valentine, Director of the Honors Department, and Dr. Fadali, Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department. He was hoping as a senator, he could also talk to the body to see what can be done to better engage engineering students.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Flangas said she liked the civic engagement and he did his research to see why they would want to prompt engineers to participate. She wondered if he had specific ideas to address the lack of participation.

Mr. Tralmer said he would refine that by talking to different directors and chairs. Some ideas he didn't come up with, but he read online, were making classes that included service learning. Something like that would be a good start. He would encourage professors to include it and also provide incentives for students to go.

Senator Bussman asked what other issues he saw with his college besides civic engagement.

Mr. Tralmer said the university affairs thing. He really appreciated all the services the university provided. But when it came to engineering, something he would have really appreciated since his orientation was if someone had given him a complete list of all services. Not just engineering services but also services for students in general. He didn't know about the ECC (Engineering Computing Center) until his third semester. He didn't know if that was his fault but things could be done better there. He also had some problems with advising. The person who constructed his schedule for him when he did his orientation advising, wound up putting him back a semester. He has talked to the actual engineering advisors and they know what they are talking about. That was a minor, almost petty issue, making sure advising was actually helping instead of hurting. He also wants to make sure students are aware of the clubs available to them. For example, he didn't know they had a drone club until a couple weeks ago during an Engineering Leadership Council meeting when he sat down next to a member. He has gone through all the clubs listed online page by page just to see what clubs would interest him and he never saw that club though he might have missed. He felt information just wasn't permeated.

*Senators Cam. Lee and Cyn. Lee entered the room at 5:38 pm.*

Senator Martinez asked if he could meet every single Wednesday at 5:30 pm next semester.

Mr. Tralmer said yes.

Senator Kuykendall asked for his hesitancy of why he dropped out the first time and then reapplied.

Mr. Tralmer said when he thought of applying he talked to Mr. Crupi since he was the only person Mr. Tralmer knew from ASUN and he was also an engineering senator. Mr. Crupi said yes and he submitted the application. When he saw the agenda, and saw Mr. Crupi's name, he realized Mr. Crupi was really good at this and Mr. Tralmer had a lot of respect for Mr. Crupi. He didn't want to even come in if it meant that Mr. Crupi didn't get the position. He sent in an email saying he was resigning based on the fact that he felt Mr. Crupi was a better candidate and could do more with the position. After he received the email saying that no one was elected, he contacted Mr. Crupi who informed him he also resigned. So once the application was reopened, he applied again.

Senator Martinez said engineering has had problems with filling its seats. Mr. Tralmer talked about service learning and civic engagement, he asked if there was a way to incorporate ASUN to encourage engineering students to run so one isn't vacant.

Mr. Tralmer said if they can convince people that the civic engagement stuff is important, they will see the value of contributing to ASUN. That is why he came in the first place. If they can get people involved, they will believe in that idea and that will lead to engineering seats being filled.



There were no further questions. The body moved to Michael Thomas.

**ii. NOMINATION OF MICHAEL THOMAS TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Senator Kuykendall wondered if, in the name of fairness, Mr. Thomas had the choice to sit in.

Speaker Jackson said she had talked to Mr. Thomas before the meeting started and told him the mic would be muted.

Chief of Staff Bradley said the Joe staff put a different speaker.

Speaker Jackson asked Dr. Beattie to call the Joe staff to see if they could figure out the problem.

Chief of Staff Bradley called Mr. Thomas to let him know his mic had been unmuted.

Speaker Jackson said he will have ten minutes to present followed by ten minutes of questions and answers.

Mr. Thomas said he wanted to start off with the mission from the SAS: "In general, A Senator, elected by peers in the college of his or her major, serves a broad set of functions within the Association. However, the primary role of the Senator is that of legislator, amending and generating bills and resolutions which best reflect the needs and voices of the students during his or her term as Senator." He wanted the body to know that he read this and understood it. This upcoming semester he will be a junior majoring in computer science and minoring in mathematics. He grew up in Las Vegas and attended Silverado High School and graduated in the class of 2015. In high school, he held several leadership positions. He was the captain of the track and field team and elected treasurer of the National Honor Society. In both leadership roles, he had many responsibilities and was in charge of many individuals. Some of his responsibilities included keeping other students/members up to date with new and important information as well as coming up with ways to keep members involved in each organization. He was also responsible for collecting money to be used for various expenses as well as organizing volunteering and fundraising opportunities. Deciding to become involved in high school was something he didn't regret. One thing he did regret was not being involved with student government. That is why he was there today. He would love to have the opportunity to serve as a leader of the university's student government. He believed his past leadership experiences would make him a great candidate for Senator for the College of Engineering. He was also passionate about his field of study and would love to have the opportunity to represent the College. He had a few simple goals if elected senator. He would like to create a connection between engineering students and ASUN by crating more events and opportunism for engineering students. He would also like to create more awareness and involvement of ASUN. He would like to apply differential fees to create better access to undergraduate tutoring such as better hours at the Engineering Tutoring Center and possibly expanding the Math Center to include more popular engineering topics. Engineering isn't an easy subject, and a as student taking higher-level engineering courses, he believed students in the College of Engineering should have access to more resources. He would also like to help better educate engineering students on what to expect after graduation. His internship from this summer allowed him to work with many different kinds of engineers. He would like to have engineers from many disciplines come to lectures as guest speakers. He would

also like to get engineering students to run for Senate by speaking to different engineering clubs. If elected, he would like to sit on the Committees on Academics and Budget and Finance. He considered himself an academically-minded person and would love to have a say in the academic laws this university received. He would like to use his previous experience handling budgets on the Committee of Budget and Finance to benefit it. He would like to benefit his constituents by emailing and creating signs across campus to inform students of helpful information and when events will be taking place to help engineering students get involved.

Senator Kuykendall said one of Mr. Thomas's goals was to create more events for engineering students. Senator Kuykendall wanted to know if he had any ideas.

Mr. Thomas said he didn't have many right now but general events would be barbeques/cookouts with engineering-related things like hack-a-thons for computer engineering students. He would talk to other types of engineers to see what they would like to see.

Senator Martinez asked if he was available Wednesdays at 5:30 pm next semester.

Mr. Thomas said yes.

Senator Flangas said this was asked to the last candidate. There had been a disconnect between ASUN and

Mr. Thomas said that was something he wanted to address. One thing he noticed as a student was the gap between ASUN and engineering. He never saw anything ASUN-related in the engineering buildings. That was something they could work on.

Senator Cyn. Lee said in his speech he mentioned wanting to widen the subjects taught in the math center and increase the hours of operation. She asked if he had talked to any engineering students to see what subjects could be taught.

Mr. Thomas said he had gone into the Math Center and they had classes like circuits and basic computer science. One subject they don't cover is circuits 320 which is an engineering class everyone takes and it is a hard class from his experience. He would add classes that hundreds of students take a semester.

Senator Bussman said he mentioned changing the curriculum in terms of real-world applications. Senator Bussman asked Mr. Thomas if he had spoken to professors about it or what drove him to include it.

Mr. Thomas said he hadn't spoken to other professors about it. It was something he noticed over his classes over the summer. What he always thought of when it came to computer science was sitting at a desk. That was definitely part of the picture but there was so much more. There were a lot of things he didn't expect in the actual industry that he got to do. He felt this was something other people should know about.

Senator Cam. Lee said the De La Mare library has its own tutoring center separate from the Math Center. She asked he wanted to expand the Math Center when engineers had the De La Mare.

Mr. Thomas said the Math Center had very confined hours and expanding those would be good. He would like to expand them to include the weekends when students might be more available.

Senator Cam. Lee said the Math Center was important but she felt that engineers specifically would need more hours in the De La Mare. She was still confused in why he wanted to expand the Math Center's hours.

Mr. Thomas said that was something he could definitely work on.

Speaker Jackson said they shouldn't be delving too much into specifics and instead the body should ask questions about their qualifications and their platforms.

There were no further questions at this time. The body moved to discussion of both candidates.

Senator Thummel said that for Mr. Tralmer, he had wide set of experience as being a leader and working with students one-on-one in academic settings. Being the vice president of the Nevada Esports club and hosting events where over 300 people attended made him qualified and gave him diverse sets of backgrounds.

Senator Mall said Mr. Thomas was more CS based rather than the entire college. Much of what Mr. Thomas mentioned wanting to do already happens. He also mentioned that the engineering buildings don't have much ASUN related stuff but that wasn't true as there was a TV on the first floor that had everything ASUN related. Senator Mall wasn't quite sure as to what Mr. Thomas meant when he mentioned that. Mr. Thomas might also have been confused on the Math Center and the Engineering Tutoring Center since it got moved from the De La Mare. Engineering classes and higher-level CS classes are all in the engineering center as a whole. Each tutor lists their hours on a google calendar and students can schedule appointments there. Mr. Tralmer had a broader sense of where the college is at this moment and what they wanted to see.

Senator Bussman said Mr. Tralmer had specific goals and did his homework since what he talked about was what Senate does. He had a good grasp on how this job works.

Senator Sullivan liked Mr. Thomas's ideas on how to reach out to students to get them involved for ASUN. He said he would email constituents and put up posters in places where ASUN's presence would be more profound. He would go to engineering clubs as well. Those were all good ideas.

Senator Flangas liked Mr. Thomas's ideas about real-world applications. She wasn't in the college obviously but that sounded like it catered to higher graduation and job rates. That was concrete and tangible. It should be noted that it was in the cover letter.

Speaker Jackson said for clarity in the minutes, please refer to the candidates by name.

Senator Martinez asked Senator Mall if he was the only engineering senator here.

Senator Mall said yes.

Senator Martinez asked Senator Mall if Mr. Tralmer had more realistic goals versus Mr. Thomas. He wanted a sense of what Senator Mall saw since the College of Liberal Arts is very different from Engineering.

Senator Mall said Mr. Tralmer had a broad sense of the college as a whole. The second candidate focused on computer science. Looking back, Senator Se is a chemical engineer and he was a computer science engineer. Having a different engineer would be cool since it would be cool to have three different engineer majors focusing on the bigger issues.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Speaker Jackson said they will move into a roll call vote at this time. She asked each senator say the name of their choice when their name is called. She encouraged anyone not here the entire time to abstain.

Roll Call Vote:

Tralmer: Senators Bussman, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Sarwar, Thummel

Thomas: Senators Cook, Compton, Flangas, Martinez, Paningbatan, Smith, Sullivan

Abstentions: Cam. Lee, Cyn. Lee

Speaker Jackson was asked to break the tie; Speaker Jackson voted Mr. Tralmer.

Senator Kuykendall moved to approve nomination of Ian Tralmer to the Office of Senator for the College of Engineering.

Senator Thummel seconded.

Motion carried; Senators Cam. Lee and Cyn. Lee abstained.

Ian Tralmer was sworn in as the Senator for the College of Engineering.

**iii. NOMINATION OF COURTNEY KINSELLA TO THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS CHAIR**

**iv. NOMINATION OF CATE HEYDON TO THE OFFICE OF PROGRAMMER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BLUE CREW**

Senator Sullivan moved to approve Cate Heydon to the Office of Programmer for the Department of Blue Crew.

Senator Flangas seconded.

Director Nason said throughout Ms. Heydon's interview, she was really enthusiastic and wanted to be there. Another thing was her attention to detail in describing goals for the department and where they should be with events. That was something they lacked in the past. The biggest thing that stuck out was that she wanted to be a programmer for Blue Crew and she wanted to be involved in ASUN. In the past, there had been a disconnect with Blue Crew and ASUN.

Speaker Jackson said she will have five minutes to present and five minutes for questions and answers.

Ms. Heydon said she was really excited for what Blue Crew had to offer UNR and that is what made her excited to apply for the position. This position worked with everyone. It wasn't an exclusive group of people and that is what a university is supposed to be, a community. She was born and raised in Reno and that is why she chose this school. She thought it was a great school and she wanted to get more involved. A few goals she had included getting students more engaged with underrepresented sports. One idea she had was a barbeque or cookout to get students involved. They can target the event to the community also well to promote other sports on campus. Other goals were to learn new skills and learn what it takes to be a programmer. She had never been in ASUN and she would love to learn and be a part of it all.

Senator Flangas asked she tell the body about a few of the things she was involved in on campus.

Ms. Heydon said was briefly in the triathlon club. She also was a brand ambassador but didn't know if they would be continuing that into the next semester. She was also involved in Greek life and participated in things like Dorm Strom and Welcome Back week. That will all help her contribute ideas.

Senator Martinez asked if she had an idea for working with Athletics or student athletes.

Ms. Heydon asked for clarification.

Senator Martinez said any ideas she may have or any things he saw at another university that she might want to bring.

Ms. Heydon said she would have teams be a part of barbeques or cookouts. She would want to have events to get students engaged so they know who they are cheering on. People know football or basketball players but if they were to have events to promote and create student athletes, that would be a great way to make students cheer. It would make people want to go to games since they would see the athletes as a friend. and that makes it a team.

Speaker Jackson said Mr. Nason had them submit an event idea. She asked Ms. Heydon if she would share her idea.

Ms. Heydon said the cookout was her idea. It would be like tailgating in order to pump students up and get them excited. They could do it for soccer and have it behind the medical area.

Senator Cam. Lee asked if she had specific timelines for the cookouts.

Ms. Heydon said they could be maybe two hours before. It would be simple with hotdogs and hamburgers to get people there.

Senator Bussman wondered if she had any areas of importance that Blue Crew should focus on.

Ms. Heydon said promoting events towards spots not know no campus. Everyone goes to football and basketball games but they have other things like women's soccer and other

women's sports teams. They aren't recognized as much. Students should be involved with all sports.

Senator Kuykendall agreed that a barbeque would be a great idea. He asked how she would get people to stay at the events rather than come just get food and leave.

Ms. Heydon said they could give a raffle ticket and at half time or the end of the game, they can win something simple. During the cookouts, they could also have people taking bets and those that win get prizes.

Senator Martinez asked if she had leadership experience planning a retreat or an event.

Ms. Heydon said not on campus. She hadn't done a lot and that was why she wanted to do this. She wanted to learn new skills, meet new people, and try something different.

Senator Bussman said on the topic of bringing people out to less popular spring events, he asked what she thought the best way to do that was.

Ms. Heydon said food and tailgates. Anything right before the game that gets students pumped with dance team, the cheerleaders, and the band. They can also promote the events and game throughout the week and have raffles. They just need to do things that get students pumped.

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

Senator Kuykendall said it was disappointing to only hear one idea, but after hearing questions and seeing Ms. Heydon thinking on the fly she was able to articulate ideas off the bat

Senator Thummel said she did a good job answering questions considering her limited experience with ASUN.

Senator Mall said she wanted the job. She wants to think on the fly and do something.

Senator Sullivan said a meet and greet and raffle to keep people there was a good way to get people involved in under-watched sports.

Senator Bussman said it wasn't a bad thing that she hadn't been in ASUN because above all, Blue Crew targeted students so she had relevant experience in that sense.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Motion carried.

Cate Heydon was sworn in as Programmer for the Department of Blue Crew.

## **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 received their first reading and were considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to use Capital Funds to Repair the Intramural Fields Scoreboard

**15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to use Capital Funds to Repair the Intramural Fields Scoreboard

Senator Flangas moved to fast-track S.B. 85 – An Act to use Capital Funds to Repair the Intramural Fields Scoreboard 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 received their second reading and were considered:

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to use Capital Funds to Repair the Intramural Fields Scoreboard  
Senator Thummel moved to approve S.B. 85 – An Act to use Capital Funds to Repair the Intramural Fields Scoreboard.

Senator Cyn. Lee seconded.

Senator Kuykendall said this piece of legislation was to move money from the Capital Funds to repair a scoreboard. The actual cost was \$3340 but because they need to have a 10% contingency for all capital requests, that brought the cost up to \$3674. The money would come from the capital fund. If they weren't aware, that was money contributed by the Wolf Shop from their excess revenues. He asked Director Rodriguez what the balance was right now and it was \$161,697.62. they are more than capable to fund it.

*Senator Smith left the room at 6:27 pm.*

*Senator Martine left the room at 6:27 pm.*

There were no questions or any discussion at this time.

Motion carried.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. **Senator Reports**

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief of Staff Bradley said she forgot to tell them a couple weeks ago but she had her meeting with Greendot for training and they asked senators to get involved really involved. She will give them more information later but she wanted to give them an introduction. She needed them to get more people from their colleges involved.

Speaker Jackson asked she explain what Greendot was for those not familiar.

*Senator Martinez entered the room at 6:29 pm.*

Chief of Staff Bradley said green dot training was training to be an active bystander in sexual assault cases. that way, if they ever saw it happening, they would feel comfortable stepping in and preventing it. She hadn't been through the training yet so she couldn't give details but it was centered around preventing sexual assaults on campus.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.