

Committee on University Affairs

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Friday, September 1st, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Bussman called the committee on University Affairs to order at 12:10 pm in President's Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretaries, Andrea Godoy and Zanae' Jones.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Bussman, Senator Mah, Senator Se, Senator Smith, Senator Stopka were present.

Senator Paningbaton was tardy and he came in at 12:11 pm.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

- a. There were no minutes to be heard at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Fall Liaison Position Assignments**

Senator Bussman listed what the senators were assigned to in the past and their assignments could be changed at this time. Senator Mah was asked if he wanted to still pursue technology, resources, and sustainability in the community as his assignments.

Senator Mah agreed to keep them for now.

Senator Bussman asked Senator Paningbaton if he still wanted campus escort and DRC?
Senator Peninbaton agreed to keep his assignments.

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Senator Bussman asked Senator Se if he had student conduct.

Senator Se agreed.

Senator Bussman asked Senator Smith if he had counseling services.

Senator Smith said yes.

Senator Bussman asked Senator Stopka if he was assigned wolf shop in Joe Crowley.

Senator Stopka agreed and added that he had police services too.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion on an Outreach Project

Senator Bussman said that he had put much thought into an outreach program. Senator Bussman brought the outreach program to Director Schultz and they worked on a presentation. Senator Bussman and Director Schultz was initially going to Senate about the outreach program, but Senator Bussman thought it was best to spare the Senate the time investment and first work with the committee. Senator Bussman presented the presentation and said the title was a working title and Director Schultz came up with the title. Senator Bussman stated that if anyone has an idea of something better he or she could bring it up to him. Senator Bussman said the purpose for University Affairs is to be an outreach role for Senate because we need a way to effectively communicate with the students to understand what their needs are and also what the opportunities on campus are to improve the Senate's interaction with the school. Senator Bussman said he liked the quote, "The next communication cycle is not on the minds of Nevada it is on the minds of Nevada's Institute." because it explained what the program meant and was displayed by the Joe Ballrooms in the Student Union. Senator Bussman said that he thinks that there is much creative potential on the campus and is untapped because there

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is not enough effective communication between students and Senate. As far as outreach, Senate has made, “What to fix, Nevada,” and it was a huge colossal failure.

Secretary Godoy said it was not a failure for the first or second year it was popular and as the time went by it started to decline. The last couple of years it did not do well, and this year it was neglected.

Senator Bussman said that was something that he wanted to address because he said it encouraged an entirely different type of input from the students than they wanted. The students were saying examples like, “Hey, this light is not working,” and that should not be going through the senate. Meaningful input on what Senate was doing was what should go into an outreach program, and Senator Bussman did not think that the program, “What to fix, Nevada,” didn’t capture their goal of an outreach program. “What to fix, Nevada,” had students channel their anger to what happened on their campus instead of encouraged students to look at opportunities to see what they want to see from the student government. Senator Bussman said the shift that needs to be made is less on criticism on smaller problems and more on finding solutions. The focus is on an initiative, collaboration, and engagement rather than complacency, individuality, and passivity. Collaboration between groups is where the best ideas originate. A group of students that come together to find a solution for a problem that they see and to communicate with the Senate was the goal. Senator Bussman said this has much application to everything that is going on in Charlottesville because all of the protesters came together to talk about the issue and that could change the culture on the campus. Senator Bussman agreed that this outreach program would give students a voice on the campus. Senator Bussman asked people how they could bring back WTF Nevada. Everyone said it could not be done or shouldn’t be done. Senator Bussman researched a program that Berkeley had which is called, “Big Ideas.” The program brings together groups of students who chooses a category about an idea they wanted to submit. It is a competition on their campus, and in the end, the best idea is accepted and are also given

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a cash prize. The committee cannot jump into this and have ten different categories. Senator Bussman offered to start with one or two categories and have a pilot program the next spring semester. If the program is successful, the committee can go to the administration and get it adopted. This outreach program has enormous potential. However, it is hard to start a massive outreach program through a committee.

Senator Stopka asked Senator Bussman whether if we were still thought about cash prizes.

Senator Bussman said yes on having a cash prize. The committee will need to think about whom the donors are and where the source of the money will originate. Two possible sources are through the ASUN budget and companies. By asking companies if they want their name on a category and the company can supply the cash prize.

Senator Stopka asked if the cash prize will put people's ideas into motion or given as a grant.

Senator Bussman said two routes that can be taken is to encourage students to win the cash prize and have ASUN adopt the idea or ASUN fund the student's idea if they see merit in it. Harvard University recently established a new fund. Harvard assigned their compelling interests at any given time and had available funds. Students could come up with an idea to improve any of these areas they will support the student's idea. In the future, the committee needs to figure out what is easier to use for the program.

Secretary Godoy left the room at 12:21 pm.

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Senator Stopka said the students would have more of an incentive if students were given a cash prize and ASUN adopted their idea because many students are struggling and a scholarship will help.

Senator Smith asked if there was a possibility to give students the option. The options could be here is a cash prize, and ASUN adopts the idea, or you can use the money that you win to put your plan into motion with your name on it.

Senator Bussman agreed and said yes that could potentially work.

Senator Stopka said giving students the option to have the cash prize, and ASUN adopted the idea will be expensive.

Senator Se said the cash prize is a big incentive for many students and asked would if we do not do a money prize and think of another incentive instead of money.

Secretary Godoy came into the room at 12:23 pm.

Senator Bussman asked what kind of incentive would work.

Senator Se said an example like free T-shirts and asked how much the cash prizes would be worth.

Senator Bussman said he did not know and was up to the committee. For the Berkeley program, they give out a \$1,000 to \$2,000 per team.

Spencer Schultz said combining the two ideas is the best plan because if we not only recognize the individuals who came up with the idea and give them a cash prize. The issue that is seen is the intellectual property behind it. University legal will make a

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contract because if the idea is a success and we only give \$500 stipend, there is an issue of that coming back to ASUN. However, a contract will be a solution.

Senator Bussman said that was something he was looking into, and there was already the same idea, however, in different areas on campus. For example, there is the sustainability funds and a business competition for companies that want to get funded. The applications were intricate, and many other factors had to be considered. Legal services would be included, and the committee would have to draft on what counts as an actual University student, the question of graduates participation, and many details that need to be worked out. The best way to tackle this is to sit down outside of meeting time and brainstorm. If the committee was interested Senator Bussman meet with Director Schultz to talk more about the program and the committee was welcome to attend.

Senator Stopka asked when this meeting would happen.

Senator Bussman said he would put out a doodle poll and asked who was interested in meeting.

Senator Se asked what will be done during the meeting.

Senator Bussman said they would be sitting down to brainstorm.

Everyone raised their hand to attend.

There were no other questions or comments at that time.

b. Discussion on Establishment or Removal of Liaison Positions

Senator Bussman said a few people left the committee. Therefore, IFC, panhellenic, EMC is unrepresented.

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Senator Stopka asked if he could lose Joe Crowley and pick up EMC.

Senator Bussman asked if there were any other thoughts on this or if anyone wants to take panhellenic or IFC.

Senator Se said he would take EMC.

Senator Bussman said to email a representative from a Liaison position that you had. Get in contact with them, set up a meeting and prepare to recall plans next meeting.

c. **Discussion on Future Projects and Legislation**

The committee on University Affairs will discuss possible future projects or legislation pertinent to the Committee and delegate these assignments to Senators on the Committee. Senator Bussman asked if anyone had any information on legislation for the DRC.

Senator Mah said after the committee meeting he meet with the director of DRC and they talked about the resolution the director drafted last year and edited the draft. Anyone could have attended the meeting with the director of the DRC.

Senator Bussman agreed to go after the committee meeting with Senator Mah.

Senator Stopka said he still wanted to plan a trip this semester and execute it next semester.

Senator Bussman stated that they could talk individual about that. Star Wars was canceled however if anyone wanted to sit down with the office of persistent and data he or she could. The office of persistent and data sent out a survey on sexual assault data. The

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office presented it to Senator Bussman, and they gave good insights. If anyone wanted to be involved in the survey, Senator Bussman was let others know.

Senator Stopka said it would be a kind of packfit type program where they got students involved with stickers and merchandise. It is mainly for the freshman but, the data is surprising.

Senator Bussman asked if Sebastian was working on a similar program.

Senator Stopka said Sebastian's program is the prevention of STI's and also stated that they could get the Green Dot to participate.

Senator Bussman asked if Green Dot have already seen the data.

Senator Stopka said no because the office of persistent and data did not want to release the data until they said it was okay.

Senator Smith said she was interested.

There was no other discussion at this time.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Bussman adjourned at 12:31 pm.

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