

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

Minutes for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Billman, Bussman, Cammie Lee, Cook, Cynthia Lee, Flangas, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Smith, Tralmer, Stopka, Sullivan, Thummel, and Tool were present.

Senator Compton, Kuykendall, Paningbatan and Sarwar were tardy excused.  
Senator Se was tardy unexcused.

*Senator Sarwar entered the room at 5:32 pm.*

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
- b. The minutes from August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

The minutes were unavailable.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Javier Hernandez was representing the Business Student Council to recruit contestants for a TEDx student speaker conference. He was hoping senators would be reaching out to constituents from their colleges. He will leave a few flyers. If they can, please do.

Senator Flangas asked if it was competition for students to be speakers.

Mr. Hernandez said yes. All students will be at the event and the winner will speak at the event is in September.

Senator Thummel asked for the date.

Mr. Hernandez said the deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of September to compete and actual event is on the 26th.

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Senator Cyn. Lee asked if any topic could be chosen.

Mr. Hernandez said any topic was allowed.

Speaker Jackson sat in on TEDx meetings and TED stood for Technology, Engineering, and Design. They can encourage students to talk about those topics but any topic is fine.

Bill Hamma wanted to talk about Peter C. He asked for his mailing address to send him something and Peter would not give it to him out of fear. A few years ago, someone on the web urged people to physically attack him. That is how tolerant some people are. Now, at Charlottesville, the white supremacist who drove his truck into protestors, if the shoe had been on the other foot it would have been flushed down the memory hole. The media has made a hero out of Colin Kaepernick for not standing up during the pledge of allegiance but when two cops are killed defending a black lives matter demonstration and some Dallas Cowboys want to show their support by adding police decals on their helmets they can't.

*Senator Paningbatan entered the room at 5:34 pm.*

*Senator Se entered the room at 5:36 pm.*

**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.

**7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira  
President Teixeira said it was good to see them volunteering. He thanked director Kinell for her efforts and all their hard work. He wanted to talk about the statement he released. If they didn't see but the Trump Administration said they would end the DACA program. After speaking with Director Rodriguez, DACA is not what it was made to be. He decided to release a statement on behalf of the president. They plan to approach this in three waves. The first was the statement. The second was a call to action from Senate and he was requesting a resolution to come through in support of DACA to be sent. Secretary Godoy will work on finding the legislation from a couple of years ago that was sent to Congress. They will draft it based on that. If interested, let him know.

Speaker Jackson said Senators Sarwar and Becker were working on that.

- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza
- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
- d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley  
Chief of Staff Bradley was working on the women in leadership conference and had booked rooms for that. She will meet with Inkblot for logos and swag. She was going through invoices from retreat to make sure all the invoices were paid. She ordered polo's today as well. She reached out about the Uber partnering and will get information on that soon.
- e. Director of Sustainability, Steven McNeece  
President Teixeira read the report into the record: I'm currently working with Raul for a snippet on our website about programs so they can apply online. The application will include basic questions asked so the SNIF committee had enough information to decide on projects to fund.

As of right now, the date he planned to open applications on November 1<sup>st</sup> so they would have a month to push it out to students. Applications will close in the spring and once all dates are finalized he will get those to senate. I have meetings scheduled with representatives from Enviro-lution. It was a nonprofit dedicated to scaling k-12 youth leadership development and community outreach programs centered on sustainability and career development. They too had a grant program that allowed students to apply for funds. The goal was to explore how to increase sustainability funds and brainstorm new ideas. I also have a meeting coming up with Lynn Barker, the sustainability manager for Reno. We plan on discussing ways to improve sustainability within Reno as a whole. With the bikehsre program for Reno-Sparks, he plans to expand ASUN partnerships and programs in the city. I will have more updates on that next week.

- f. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg  
Speaker Jackson read the report into the record:

"Thank you to all who helped out with the 'I am the real Nevada campaign'. We still have more shirts in my office if you still want one. Also, we released a press release today on our social media and blog titled 'A Message To The Student Body Regarding The Discontinuation Of DACA' if you are interested in reading our statement, it is available at <http://www.nevadaasun.com/daca/>."

- g. Attorney General, Cameron Harris  
Attorney General Harris had no report.

- h. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel  
Speaker Jackson said thank you to Director Kinel and her department for putting on an amazing BLF and such fun events. She asked for a round of applause.

Director Kinel thanked them for volunteering. It couldn't have been done without their help. Lauren Cooley will be starting off the speaker series tonight at 7 pm. If they didn't have any other obligations at that time, please head up there. Remember to be respectful as they are representing ASUN. Shaun King will be in 2 weeks at 7 pm in the Joe. Homecoming has begun. She was setting a goal to have the homecoming packet ready one month before to be released. That would be the 14<sup>th</sup>. Expect to see the theme and events released next week. She was also working with Raul to create a poll for the spring concert. One of them will get a meet and greet pass for the spring concert.

- i. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero  
Speaker Jackson thanked Director Desamero for putting on an amazing club fair.

Director Desamero said he really couldn't have made it through last week without Programming and Director Kinel. Club Fair was a great success and he heard really awesome stories from clubs. Many clubs signed up last minute and they had 3 pages of student signups. It was awesome to see little clubs that didn't bring much or prepare much have a lot of signups. Clubs like Musical Therapy got over 400 signups. That spoke to how impactful the event was and it couldn't have been done without Senate so he thank them. Another big event this Saturday was iLead. Commissioner Wang was working hard on it and she was also the head last year. She learned from her mistakes and put something out that was awesome for this year. Each member that attends will get a media pass with their name and clubs can take it home if they want to. Inkblot made them and it was a cool collaboration between Inkblot and Clubs and Organizations. Everyone that checks in will get media passes, water bottles, and notepads. It will be in the ballrooms from 8-1 AM on Saturday. Commissioner Wang sent out an email saying that if they went as club

leaders, they can't represent Senate and vice versa. Regardless of who they represent, he wanted them all to attend. Funding Manager Bittar will reach out to them on the club listserv about the internship program. The department really needed to develop that. Funding Manager Bittar was doing a good job on getting it set up and figuring out how they will assign interns. He was hoping to have 6 interns so each commissioner has an intern but he was willing to take more if they could. Commissioner Raquel just finished his training and was added to the sports council so he'll start his projects soon. Commissioner Adams suggested a project called synergy. It was essentially, improving the synergy between the department and multicultural clubs. Multicultural clubs was a very small group and it would be good to better the communication between them and lead them to more resources. This will really develop the coalition over the years. In terms of funding allocated around \$22,000 this year so far. Last year at this time, they allocated around \$24,000 but that number will rise until the fall 1 funding hearing because they had operations applications still coming in.

Senator Martinez asked if he could send him the pairing system for interns. He was looking for one.

Director Desamero said he should follow up with Funding Manager Bittar.

Speaker Jackson informed the body that anyone not giving a report at this meeting needed to give one next meeting to comply with SAS.

**j.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Schultz

**k.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo

Director Gbenjo wanted to thank Programming for doing a good job. She also appreciated Director Walberg for the I am Nevada campaign. People loved the shirts and the money will go to her department. The job postings opened last Saturday and will close the 14<sup>th</sup>. She will be tabling tomorrow and early next week with Senator Martinez to promote the application. She was also talking to Director Walberg to get it on social media. The Green Dot committee meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup> in Orvis 222 from 10-11 am. If they were interested to see how Green Dot will be implemented on campus, they can come; she will be there too. She will also be attending the core diversity meeting with Director Shultz tomorrow. She had upcoming meetings with students and for the diversity summit and will update them after those happen.

Speaker Jackson asked if she could repeat the time.

Director Gbenjo said it was September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 am in Orvis 222.

**l.** Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason

Director Nason said the home opener for football was this Saturday. If they didn't already, please follow blue crew on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram and repost/share whatever they post. Additionally, he asked that senators talk positively about games when talking with friends and classes. No one wants to go to a game if they say we can't win; be positive and support the pack. They are working on a joint event for the football-volleyball games on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Athletics has been very responsive so it looked good.

**m.** Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella

**n.** Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Jackson said with their one-on-ones, she was really impressed with them and was really excited for them to get into committees so they can really start their work on projects.

Dr. Beattie said they should have gotten the article. It came out from the Southern Poverty Law Center about “10 Ways to Fight Hate”. They are already doing some of it but will challenge them and the executive board to find other ways to do it. The first way is to act. They had acted in certain ways with the real Nevada campaign and joining the Black Lives Matter marches. They will have the article to see the summaries of how they can do it. There is power in numbers so they should find partners to work with. “10 Ways to Fight Hate” is a great way to fight all hate including. It also stresses that they need to be supporting the victims. There are many different ways. President Johnson last week talked about the hotline to document these instances of hate. It might not directly support them but it brings validity to experiences. Speaking up is important and there are different ways to speak up. They may hear someone say something inappropriate or hateful say that is not cool. Educating yourself is also important. Always read and be educated. The best way to fight hate is through education. Many say it wasn’t their job to educate but if they don’t all educate others, then whose job is it. They all had the responsibility. They can create an alternative. Instead of protesting, create a peaceful demonstration. They can also pressure leaders. They should be pressuring leaders also their constituents. They did this by inviting President Johnson to Senate. They need to stay engaged. He is a white male and it would be easy to disengage since this issue wouldn’t impact him. He needed to stay engaged in different causes. It was easy to stay unengaged because of his privilege but that shouldn’t be excused. They need to teach acceptance and dig deeper. This was the hardest one and it is the importance of a humanities education.

*Senator Compton entered the room at 5:59 pm.*

Dr. Beattie said absolutely. He would challenge them to think that each student is a leader in some way shape or form. They should all pressure each other to do something in their own ways.

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

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee  
Senator Cammie Lee said their first meeting was last Friday at 8:30AM. They discussed what they did over the summer and any upcoming projects they have. Some included the 24-hour library. That was at a standstill since there were funding issues. Their next committee meeting will be next week on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am since Dr. Mensing will be visiting to talk about events and deadlines. That will be tomorrow at PSAC 113. She wanted all committee members to go if they can. There will be Blind Onion pizza and they work closely with the department so it is important that they come. She and Senator Cynthia Lee are working with the NCAR internship program. Slow process since Dr. Cardillo is busy but handed project to secretary so they will have quicker responses. Applications are due in October so she wanted it to be done by September so students had ample time to apply.
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall  
Senator Kuykendall said they had their first meeting and they approved the budget review schedule. A few of them did presentations on the CLDE conference they went to. He recommended that they give that presentation next week.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas  
Senator Flangas said they had not meet yet but will meet Friday at 1:30 pm. They will talk about Service Palooza and the highs and lows to form an action plan for next year. They will also talk about liaison positions and will do that personally during iLead as well with Civic Engagement.

They will go through updates for what the committee should do in the future since the committee has changed and they will talk about what to do with food after events. There is always extra food and it will be great to have the SAS state where to take the food. She hoped that would be done by the end of the semester.

- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel  
Senator Thummel said they will have their first meeting Friday from 3-4 PM. They have two items of legislation to go over. The first is a SAS change for Clubs and Organizations from Director Desamero. They need to update titles and positions in the department. The second piece of legislation is the ASUN stoles. They will discuss that and bring it to Senate.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker  
Senator Becker said he apologized for not having a committee meeting yet and for being absent over the summer. The committee has not met yet but they will. At the next meeting they will talk about the flags for the 9/11 event. He wanted committee members to come set up at 8 am and take them at 5 pm. For DACA, please provide public comment on that when they discuss that in committee next week. He welcomed all their input.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman  
Senator Bussman said they met on Friday and that went well. They decided liaisons for this semester and talked briefly about his outreach program that he wanted to get going. It went well but he will not run discussion through the committee meetings since it was a lot of stuff to go through. They can't ramble about random details during the meeting so they will meet informally. The next meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM. They will be meeting informally after their committee meeting with Senators Stopka and Smith on the 15th. Currently, it was only University Affairs senators but if anyone wanted to join them, they welcomed them.
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Martinez  
Speaker Pro-Tempore Martinez said he is working on internships. He thanked those people who tabled. He said it might be weird tabling tomorrow since there was a slot they can't fill but he will see if anyone can.

Senator Flangas asked for the time.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Martinez will get back to them. He will contact Senator Flangas and anyone else that wanted the time.

Speaker Jackson and Senator Flangas volunteered.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Martinez will leave early since he will be speaking to Peavine Hall and LLC and he will be speaking at some of the other resident's halls, including Nye Hall and Argenta Hall. Juniper was only hall that didn't reply so they might have passed. He will meet with Megan Pepper to see if he can send out an email to engage more individuals.

- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson

## **9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

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

There were no appointments to fast-track at this time.

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

There were no nominations or appointments to be heard at this time.

**12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There were no veto messages at this time.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

**14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation to be heard at this time.

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

There was no legislation to be heard at this time.

**16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

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

Speaker Jackson said they will see the DACA legislation soon. If they had any input, they can attend the meetings about it. She hoped a discussion draft would be available for an upcoming Senate meeting.

**17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation to be heard at this time.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**a. Committee Changes**

There were no committee changes at this time.

**b. Senator Reports**

Senator Jackson said to prepare a report next week talking about everything they are doing. She said it might feel weird to be doing these again since they are just getting back to committees.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Martinez said he is working on the rainbow floor. He wanted to keep it in RHA since it was their area but he said if anyone wanted to present the idea with him on what other universities have done, that would be awesome. Has already talked to individuals who wanted to do it previously but it had things missing. He plans to really build on those requests.

Senator Bussman said the Wolf Shop is dealing with a start of the year rush so they will be compiling book requisition data after they slow down and will send it to him to compel the effects that the faculty had on textbook costs and sales. Text book brokers got access to student numbers and sent numbers to the campus and there was nothing to do about that because it was public record. The Wolf Shop is hoping to do the same thing but rather than open their own, hopefully they can work with ASUN. If the change goes through that he is working on, that will give them a big audience for next semester.

Speaker Jackson loved the idea.

Senator Lippi said he had a meeting with Dean Ray next Thursday at 4 pm. He encouraged anyone on academics to come.

Senator Becker asked Senator Lippi if he could email them.

Senator Lippi said yes.

Speaker Jackson said she had been working with professors in journalism. Bob Felton teaches an advanced strategic communications course and students create strategic communications and marketing campaigns for organizations in the community throughout the semester. They got the Wolf Shop to be a client and that will be cool. They will propose the campaign idea tomorrow. Look out for that on campus.

Mr. Hamma said some organizations have put out documents that detail the misbehavior of the Southern Poverty Law Center. If he can, he will get copies of the article for them.

There were no further reports at this time.

#### **19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Speaker Jackson asked everyone to attend Lauren Cooley after this.

#### **20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Beattie said they hired Jarett Damatto as the new coordinator for Clubs and Organizations. Gabby Ortiz-Flores was the new coordinator for democratic engagement and special events will start on September 13th. They will finally be fully staffed again. He gave a big shout out to Programming and thanked all the senators that volunteered. BLF was very successful but they will be having their debriefing meeting with the police and Sound and Lights on Friday. If they didn't know, programmers got here at 8 am and left at 11 pm. They had programming running back and forth from hotels to pick up artists. He got compliments from Moonlighting and Sound, the police, and many others about how much more organized it was this year. Director Kinel and her department really stepped it up this year.

#### **21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:19 pm