

Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session
Minutes for Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m.
Room 523, Fifth Floor of the Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Jackson called the Oversight meeting to order at 7:33 pm in Room 523, 5th floor of the Knowledge Center. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Bussman, Cam. Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Martinez, and Thummel were present.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

- a. The minutes from September 7th, 2017
Senator Kuykendall moved to approve the minutes from September 7th, 2017 by unanimous consent.
There was no dissent; motion carried.

5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy
Secretary Godoy had no report.
- b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Senator Martinez
Senator Martinez said he will be meeting with Chief of Staff Bradley and other department heads in charge of interns to start interviews and delegating the apps to the correct departments.
- c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Cam. Lee said they had a committee meeting last Friday morning at 8 am. They had Dr. Mencing come to recruit senators to review applications for the Undergraduate Research Fund. It was similar to what they did last semester. She also told Dr. Mencing that he could come speak about the NURA apps and recruit senators as well once they've been collected. It was an overall really productive meeting. In terms of the volunteer abroad program she wanted to do, Senator Becker found a volunteer program called International Volunteer HQ or IVHQ for short. It was super cheap; some prices were at \$180 not including flight. So, it had affordable programs for 1 or 2 weeks.
- d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said they met today and passed two bills and had their first financial reviews for the Senate and Contingency accounts. Next week, they will review Programming, BLF, and the Budget and Finance Committee accounts. Budget and Finance will encompass things like

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Retreat and any programming that has happened from the summer until now. Next week will be a big one if they wanted to come out and see exactly how their departments are spending money. At the next meeting, he also planned on assigning liaison positions to each committee member. That way, they can update the public on the budget and what they are spending student funds on. He thought that the biggest disconnect between ASUN and the public was on how students were able to attain information. He was hoping that would help.

- e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas
Senator Flangas said she was excited for their meeting this week, but she will not be there. Her vice chair was ready and excited to run the meeting. That meeting will be on Friday at 1:30. She went with Senator Se to talk to PSAC for the bulletin board. They need ASUN to give them the dimension and they had the full rights. She didn't know if it was going to be ASUN or PSAC paying but it was not a huge cost. It will be on the first floor by the info desk. It will not have a lock box like in Ansari.

Speaker Jackson said they will hopefully take down the Ansari board so it won't be a problem anymore. She thanked her for working on that.

- f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel
Senator Thummel said they met last Friday and went through two bills. The first was for Director Desamero's changes to the SAS. The second was regarding the ASUN stoles. They made some amendments and will it go through Senate. They also discussed the most recent judicial hearing in terms of the president's appointment of the position. Senator Sullivan will have the legislation on that and will hopefully have at soon. He assigned departments to his committee to discuss the SAS.

Senator Flangas asked if he wanted legislation submitted 24 hours before posting.

Senator Thummel said at the latest 24 hours before but 48 hours would be ideal.

- g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker
Senator Becker said the big focus was the veterans breakfast. He was meeting with Chai Cook on Wednesday at 3 pm to talk about the breakfast. The next meeting will be on September 25th in 406 in the Joe. They will discuss who on the committee will reach out to. He wanted to start having someone from his committee bring a piece of legislation every week. He wanted his committee to be as efficient with time as possible.
- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman
Senator Bussman said his committee met last Friday. He and Senators Stopka and Smith will be meeting this Friday to discuss what kind of actions they can take with the data they got from the Office of Student Persistence. There was quite a lot of campaigns that had been done and Senator Stopka wanted to potentially take that route but didn't know if Senator Stopka wanted to create a new campaign or use one that already exists. There were also a few smaller things like putting information into the syllabi that all students get at the beginning of each course. Things like that were pretty easy to do relative to an actual campaign. Senator Bussman asked Senator Paningbatan about the timeframe for the DRC legislation and Senator Paningbatan hoped to have something by the end of the month. Senator Bussman will check with him on that. Senator Busman also scheduled a meeting today with Raul and a Cadet with from Police Services. The cadets wanted to add Police Services to the This is Nevada App so they can rideshare with Campus Escort. This would reduce the wait times for Campus Escort and give the cadets more rides. Raul will add their number ot schedule rides but he will email Associate Director Koeckes

to see if it was possible to integrate the cadets with Campus Escort. That way, the police services can just by an iPad and get rides that way. For his oversight, he project met with inkblot and they are working on the artwork right now.

i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson

Speaker Jackson said she went to a Facilities meeting to talk about Democracy Plaza and it turns out they never received it. They advised them to talk to the President's Office since something in the code said they couldn't name places. The President had to approve the names and then they were referred to committee. She will be in contact with President Johnson and then will be going back to Facilities to get it approved. She was working on Elect Her and making the marketing materials for it. She wanted to get quotes from female leaders on campus and in the community to speak on why it was important that they run. That will be the main marketing strategy. She was in discussion with the Civic Action Committee to expand the real Nevada campaign with the community. If they could also be the real Nevada, then they can work together and do more community outreach and volunteer opportunities. For Senate, she wanted to make sure they return agendas with time stamps to her. She needed everyone to do that so she had the record. What happened with those agendas was that the secretaries filed and kept for the records so it was important that they turn them in. Please drop them off within 24 hours of posting. When posting agendas, make sure they put a title where you insert the file. Without a title, the agenda couldn't be accessed because there would be no link. She asked they make sure it was the correct agenda. The agenda needed the attachments and when they upload agendas, make sure everything is uploaded as a cohesive pdf with the legislation and addendums attached. Secretary Godoy and she were looking through the Senate Rules and they found this rule that wasn't really followed last year either. It said that with every piece of legislation, they need to attach a cover memo saying who voted how and a briefing of the discussion.

Secretary Godoy said it would include a summary of what the bill says, how each member voted or if they abstained, and a summary of the discussion. It shouldn't be more than a page

Senator Kuykendall asked if there was a template for the memo.

Speaker Jacksons said NevadaBox had blank template for memos but she can look at old agendas and send them an example of the cover sheet.

Senator Kuykendall asked if it was to be submitted to speaker Jackson after the legislation was favorably referred

Speaker Jackson said in the past they had submitted legislation to her before it even passed the committee and it wouldn't be discussed if it wasn't approved. If it was urgent, they can still send it to her before, like in Budget and Finance. But for other things, she asked they wait. Once it passes the committee, they can send the legislation along with the memo. She knew this set the process back a little but felt it was important they abided by those laws. She will write down that she needed to send that to them.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. NOMINATION OF ALEXANDRA SLOTTERBACK TO THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Senator Bussman moved to recommend favorably the nomination of Alexandra Slotterback to the Office of Associate Justice.

Senator Kuykendall seconded.

Speaker Jackson said Chief Justice was not ____

Ms. Slotterback said: “Hello everyone! My name is Alexandra Slotterback, but some of you know me as Alex and/or Lexi. I stand before you because I have been nominated for the position of ASUN Associate Justice. Thank you all for taking the time to hear my nomination speech – I appreciate it. I will begin by introducing more about myself and how I have spent my time here at the university. I will proceed by expressing why I believe my background qualifies me to be an Associate Justice with ASUN. I will then conclude by describing my goals and intentions as a potential member of ASUN. To start, I am a 4th year Criminal Justice – Law & Justice major with a minor in Psychology. This major has allowed me to hone my public speaking skills while also teaching me the philosophical principals of jurisprudence ad justice – crucial components of any decision making body. Aside from my coursework, the criminal justice program has presented me with many extracurricular activities. I have taken advantage of as many clubs and ASUN opportunities as possible, including becoming Vice President of Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law fraternity here on campus; becoming a founding member and social media chair of Criminal Justice Club; and lastly becoming an ASUN judicial intern for the ’16-’17 school year. Although I have participated in some clubs and organizations, I have the potential and drive to do so much more for my fellow students. As my criminal justice background suggests, I have been exposed time and time again to the responsibilities of fair decision making and discretion. I completely understand and embrace principles of objectivity and fairness in any case brought before the council. My experience as an ASUN Judicial Intern further exposed me to these principles by introducing me to the Statutes of Associated Students and teaching me how to navigate and understand the document. The Justices ensured that I knew all about what constitutes a conflict of interest and the importance of removing myself from situations where I find that I cannot make objective and fair decisions. Being a judicial intern also taught me how to interpret the SAS and other governing documents or precedents, and apply them to the cases brought before us. Additionally, the Justices taught us how to manage conflict, both as a justice and student in general. I personally have had my fair share of conflicts throughout my academic career, but whether it is a conflict with my coworkers, group members or roommates, I have learned how to handle situations by simply taking a step back and evaluating the situation with openness and honesty. If my time at NEVADA has taught me anything, it is how to be fair and just in all of my endeavors. Although the position as an associate justice does not necessarily require me to set goals, I have many that I would love to see become a reality. With this opportunity, I would be able to work with all of you and other ASUN participants to achieve our collective goal of a campus with no walls. No Walls 2025 is an amazing opportunity for our campus to become one with the Reno community. I want to see a campus environment that goes beyond the boundaries of McCarren, 9th, and Evans. Aside from this collective goal, I strive to continue former Associate Justice Stichauf and current Chief Justice Bruketta’s mediation program. I had the brief chance to work with these two on this project last semester, and although we hit a bump in the road, I believe with more work and collaboration we can make this program a reality for our university. To conclude, I would love to serve NEVADA and its students by working with the justices. My legal and philosophical coursework, along with my current campus involvement will bring a new and involved perspective to the council. I have had experience working with the SAS and its requirements for conflict management and conflicts of interest. I will use all of my experience as an involved student here at the university to make just and fair decisions in the cases brought before the council. NEVADA has given so much to me and I am eager for any opportunity to give back. I hope that you can see I have what it takes to be a beneficial part of ASUN’s Judicial Council. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing your decision.”

Senator Kuykendall asked Ms. Slotterback to explain the mediation program.

Ms. Slotterback said she wasn't necessarily able to make big changes or produce documents because she wasn't an official justice. However, Associate Justice Stichauf and her worked together. She was personally assigned as a project to help produce the documents that would be needed to get UNLV's Law School on board since they didn't have a law school yet. Most law schools had a mediation program. UNR would be the first undergraduate, student-run mediation program on the west coast. That would be huge for them. She was working directly with UNLV and with Associate Justice Stichauf to produce the documents. UNLV was going to come up here and give a seminar to those that maybe didn't understand the program. That was her knowledge on that so far but would love to learn more.

Senator Bussman asked if the biggest hurdle with the program was funding the training.

Ms. Slotterback said yes and UNLV would be the one training them. They thought it would be a little easier in terms of funding since they were close. If she attained the position, she would focus on funding. Chief Justice Bruketta and her casually discussed how they could go about it but neither of them had great ideas yet.

Senator Thummel said she mentioned her time as an intern. He asked if she noticed issues with the internship program.

Ms. Slotterback said yes; she also wanted to clarify that she didn't necessarily think of them as problems because it was a new program. That said, they had a lot of downtime and could have been doing more. It depended on which justice had been assigned to you. She was with Associate Justice Fleming at first and then to Associate Justice Stichauf. With Associate Justice Stichauf, she didn't get as much one on one time since Associate Justice Stichauf was busy applying to law schools. It definitely did depend on who you worked with and what project you were working on. The project with Associate Justice Fleming was done rather quickly. It wasn't a project that needed the whole semester. They could work on it on a Sunday for a couple of hours and be close to done. She definitely thought there needed to be a bigger project being done by all the justices and then them also having smaller projects versus having only small projects. She felt not all the interns had the same experience as her.

Senator Becker asked how she would keep the Associate Justices accountable.

Ms. Slotterback said Chief Justice Bruketta made it seem like it was his responsibility but if he would like them to delegate more tasks, a good way would be to set goals. Even meetings like this to report what was new would work. They didn't have this last semester. Even saying something like, "We talked to UNLV about the mediation program and they would love to come and train us" would hold them more accountable. No one wanted to show up and say, "We haven't done anything."

Senator Flangas wanted to know if she held positions in a club or organization she had been a part of.

Ms. Slotterback said not a judicial position. She had to make decisions in the past but not related directly to this. She made decisions mostly with just mock trials in classes but nothing too serious.

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

Senator Bussman said she had the markings of a good candidate. She had experience through ASUN and her studies. She looked at what would be her regular duties plus what she wanted to accomplish outside that.

Senator Thummel liked that she recognized the down time and wanted to fill that.

Senator Flangas said the mediation program could rally help upperclassmen on campus. She would be great to hold the entire department accountable. Senator Flangas liked that Ms. Slotterback had initiative in taking it forward. Her direction made her a great candidate.

Senator Becker said she also said she was in touch with a previous justice so it wouldn't be problem to pick up on the program.

There was no further discussion; the body moved to a vote.

Alexandra Slotterback was recommended favorably unanimously.

Speaker Jackson said she was recommended favorably and will be heard tomorrow at senate. She asked Ms. Slotterback email her any documents like résumés or goal sheets so that the body tomorrow can ask questions. She had them review the documents before the meeting. Her email was speaker@asun.unr.edu.

b. NOMINATION OF DAHLIA HENDERSON TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS WELLNESS

Dahlia Henderson was not here; her nomination will be heard at the next Oversight meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Flangas wanted to say they hadn't heard many reports from Associate Justice Bruketta and that might be due to downtime in the department. She wanted to hold him accountable regarding the internship program. She wanted to know what he planned on doing with the interns and if any changes had been made. If there was down time last year, she wanted to know how it was being filled this year.

Senator Kuykendall said wanted to add that the committee should add updates for people just like Budget and Finance does budget reviews. They could give a 5 minute report on what they were doing and it could be scheduled with all the departments.

Speaker Jackson wanted them to lead the charge when they do have them looking on NevadaBox and seeing those things. She thought it was a great idea. Bruketta had a class during Senate so it would be good if they called them in during Oversight. With any elected officer, ask questions about internship programs or whatever. It would be fabulous if they asked questions about things relating to their report but remember that they can ask questions about anything. It was all about polling up the SAS and reviewing job duties. Example, for the Director of PR, what is being done with the k-12 outreach program? They might be doing other work but also keep them accountable to what they are supposed to do.

Senator Kuykendall said they can go back and read minutes to see what the specific goals are but he asked if there was a place to review everyone's goals in one place.

Speaker Jackson said NevadaBox. Secretary Godoy made a folder in the Oversight Folder with everyone's resumes and whatnot that was submitted when they were up for approval. If anyone didn't have NevadaBox, talk to Raul. It was important for research. She forgot to tell them that but it was in the

Oversight folder. Also, she wanted them to try and track those that didn't report every other week. Directors can send in a written report if they can't come to senate. If they aren't coming and they aren't sending reports, they can call people to oversight.

Senator Martinez asked saying "No report" counted as a report.

Speaker Jackson asked Secretary Godoy if she knew anything.

Secretary Godoy didn't know.

Speaker Jackson said they can get a judicial ruling on that if it becomes a problem.

Senator Bussman said they should have hypothetically asked the candidate.

Speaker Jacksons said the proper process was to ask the attorney general and if someone disagreed, they can ask for a judicial ruling. She asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to ask the attorney general.

Senator Kuykendall asked if the attorney general had to report on the opinion to senate once it's made.

Speaker Jackson didn't know if it was just emailed out or if it had be read or if you were free to share it with others.

Secretary Godoy didn't know either. She said sometimes she requested opinions and the attorney general would just email her the opinion and that was the end of it. She didn't know if they should.

Speaker Jackson believed that only Judicial was required to read their documents into the record.

Senator Thummel said he could reach out.

Speaker Jackson was excited about that _____

Senator Flangas

Speaker Jackson will look at how this would work but they can invite the people that didn't regularly attend Senate to speak during public comment; that was a good idea.

Senator Cam. Lee was searching this while Associate Justice Slotterback spoke and _____. There was a small application process to become hearing board member of student conduct to hear cases that appear, like if a student was caught cheating. They could have interns apply. It was low-commitment and they had to attend serve on two hearings.

Speaker Jackson asked they keep that in mind when he comes in to Oversight. She felt this committee is a better place to have those kinds of conversations. She can request the opinion and share it with the body once she gets it back.

Senator Thummel said he could request the opinion.

Speaker Jackson wanted them to keep everyone accountable, even other senators. They made that list of expectations so hold people to that list and to senators that aren't reporting on what they are doing for their colleges.

Senator Flangas wanted to see Chief Justice Bruketta at oversight if possible.

Speaker Jackson said she will take in all this information and do some research to decide how the best way to do this would be; and to see if there is a formal process that needs to be done. But they can invite anyone in for public comment.

Senator Bussman knew that Chief Justice Bruketta had been speaking with Kimberly Thomas so he thought that maybe since Chief Justice Bruketta only approached her about the mediation program, she might not have explained to him what currently existed.

Speaker Jackson was glad they had an extra week for the Director of Wellness. She asked they take time to look through the job duties. She was just talking to Senator Thummel about PackFIT. It wasn't in their jurisdiction anymore. It was now under Wigand so that needed to be included in the SAS; the Director of Wellness should be a liaison to that program. They might also need to re-evaluate the job position and see if there was still enough to merit this director position. She asked they think about those things too when appointing people.

Senator Becker asked if every director had a department.

Speaker Jackson said the Directors of Campus Wellness and Sustainability were the only ones that didn't. The Director of Diversity just got a board. She wasn't sure about the Director of Campus PR.

Secretary Godoy said they technically did have a couple of positions but they were not filled this year.

Speaker Jackson said there used to be two assistant directors but she wrote legislation last session to eliminate one of them. The other had legislation as well but she would need to check to see if the legislation was actually voted on. She knew there was confusion regarding that.

Senator Becker was just curious because they might be able to give the Director of Campus Wellness a department.

Speaker Jackson said her only concern was that the director needed to have enough to do. Before you add new positions, think bigger about this: do you really think this position has enough job duties to exist?

Senator Bussman said something he thought about with his outreach project was the categories. He narrowed it down and two of them were Diversity and Inclusion and Health and Wellness. The funding that he and Director Shultz will approach businesses for will be used to give a prize to the person with the idea. Potentially, the directors of wellness and inclusion could head the projects after they leave the competition stage.

Speaker Jackson said when she does come in for oversight, ask about the job duties that do exist currently. She was applying for the position that existed currently. Do think about the far beyond though.

Senator Martinez asked if they did make a SAS change and she was to be appointed, will she fulfill the new requirements.

Speaker Jacksons said yes.

Senator Martinez asked if they could have the candidate send information.

Senator Flangas said the SAS did currently have two positions under the PR director. She felt there was room for growth in the department. She felt that before they made any changes, they should consult the director. There were multiple facets to public relations and when they went to look at this, they should consider having another role possibly.

Speaker Jackson said she will try to find the legislation that cut those positions. She knew the first piece of legislation was passed and the second one was written but might not have passed. There as a lot of meetings and discussion before it happened. They can look at those to have the conversation. If the legislation was passed, then that position is cut. In general, be cautious about adding positions. It was very costly to pay more people. Also, they were trying to keep people accountable but if there wasn't enough for that person to do, then how do they keep people accountable. Think of what was realistic as well for what people can do in a year. In some cases, they can downsize and reallocate job duties. Think that way too. If there was departments that was overburdened then yes add positions, but if not, don't create positions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.