

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda 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***
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***
3. **ROLL CALL***
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 23rd, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of August 23rd, 2017 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Speaker may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

- a. President Marc Johnson

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

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda.

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

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza
- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
- d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley
- e. Director of Sustainability, Steven McNeece
- f. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg
- g. Attorney General, Cameron Harris
- h. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

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- i. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero
- j. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Schultz
- k. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo
- l. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason
- m. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella
- n. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES*

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting

- 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*

The Speaker shall recognize in turn senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

a. NOMINATION OF KEENAN RAQUELL TO THE OFFICE OF CLUB COMMISSIONER, SPORTS AND RECRATION COALITION

The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

b. NOMINATION OF KEENAN RAQUELL TO THE OFFICE OF CLUB COMMISSIONER, SPORTS AND RECRATION COALITION

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12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his objections.

There are no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate, and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate.

- a. A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville

For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

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

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville

For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. **Committee Changes**

Senators will add, switch, or drop assigned committees if necessary.

- b. **Senator Reports**

The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT*

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on items on or off this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda items are action items upon which the Senate may take action.

Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair.

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FROM: Jared Desamero, Director of Clubs and Organizations
TO: Hannah Jackson, Speaker of the Senate
Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate
DATE: August 24, 2017
RE: Club Commissioner for Sports and Recreation Nomination

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

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.

Regards,



Jared Allen Desamero

Director of Clubs and Organizations

Associated Students of the University of Nevada

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

85th SESSION
2017-2018

S. Res. 85-

A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 24TH, 2017

SUBMITTED BY SPEAKER JACKSON TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A Resolution

A Resolution to Express Student Sentiments on Charlottesville

1 *Whereas*, the Senate of the Associated Students held a meeting on August 23rd, 2017
2 inviting all undergraduate students to speak in public comment on various topics relating to
3 the recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia;

4 *Whereas*, two hundred and thirty-one individuals were present in public attendance,
5 including officials from the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, current
6 University of Nevada students, incoming University of Nevada Students, Truckee Meadows
7 Community College Students, alumni of the University of Nevada, as well as members of the
8 community;

1 *Whereas*, fifty-three individuals spoke during the public comment portion of the
2 meeting, including two alumni, two Truckee Meadows Community College students, four
3 incoming freshmen, and forty-five current students of the University of Nevada;

4 *Whereas*, in gathering qualitative data from the public commentary, six overall themes
5 were captured, including: Peter Cvijanovic and Nazism being a threat to our campus, the
6 protection of hate speech on campus, disapproval of the University of Nevada's response to
7 the events in Charlottesville, policies and initiatives to protect students, creations of
8 programs and resources for those affected, and the importance of student activism;

9 *Whereas*, twelve students asked for more legislation against hate speech and programs to
10 help students who have experienced discrimination on campus;

11 *Whereas*, sixteen students stated that they feel personally threatened by Peter Cvijanovic
12 and are now worried about their safety on campus;

13 *Whereas*, two students mentioned racist remarks in the academic classroom made by
14 Peter Cvijanovic;

15 *Whereas*, eleven students called for Peter Cvijanovic to be revoked of his employment
16 status at the University of Nevada, Reno;

17 *Whereas*, twenty-two students called for Peter Cvijanovic to be expelled from the
18 University of Nevada, Reno;

19 *Whereas*, eight students stated that it was not legal to expel Peter Cvijanovic;

20 *Whereas*, four students stated that they were not satisfied with President Marc Johnson's
21 response to the events that occurred in Charlottesville and Peter Cvijanovic's involvement;

22 *Whereas*, three students stated that they feel the University has been complacent in its
23 actions, which now gives White Supremacists a larger platform to speak out because they
24 now know they cannot be expelled or punished;

1 *Whereas*, fifteen students mentioned how Peter Cvijanovic is not the only racist, white
2 supremacist, Neo-Nazi, etc. on campus;

3 *Whereas*, thirty-one students stated that they wanted to hear the Associated Students of
4 the University of Nevada speak out against the events that happened at Charlottesville;

5 *Whereas*, four students stated that moving forward, people should not be fighting hatred
6 with more hatred;

7 *Whereas*, one student stated that by keeping Peter Cvijanovic at the school, it is a failure
8 of University Diversity Initiatives;

9 *Whereas*, one student discussed the ineffectiveness of Silver Core Diversity Courses;

10 *Whereas*, two students expressed that they were ashamed to be students of the University
11 of Nevada and that they do not know what to say to prospective students;

12 *Whereas*, one student stated concerns pertaining to apathy on our campus, mentioning
13 the number of students who have not spoken up or who have done nothing about the issue,
14 emphasizing the hindrances of the uses of social media;

15 *Whereas*, two students stated that allowing racism on our campus degrades the
16 University of Nevada's Tier 1 status;

17 *Whereas*, one student stated concerns of living next door to a Nazi group near campus;

18 *Whereas*, sixteen students stated that it is also the student's responsibility to stand against
19 racism and hate that they see on or around campus;

20 *Whereas*, one student stated that Nazism is prevalent today because they create
21 conspiracy theories that justify their existence;

22 *Whereas*, one student stated that Nazi groups do not have a place on our campus;

23 *Whereas*, three students stated that hate speech shall not be tolerated on our campus;

1 *Whereas*, students suggested possible courses of action for the University of Nevada to
2 consider moving forward;

3 *Whereas*, students stated the University should conduct a formal investigation as to
4 whether Peter Cvijanovic violated the University of Nevada's Student Code of Conduct;

5 *Whereas*, students stated that the University should work to improve the documentation
6 and action against instances of hate speech and hate crimes on campus;

7 *Whereas*, students stated that the University should reach out to high school and middle
8 school students to remind them of the University of Nevada's stance on these issues and
9 diversity;

10 *Whereas*, students stated that the University of Nevada and ASUN must take a stronger
11 stance against racism, prejudice, and hatred on our campus;

12 *Be it resolved that*, this resolution shall serve as formal documentation of the student sentiments
13 from public comment portion of the August 23rd, 2017 meeting of the Senate of the Associated
14 Students, and that it shall also serve as a call to action for all involved parties;

15 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to President Marc Johnson, Vice
16 President of Student Services Shannon Ellis, Provost Kevin Carman, Chief of Staff & Chief Diversity
17 Officer & Assistant Vice President Patricia Richard, Director of Communications Kerri Garcia,
18 Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Thomas White, Chair of Faculty Senate Tom
19 Harrison, President of the Graduate Student Association Sandesh Kannan, Chairman of the Nevada
20 System of Higher Education Board of Regents Kevin J. Page, Vice Chairman of the Nevada System
21 of Higher Education Board of Regents Jason Geddes, Nevada State Senator Julia Ratti, and Nevada
22 State Assemblywoman Amber Joiner.