

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Jackson and Senators Bussman, Billman, Cam. Lee, Cook, Cyn. Lee, Compton, Flangas, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Sarwar, se, Smith, Tralmer, Stopka, Sullivan, Thummel, Tool were present.

Senator Becker absent excused.

Senator Kuykendall tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

Senator Kuykendall entered the room at 5:32 pm.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from August 23rd, 2017
The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Hamma said he was an ASUN president, probably before any of them were even born. He came to say that he was unhappy about the treatment Peter Cytanovic had gotten from the university. The idea of this petition circulating that prevented a student from exercising his right to free speech because of connections to the KKK was abdominal. As far as he knew, no clans were a part of this university. Peter attended a protest that was not connected to this university and the idea that he should be punished for exercising his first amendment right is intolerable. He wanted to state he wasn't a white supremacist, nothing could be farther from the truth. Not only did he believe in equal opportunities for minorities, he believed in special treatments in special cases. All liberals that wanted to should give up their positions for minorities. He would warn anyone that wanted to get involved with peaceful protests, the governor of Maryland had to apologize for saying that white lives matter too. He wanted to say that. In case they felt their own lives don't matter, by all means join the protests.

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

There were no receipts of petitions or correspondences to the senate to be read at this time.

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7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira
President Teixeira said welcome week started off this week with Taste of Reno. Then they'll have the blue crew event. Tonight, will be Wolf it Down. He highly encouraged they volunteer; it was a lot of fun and athletics will be there. Going forward, BLF will be on Saturday and Programming will need volunteers for setup and clean up. For the real Nevada shirts, they ordered 5000 and got 2500 or so out today. The next 2500 will be given out at the next three events. Community members have pressured them to sell the shirts in the Wolf Shop and online. They will be seeing shirts online first. He didn't have the exact number of how many shirts will be sold but the profits of that will be used for diversity initiatives. Shirts have been hit a thus far. If they hadn't already, please take pictures in the shirts and upload them. He will be working with Director Gbenjo to go to the Core Board meetings to talk about core initiatives. They will ask they make them equal across the entire university and that they are useful. It should be education they can use today. They are also working with Dr. Mencing to create some engaged scholarships but he needed to educate himself on that before he speaks more.
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza
VP Atienza wanted to say that President Teixeira cheated at capture the flag during retreat. He thanked Director Walberg and Senator Thummel for doing the last orientation session. If they hadn't heard Senator Thummel's impression of him it was very good. He had been working with the Career Studio for the Pack Internship Program. they were looking for it to go live at the end of September. They were coming up with marketing plans for that. He was also working towards the harassment hotline as President Johnson mentioned. He will also be attending the Student Advisory Meeting that was coming up. From his monthly meetings with President Johnson, they had external and internal presidents there and they wanted to partner with GSA so ASUN will partner with the vice presidents to help GSA.
- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
- d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley
Chief of Staff Bradley said she was working with Senator Martinez for the internships and he had been killing it lately. He got more students to apply and setting it up for tabling. He was doing a great job and hoped they were all volunteering at tabling events and with Programming. If they are not in class, be at all welcome week events. This is the week they are all programmers. She hoped to see them at BLF setup. She will keep pushing students to go to the career studio. She received some questions about polos. If they hadn't gotten a polo, they will get one. She will do another order at the end of the week since almost 100% of the officers have been appointed. All the senator polos that came in are in the workroom. She wanted to give a shout out to Director Walberg for everything he has done with the real Nevada campaign. Please keep posting on social media for that helping programming.
- e. Director of Sustainability, Steven McNeece
- f. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg
Director Walberg said he wanted to read the paper they were giving out with the t-shirts: "#IAmNevada is a campaign designed to focus on the amazing students who attend the University of Nevada Reno. We are a diverse body of students of various races, religions, sexual orientations, genders, political outlooks, and cultural backgrounds. We value open, honest dialogue and the role it plays in our education. We have a zero-tolerance policy for hate and bigotry. We encourage students to post a picture in the shirt with statements that explain the role

each of us play in making Nevada a great university. I am the real Nevada; I am the wolf pack.” With that said, after his report, he will go back to ASUN to make sure all the shirts were displayed. They talked about what they can do to change eth climate on campus. He recommended they all take a shirt and photo and use the hashtag. Shirts have been coming in all week. It was a process but will give out half of them tonight and they could help out if they wanted they will also have them at club fair and if you attend please wear the shirt. He thanked Director Kinel and her board for helping him cut papers and do stuff like that.

g. Attorney General, Cameron Harris

Attorney General Harris said it was good to be back. Considering that no one reached out to him, he had no report but please reach out if they had questions or needed advice. Even if they wanted to just chat they can reach out to him. For the semester, he planned on getting legislation rafted for the campaigns/elections process. He will reach out to one of them for help. If they were interested in the process, let him know

Senator Bussman volunteered

h. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

Director Kinel thanked Senator Flangas for pairing up with them for Service Palooza; it went awesome and the passport system was very successful and they will use it in the future. The department hired 8 interns and they were all hard at work at welcome week. Tonight, was wolf it down and the yard show starting at 11 pm. If they are volunteering for that, the first shift started at 10:30 pm. please show up professionally and act professionally at all ASUN events. Club fair will be tomorrow; setup will be at 1 pm. BLF will be over after Saturday, tickets are still \$25 but go up \$50 day of. They will reveal the next headliner at 7 pm tonight and the last one tomorrow. Speaker Jackson and she decided that she will have input on the Senator of the Year award. The winner will receive a free pass for the spring concert. That was an initiative for them to help volunteer. She was taking note o everyone that volunteered at welcome week events and will give them credit at next week’s meeting. Lauren Cooley will be on September 6th at 7 pm in the Joe. Tickets are available at the ASUN front desk and are free. Shaun King is going to be September 25th at 7 pm in the Joe. Tickets will also be at the ASUN front desk and will be free.

Senator Flangas asked if tickets were available now for Lauren Cooley and Shaun King.

Director Kinel said Lauren Cooley only.

Senator Mah said he heard that if they were an ASUN officer that volunteered for BLF you will get a free ticket. He asked if that was true.

Director Kinel said they still had to buy a ticket unless they volunteered for the entire time. She did forget to mention that if they were volunteering for BLF, they will get volunteer shirts. Swag items were coming; she ordered black and white themed things and they were really sleek. It was coming in Friday. If they showed her proof of a BLF ticket purchase, she will give them free swag. She had stickers, hats, and shirts.

i. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero

Director Desamero said if they didn’t see all over Facebook, he did everything he could to talk about club fair. Please go tomorrow; he was sure it will be a hit. They had a record turnout for club signups. Last year they had 197 clubs sign up; this year they had 218 with 235 tables total. He will be reserving 5 tables for check in and anything else they might need. They also had an overflow section for clubs that showed up day of. Like last year, he removed the requirement of

being ASUN-recognized. He wanted all clubs to have the opportunity to participate. He felt that if clubs were barred, they wouldn't be able to grow and develop and become ASUN-recognized. 1 pm -8:30 pm was the shifts. He posted it on give pulse for those that wanted to volunteer. Clean up and set up are the most important shifts. Even they didn't sign up, please show up if they can. One of his commissioners, Commissioner Gomez was starting a short-term project with inactive clubs. He will be tracking down inactive clubs to try and bring them back. It was going to be difficult but appreciated it. He spoke with Speaker Jackson about doing a funding 101 presentation during public comment. He was still trying to work out the logistics. Essentially, he will teach them about funding and their policies since they had around 190,000 in their account. He wanted them to know where the money was going.

Speaker Jackson loved the idea and thanked him for bringing that to her attention. It was beneficial for them all to be able to relay that information.

Senator Cyn. Lee liked the idea of bringing non-ASUN clubs but asked if there was a limit to what kind of limit there was a limit to what they can discuss.

Director Desamero said he thought of that. There will be a process for clubs. How it would work was that there were 230 tables available for clubs and 218 had already been taken. That meant there would be around 12 tables for overflow. Clubs will state their name and what they do at check in. it was hard to monitor that but didn't think it would be a problem considering the clubs that had reached out to him about overflow.

Senator Martinez asked if they were planning on using club lead for civic engagement

Director Desamero said club lead was still a civic engagement program and they are pushing it on each agenda. At his first meeting, he said they will separate projects to talk about them individually. One department initiative was clubLead. Once the department meetings become more regular starting next week, they will start discussing things like that and other things like the manual. Hopefully, he will assign it to a commissioner or have a commissioner lead it.

- j. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Schultz
Director Shultz read the report into the record:

“Greetings Senators,

I have been participating in Welcome Week events and will be tabling at the Club Fair tomorrow. I will be holding the first meeting of the Department on September 14th, at 8 a.m. and every following 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, at 8 a.m. for the remainder of the academic year. Senator Thummel is currently working on a draft of an Attendance and Accountability policy, based on the Senate point system that I am hoping to implement within Legislative Affairs. The legislation will be heard at the next Government Operations meeting. Over the summer my department members prepared a Legacy Binder which will be used to provide guidelines regarding departmental events, policy drafts, and the ultimate direction of the department for the upcoming year. These binders will also be passed onto future members of the department in order to promote continued stability and focus in the years to come. Speaking of posterity, I have recently been in contact with Chief of Staff Bradley in order to start interviewing interns for the department and am very excited to see the pool of individuals that have applied. I am currently researching successful Carnegie Community Engagement Classification applications, as the upcoming cycle for recognition will open in 2018 for

the 2020 cycle. I would appreciate any and all help I could receive in order to help the University of Nevada Reno gain this distinguished recognition. In order to frame the Community Engagement Classification, please hear the definition per the application: “Community engagement describes the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity. The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.” I am certain, between the Associated Students, the Center for Student Engagement and the variety of other departments and institutions on campus, earning this classification should be well within our reach by next year. On a different and much more awesome and happy note: Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs Keely Gardner has just returned from her honeymoon and we are very happy to finally have her back!”

k. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo

Director Gbenjo said first off, regarding job postings for the department her goal was to have them posted by 8 am tomorrow morning. If they had any ideas of who would be good, let them know to apply. She wanted a good application pool. At the Title IX meeting, they talked about a lot of things. First, the number of cases going into the office is increasing. They already had 143 cases and that was good because that meant word was spreading about the office. Second was green dot training. They want to start pushing that out through faculty and upperclassman. They want a committee member to help plan it and give trainings. Next, the social services office is working on an undocu-ally training. A big issue on campus right now was undocumented students being afraid to ask for help. This training will help people learn terminology and how to guide students through the rights they had their services. Next, the victim advocate was pushing prometon since they hadn't received many people come in. please remember to push all those things. The NCAA now had a policy that said athletes and coaches are going to be trained on sexual assault to know what resources are there. Next, she met with the international club president to work on international education week during November 13th. It will collaborate with Office of International Student Services and the Center. For Pack Friendly Businesses, she sent a list over to Director Walberg to contact businesses to see if they wanted to join. She will attend the core board meeting with President Teixeira to discuss diversity requirement across all colleges and programs to make sure they hit important pints. The diversity summit conference will be September 13th. She though the harassment hotline will be really good.

l. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason

Director Nason said the blue crew welcome event was successful and got positive feedback. It couldn't have been done without Programming so thank you. They will be at wolf it down handing out swag. Something that was very premature was doing a Blue Crew Gives Back event. He and Senator Flangas talked about it but wanted to incorporate the coaches and players for a community outreach where students can sign up too. If they had ideas, reach out.

Speaker Jackson loved the idea.

m. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella

Director Kinsella said she was waiting for the application to close to pick her department. She had a preliminary marketing plan and will have it finalized once her department is picked so they can give input.

n. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Jackson gave a huge shout out to Senator Flangas for service palooza. It seemed to be a great experience for students and community members and that was what they were looking for. As for her, she was happy to be here and seeing them. She was impressed with all their one-on-one meetings. She was on board and exited. If they needed something, don't hesitate to let her know.

Speaker Jackson yielded the rest of her time for public comment from President Johnson:

President Johnson welcomed them back to start this school year. He liked to begin his statement and this year by reminding them their student government had been responsible over the last few years. He and Dr. Ellis had meetings with the leadership of the undergraduate and graduate student governments. It was an opportunity to talk about projects and issues raised so they can be on the same page. They were fortunate that in this state, ASUN presidents had a seat on the table at the Board of Regents meetings and same with GSA. They get to share long and not always interesting meetings and students do have a voice at the table. They appreciated the continuous conversation and the problem solving together. He had been here 9 years going into the 10th and it was the same all the time. He wanted to get their reactions from Charlottesville but will hold on for a bit. He wanted to talk about other things first. He enjoyed the student leader panel; students had been very active in speaking to the legislature and engaged in letting the community know that the university wants to be part of the university town. By bringing the mayor, some councilmen, and others to the campus to talk to them as leaders was impactful. Earlier this week, he had his annual luncheon with the two mayors, the two city managers, the manager of Washoe County, the Chair of County Commission, and the Chair of RTC and they again mentioned how great it was they had good student-city relationships to build together the university town. Other things he wanted to touch on. He experienced having to park in Whalen for the volleyball game and trying to get into the old gym. He recognized that over the next year, transportation in the area where the new dorm and arts building is going is treacherous. He said they need to find their path and keep repeating it. He was happy to announce that by August of next year, Great Basin Hall will be finished and open. The new Arts Building will open too and for the first time in about 5 years, the whole area around PSAC will be completely finished. They won't do more construction in that area. What they will see will be fantastic with the new hall and arts center. They already experienced the student achievement center. This summer, he experienced something they all called for. Three years ago, the admin came to discuss registration fees; the end result was that fees would increase 4% for four years. They are currently in year three of that. When students told them what they wanted to do with fees, students said they wanted more faculty and a larger teaching capacity because they are a growing body. Admin agreed that hiring more teaching assistants would be a great way to spend money on. A quarter of that increase is going to the Student Access Account to give students of minority backgrounds a chance to participate in college. The fourth item their predecessors expressed was having fees go into undergrad research. That had really taken off. He participated in the poster symposium in August for undergrad research presentations and will do the same thing going forward. Dr. Mensing, the Director of Undergraduate Research, was really happy to receive the money. He was using it well to enhance undergrad research. All the money has come from student referendums and that really encouraged Dr. Mensing. Transitioning to a discussion about Charlottesville and the impact it had on campus. He wanted to congratulate the body for handing out t-shirts to let the community know they are the real Nevada and this university is not defined by one student. He wanted to say it had been an interesting time for them all. It peeled back the cover they had on underlying feelings of racism, bigotry, and hate. They put out responses out right after the last election before there was anxiety about the election and what was said about diverse groups. They also responded

after learning they had a student that participated they restated their mission and principles; diversity is a part of them and they wanted support all students/faculty of all groups. They stand against all forms of white supremacy and racism and bigotry. They continue to make those statements. Beyond statements, they have had many discussions about how the campus should respond towards the racism on campus. They are working on an 800 number to report all acts, whether it was racial slurs, putting others down because of differences, etc. they wanted to understand and record all that to get an understanding of where they are in terms of feelings and actions. They all participated greatly in the last few years in addressing sexual harassment and assault. Students have really put forth in the just say no programs and dramatizations/videos, forums, surveys, etc. they changed policies and added trainings. What they talked about in the last few days was that they put on a multiyear program to raise awareness and the importance of reporting everything related to sexual assault and violence. They did trainings and created an 800 number and they would like students to work with the administration and the university to have a multiyear, multiprong approach to support diversity on campus. It will take time and trainings to raise the importance of diversity and inclusion on campus to match the level of importance for sexual harassment and assault. They will work with the student body to come up with approaches. It all started with the t-shirts. He would be happy to have a conversation with them all. If they had comments or suggestions, he was there to listen and have a conversation with them all.

Senator Sarwar said at their last meeting, students expressed disappointment with the email response sent out. She was wondering if he had a further action plan to reach out.

President Johnson said they will move forward with things that will need planning. Last year, through the core curriculum board they reviewed the diversity course. It was clear to them they were not hitting the mark on the diversity experience to make sure all students are getting an understanding of today's issues. They are working on constructing that and narrowing the focus. They are also working on an 800 number. They already held a seminar for faculty to make sure faculty know they had the right to control their classroom and it wasn't a violation of free speech. Racial slurs were not free speech and they cannot ruin the learning environment of others. They are also making it clear to faculty that they had the responsibility to control classroom environments. If someone used a racial slur, the instructor needs to actively stop that. They will develop a multiyear action plan with training to let people know what it was like to be a person of a different diverse group. The definition of diverse was very broad.

Senator Martinez asked what countermeasures were being taken to prevent the university from getting more negative attention.

President Johnson said that was an interesting question. What they do quickly when put in positions like this was repeat core principles. by doing so, they hope that diffuses the attention. This is who they are and what they support. They liked to repeat values. There was difficulty and they do take a lot of hits on social media for not acting in a particular way. He hoped some of that negative attention will dissipate by continuing to do what students have chosen to do and their actions. It was through their statements and actions that they could show who they really are.

Senator Kuykendall asked how they planned to prevent actions in Charlottesville from inspiring similar actions of hate on the campus.

President Johnson said the best thing was to show their resolve. The black lives matter demonstration the other day, and the fact it was pulled off with grace and peacefulness shows they had almost 400 students and community members who are committed. It showed the university is not defined by one student but rather by peace. What they can do to prevent it was

difficult to say. They will do what they can to keep discourse safe and secure. It was great that the student initiative this fall was to bring in two speakers of opposing views in the political spectrum. It wasn't about bringing in the views but rather to teach students to listen to opposing views, challenge and ask questions, without being violent. For this student body, the idea of coming to college and learning how to listen and respond to ideas they didn't agree with came up before this incident. You can oppose and challenge ideas civilly. They will do what they can. He hoped student groups would not invite people to campus that bring violence. If student groups won't invite volatile speakers, and the university won't that will be a way to keep the campus safe. They hated keeping out ideas but refused to bring violence.

Senator Bussman said they mentioned looking for new initiatives asked what they can do as a student government to be involved

President Johnson said they already did the t-shirts that was a huge statement and told the community the values of the university. Work with them through Sandy Rodriguez, Dr. Ellis, himself, and student leaders. They can come up with opportunities of real education. If they talk to senior students involved, just say no and those in the production of preventing sexual assault really made an impact on the public that took part and watched the videos. He really appreciated collaboration with student leaders. Tell them what effective communication with students is. He was a student a long time ago so work with them to create initiatives.

Senator Flangas said she liked creating the 800 number to better document hate crimes and speech but asked what kinds of actions will be taken by the administration in terms of action against those that participate in hate crimes or hate speech.

President Johnson said 800 number is to report can also call Title IX office. Those cases that are reported will be investigated and the investigation if they can find the perpetrator and they really break student conduct or can be counseled not be harmful will be taken. They will find on the syllabus of each course the phone number of the Title IX Office. Here, they can report sexual assault and all forms of unequal opportunities or discrimination. They can do the 800 number but if it was serious, they can report to the Title IX Office for a response. If they felt endangered, call the police. He asked if they had the safe pack app since it had all the contact information for legal opportunities office. If they felt in danger, use the police number.

Senator Martinez said in talking to various students, he knew it wasn't all on President Johnson. The university says they are a diverse campus but asked what the university was doing to promote and protect diversity. It was great saying the university welcomed minorities but didn't address the fear of Peter's actions.

Senator Paningbatan left the room at 5:58 pm.

President Johnson said they must be doing something right if they saw that new students were of color. 46% of students are of color this year. the proportion of students from diverse backgrounds continued to go up in number and percentage. They encouraged that. Their recruiters were out there making opportunities for education available to anyone that was prepared. They did what they could with financial aid to make income not an issue. For those that who may feel discrimination, they had the Title IX Office and the Counseling Office. Another thing they are doing is working hard to get amore diverse faculty on campus. One thing they are doing, and have been doing over the last several years, is requiring all search pools be diverse. If they aren't, they stop the search and make the pool be diverse. They took another step to make sure they had a diverse interview pool too. they are now taking another step to say that everyone

involved in the hiring process goes through implicit bias training. The people doing the hiring are aware of their biases. When people go to hire folks, they tend to gravitate to those that look/sound like them. If they wanted a diverse faculty and be welcoming, they needed to get past that. In his video invitation to all faculty, he asked they take the training. He ran into students of color that frequently told him they had been through 3 ½ years of college and had not run into a professor like them. It was a slow process but they are trying to fix it.

Senator Cam. Lee said the university made initiatives but asked if they can physically go to an assembly or a visual aspect. Many of the students at the discussion wanted them to show their powers in numbers.

President Johnson said that sounded like a real student organization event. The power of students to organize and show their t-shirts would be fantastic. They had the skills to do so and would love to be invited to take pictures.

Senator Stopka asked when the 800 number would be ready.

President Johnson said it didn't take long for it to be set up.

Dr. Ellis said soon.

President Johnson said Dr. Ellis was working on it now. He asked Dr. Ellis how long the 800 number for sexual assaults took.

Dr. Ellis said a couple of days.

Senator Cam. Lee was aware that Peter was protected by the first amendment but asked if this set a precedent for any students that also attended events like this in the future.

President Johnson said it was difficult. Students had the free choice to go to anywhere in the country. This individual in question chose to fly to Virginia. He didn't think people on this side of the country knew that was going on but that student knew. It was certainly not university sanctioned event by UNR or Virginia. It was hard to limit travel. Student conduct policy said if they attended a university sponsored event and do something like this with proof of violence or embarrassing behavior, then the conduct policies went into effect. It was hard to control conduct in the summer or if they are not on campus.

There were no further questions.

President Johnson was sorry this was dropped on their doorstep but it created a useful reaction and conversation and brought the campus together in terms of students and faculty to show actions in support of inclusion and diversity. Would not have chosen this role but the response from students and faculty has been positive and reinforced the values. He thanked them for having him.

Dr. Rodriguez said she had been here almost 20 years. The finest hour has always been in response to hate. The administration cannot control what is done and said in public spaces. Around 2004-2005, they had a minister that would show up to the Jot Travis building since at that time it was the student union. He would stand on the lawn since it was free speech and shout out the "F" word to condemn queer students. Students would come to her office and ask her to make the minister leave. Unfortunately, she didn't have the power. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

started engaging the minister by discussing and debating the gospel until he forgot to shout out slurs. After a while, the preacher stopped coming. Students had the power to do that. Fast forward to about 2010, the Westboro Baptist Church would come to campus. The Queer Student Union held a Forgiving Fred Rally with all sorts of faculty and student members. Hundreds of students showed up with signs saying they forgave the hate. The Church knew to leave. Time after time, she saw the collective power students had. They saw it with the shirts. Ask themselves what they can do. This was their university and they needed to take it back. Don't rely on the university to give it back to them because it was their job. It was their university. She wanted to be clear she did check up on Peter and see if he was still enrolled. Her office has always been a safe space for every student. He was free to come to her office if he needed to. She had never discriminated against a student and will not start today.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Cam Lee said the first meeting will be this Friday at 8:30 am. She was having trouble scheduling a room. If it changed she will let them know. She and senator Cyn. Lee will be meeting with Inkblot tomorrow morning to plan a design for NCAR to recruit students.

Speaker Jackson said that if committee meetings couldn't be scheduled in the Joe, they can be held in the KC as well.

- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said their committee meeting will be this upcoming Tuesday at 3 pm in room 405. If they didn't get an email from him, let him know since he wants to make sure he has a point of contact with them.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas
Senator Flangas thanked everyone that came to help; it was all great. Dr. Beattie was also super great with parking. Over 2200 interactions happened between students and organizations. Each organization had around 40+ signups. Some students were even interested in doing grant writing for organizations. Overall, it was all really great. She thanked the programmers for doing a great job with Taste of Reno.
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel
Senator Thummel said their first meeting was supposed to be this Friday, September 1st but he moved it back to next Friday since it conflicted with volunteering for BLF.

Speaker Jackson sent out an email about this but make sure they post agendas one day in advance because of Labor Day.

- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker
Senator Sarwar said they were supposed to meet tomorrow but she enrolled in a class that was at that time. She asked everyone on the committee stay after the meeting so they can find a new time.

Senator Kuykendall asked when Senator Becker would be back.

Speaker Jackson said he will be back this Sunday. He was doing service in the military. She thanked Senator Sarwar for stepping in. public affairs had events coming up so she was excited for them to meet.

- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman
Senator Bussman said his first meeting was set for Friday at 12 pm and they will discuss the outreach program. If they wanted to come to bounce ideas, he would love to see them there.

Speaker Jackson said even if they were not sitting members, they you can still attend but won't be a voting member.

- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Martinez
Senator Martinez said the internship program was going great. He had flyers made and they were going up in the res halls. He talked to every student that walked by him. He also needed the body's help with tabling. He asked if they would be willing to fill out a google doc with their names and the times they wanted to table. He needed it by Thursday at 9 pm. He wanted at least three people doing each time slot to reach as many students as possible. The tabling will be for next week and the week after right before app is due.

Senator Jackson said they can also talk to students at the welcome back events.

Senator Busman asked if he would send the google doc over email.

Senator Martinez said yes; it will be really easy.

- 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

- a. **NOMINATION OF KEENAN RAQUEL TO THE OFFICE OF CLUB COMMISSIONER, SPORTS AND RECREATION COALITION**

Senator Martinez moved to fast-track the nomination of Keenen Raquel to the Office of Club Commissioner, Sports and Recreation Coalition by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

- a. **NOMINATION OF KEENAN RAQUEL TO THE OFFICE OF CLUB COMMISSIONER, SPORTS AND RECREATION COALITION**

Senator Cam. Lee moved to approve the nomination of Keenan Raquel to the Office of Club Commissioner, Sports and Recreation Coalition.

Senator Smith seconded.

Director Desamero said: "I would like to nominate Keenan Raquel to the position of Club Commissioner for the Sports and Recreation coalition. Keenan is an experienced club leader and advocate on campus through Nevada Student Ambassadors, NevadaFIT, Hawaii Club, and the Joe Crowley Student Union. His experience with membership development, campus marketing, and reliability in bringing results will make him a valuable resource for the Club Sports Council. Keenan brings a holistic and professional outlook on the role of Club Commissioner. I believe his strong experience on-campus shows a practical application of quality customer service and leadership this Department needs. I recommend Keenan to this position without reservation."

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

Mr. Raquel said he was a junior majoring in biology with a double minor in chemistry and human development and family studies. As Director Desamero mentioned, he was part of various student organizations. He was on Nevada Student Ambassadors where he held a position for two years, is the secretary of the Hawaii Club, a teaching assistant for a biology lab, and a pack mentor for ScienceFIT. He was going to present his goals for the upcoming school year. One of his goals was to improve communication between the clubs and the commissioner and within the department. He was fully aware of previous years having miscommunications between clubs. By addressing it now, he can prevent future errors from occurring. He also wants to advertise all the resources that ASUN had to offer clubs. He knew that some clubs were unaware of the resources available to them. He believed that by marketing the resources, the clubs will be able to reach their full potential. Lastly, he wanted to address the sports and rec coalition as a commissioner. In the previous years, there had been miscommunications. By implementing his plans, he hoped to create a good connection and alleviate the pressures of funding. One of his projects would be to create a universal funding manual. He was aware the manual was online but by giving a hard copy before the semester starts, clubs will be able to refer to the manual and have an easier time applying. The manual will include how to's and things like how to fill out an SEAB form and resources from ASUN. It will be open to all commissioners to edit the manual to be pertinent to their coalitions since not all policies affected every coalition. Another project would be to create semesterly workshops and info sessions that covered various topics like renewal, how to start a club, or common mistakes. It would be an hour-long event held in the Joe or the KC and all clubs can attend. He wants to increase office hours for commissioners as well. The minimum right now was 4 hours but by increasing hours, he can be more available. He also wants to increase awareness of club lead. It was a great program that should involve all clubs. Civic engagement was important to all clubs. By marketing it and providing incentives, they will be able to increase the relationships between the Reno community and the university. It would also benefit ASUN. He also wanted to have required meetings with clubs before events. Clubs would meet with him 2-3 weeks before applications would be due and he will gauge the apps to address errors. Lastly, he wanted to summarize the manual that was online. It was very long but he wanted to make sure clubs could easily access the information and make sure they had the right information. He thanked the body for their time.

Senator Bussman said he mentioned communication as one of the big points to touch on as a commissioner. He asked what the root cause was for the previous miscommunications and if he had a plan to alleviate it.

Mr. Raquel didn't know what happened personally but by increasing office hours or attending sports council meetings will help remove miscommunications. He wanted to be more involved in clubs by going to practices and introducing himself and opening the floor up to concerns.

Senator Cam. Lee didn't know what the funding manual looked like on online but asked he clarify what the difference was between the manual he wanted to create and the manual online.

Mr. Raquel said the manual online outlined all the requirements and rules for funding. His manual would include how to's. Some clubs didn't know what supporting documents were or how to fill out a SEAB form, or if they even needed the form. His manual will include that and

be specific to coalitions. It would remove unnecessary information that certain coalitions didn't need.

Senator Kuykendall wanted to hear suggestions for incentives to take part in club lead.

Mr. Raquel said in earlier years, they gave money or priority registration for club fair. Different incentives might be recognition or having award ceremonies. More advertisements for the clubs would be good too.

Senator Martinez asked if there was a way to measure the success for the manual he wanted to create.

Mr. Raquel said with his coalition in general, by giving them a universal manual, they can increase events on campus. Some clubs don't have anything on campus that are open to everyone. By showing them what is offered, clubs can see what they can do and gauge success that way.

Senator Cyn. Lee asked what he would cover in the workshops and info sessions that wasn't already being covered in the funding manual.

Mr. Raquel said the workshops and sessions will include topics from the funding manual. It will cover things like common mistakes and how to apply for funding for different tiers. If clubs had questions about the manual when they read it, they couldn't necessarily ask questions right then. By allowing them to have a space to express concerns or questions, clubs can be more successful.

Senator Thummel said Mr. Raquel mentioned having new clubs meet with him 2-3 weeks before the renewal deadline. He asked what Mr. Raquel would do to ensure they meet with him.

Mr. Raquell said that went into increasing office hours and going to their meetings/practices. The sports council was also a great place.

Senator Cyn. Lee said Director Desamero mentioned that the previous commissioner had great ideas for this coalition. She asked if he mentioned the ideas to Mr. Raquel and if he would take them on.

Mr. Raquel did want to meet the commissioner to hear ideas. He didn't want the ideas to go to waste, he hadn't heard them all but wanted to meet with him to take the ideas into account.

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

Senator Kuykendall said the candidate had great ideas regarding club lead and he wanted to see that more. Senator Kuykendall put Mr. Raquel on the spot with coming up with ideas but wanted to hold the candidate accountable to push for club lead. He will talk with the candidate afterwards to share ideas.

Senator Martinez agreed with Senator Kuykendall and his response to measuring success of his universal funding manual. The answer was that clubs would have more events on campus and that was great because that would build more student engagement and make sure they were involved.

Senator Flangas wanted to note his ideas, if enacted properly and efficiently, they can create sustainable change. Clubs could be more successful in applying for funding. Having planned an event herself and needing to fill out SEAB forms, a consultation on that would be great. She would positively recommend the candidate for the positive changes over time.

Senator Bussman liked what he was doing with the manual since what student governments often put out were often hard to understand. To break them down into bite-size pieces was great.

Senator Billman liked the workshops and specific hands-on events to really let clubs get experience.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Motion carried.

Keenen Raquel was sworn in as Club Commissioner for the Sports and Recreation Coalition.

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

- a. A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville
Senator Flangas moved to fast-track S. Res. 85 – A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville 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 may be considered:

- a. A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville
Speaker Jackson passed the gavel to Senator Martinez.
Senator Martinez accepted.

Senator Bussman moved to approve S. Res. 85 – A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville.

Senator Kuykendall seconded.

Speaker Jackson wanted to thank Secretary Godoy and Leg. Clerk Iroz for gathering the data and organizing it. She hoped they read it. Basically, they captured the public comment. Leg. Clerk Iroz counted the different points and suggestions for the university and community and qualified how many students made that point. They can see it all the resolution. At the end,

there is a list of who will receive this resolution. It will get sent off quickly; if they can note line 14, this was a call for action for all those listed below.

Senator Kuykendall said he understood it brought attention and was a resolution to give to faculty but, he felt students wanted more action from them. At some point, there was only so much they can do before acting.

Speaker Jackson said yes. Her vision was that this was the starting point. It was a formal way to document what they heard and state they need to act. This was their resolution, they need to read it and then think of ways to make students feel safe. They need to address concerns. She expected them to take it into account and think about it frequently to dedicate efforts and address concerns.

Senator Kuykendall said to expand on his previous question, once students see this resolution they will have questions. It didn't have a form of action; he asked what they should tell students if they ask what they will be doing.

Speaker Jackson said any action they need to take requires deliberation and discussion to make sure it is the right thing. She wanted everyone to know what students think and that was the purpose of sending this out and formally documenting it. The first step was to listen to the student voice and document it so they can send it to those that had the power to influence change.

Director Rodriguez said not everything had to go through the body. The commentary from students and the faculty dialogue was asking who documented these things; that made change. That didn't require a resolution; not everything had to emanate from them. Ideas they can get started on can be done through Programming and the Director of Diversity and Inclusion and The Center. Part of it was how to gather ideas to see who should do what. She wondered what faculty might be working on

Dr. Ellis said the history faculty are doing a great presentation on white supremacy, black lives matter, and protest movements in the KC auditorium on the 7th. It looked fascinating. Many people were organizing and offering chances to learn and become educated.

Director Rodriguez said the bigger suggestion was how to get an inventory of what was happening.

Senator Cam. Lee said it was a good step. Senator Kuykendall said they need to show numbers and powers and plan a peaceful vigil and have pics taken. It was a good idea.

Senator Martinez wanted to bring the discussion back to the resolution.

Senator Tralmer said whenever he saw Peter's last name spelled on the internet, it was spelled Cvjetanovic but on the resolution, it was spelled Cvijatanovic.

Leg clerk Iroz said she found something on that. Apparently, Peter spelled his name differently on Facebook than what his name was. The spelling on the resolution was correct.

Attorney general Harris said a lot of senators were concerned with students being dissatisfied with the resolution. What this resolution did was give ASUN an official stance. It didn't change

any laws or accomplish anything beyond that. Tell people that this resolution was the first step because now they had an official stance and they will move on from there.

There was no further discussion at this time.

The motion was carried.

Senator Martinez passed the gavel back to speaker Jackson.
Speaker Jackson accepted.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Committee Changes

Senator Tralmer moved to add himself to the Committees on Academics and Public Affairs by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried

Senator Busman moved to remove himself from the Committee on Public Affairs.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

Speaker Jackson asked if anyone wanted to report on what they had done or will be doing this semester. She heard fabulous things from one-on-ones.

Senator Busman mentioned the text service a while ago and he wanted to update them on that. They were changing the dynamic from having students opt in to having all students receive a text and then from there they can opt out. He felt students would benefit from the service but didn't opt in. He hoped this would increase the reach the service had. An administrator from enrollment services was willing to send the information over. Currently, Raul had this sent to a university committee to approve it first. Director Koeckes is also talking to the provider to see what increasing the database meant for cost. He will have more information on that in about two weeks.

Senator Smith mentioned working with the outreach coordinator from the Counseling Services. She was still searching for approval from ASUN to sponsor an event. She reached out to VP Atienza hadn't heard back. If they did, she asked if anyone could volunteer. She wasn't a grill master so she needed help. It will be Wednesday, September 6th from 11 am – 2 pm.

Senators Stopka, Mall, and Cyn. Lee volunteered.

Senators Thummel and Flangas said they can be there from 11-1.

Senator Cam. Lee asked for the date.

Senator Smith said Wednesday the 6th, a week from today.

Senator Cam. Lee can be there from 11-12.

Senator Martinez said something cool he was working on was making a rainbow floor. He had been working with RHA to accomplish it. He hoped to present to halls that would be best fit on the program. if they were interested, please let him know since they would need

to do research on it. There was a lot of research done on this but they needed to make sure they found the best model for the university.

Senator Billman said right now, he was working with the assistant dean from CABNR to establish a student advisory board. He was going to be meeting soon for that. He knew there were other colleges that had advisory boards established so please let him know what they knew or help him get an idea of what the board could do.

Speaker Jackson asked if anyone was part of a student advisory board that would be willing to help Senator Bussman.

Senators Flangas, Smith, and Bussman volunteered.

There were no further reports at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said if they did volunteer, thank you. If they can keep volunteering, it was very important. Special shout out to Director Kinel and Assistant Directors Feng and Lensch. Part of the jitters were because of BLF and getting the last artist to sign the contract today. The Wolf Shop was going through the tickets fast so they can help staple tickets if they wanted.

Senator Paningbatan entered the room at 7:18 pm.

Speaker Jackson said they can watch Netflix while they staple tickets.

Director Rodriguez said if anyone was unhappy with the last tidbit of information she shared, they can stop by her office to have a meaningful conversation. She made a committeeman to work with all students, even if she didn't agree with those student's' beliefs. Those that have come to her know she can support and challenge them. It was about education for her. Everyone had value and please don't make it an "us vs. them" kind of scenario. Her conversations with students they didn't agree with didn't mean she valued their work less.

Secretary Godoy said office hours have been printed and are in the workroom. She asked they do their office hours since she would feel bad giving them points the first period back. They will be due 13th at 4 pm. she was telling them now so they can start preparing. Please don't come in on the Wednesday they are due after the 4 pm deadline asking for an exception.

Senator Flangas asked what happened if they needed to change their office hours.

Secretary Godoy said email the hours to her and she will let Raul know.

Speaker Jackson said please send her any changes. She also sent out an email about bios and goals so get those done. If they had questions about pictures, she had talked to inkblot to set up times for a photoshoot.

Dr. Beattie said for those that couldn't make retreat, Speaker Jackson went through an exercise to create ground rules and expectations of what it meant to be a senator. Please take the time to meet with Speaker Jackson to review the expectations and commit to them by signing.

Director Rodriguez said director Partridge was working on getting sent out to let students know how they can help with Hurricane Harvey relief. The information will be displayed on the monitors.

Senator Smith wanted to clarify that the barbeque was actually 11-1 not 11-2.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.