

Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session
Minutes for Friday, September 29th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
3rd Floor of Joe Crowley Student Union, President's Conference Room

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Cammie Lee called the meeting to order at 8:30 am on the 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union in the Presidents Conference room. Presiding secretary, Zanae' Jones.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Becker, Senator Cook, Senator Cynthia Lee, Senator Se and Senator Tralmer were present.

Senator Lippi was tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

4. **MINUTES**

- a. Senator Becker motioned to approve minutes of May 10th, 2017
Senator Lee seconded.
Motioned carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no old business at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Advertising Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal**

The committee Senator Cammie Lee said this is the advertising for the Nevada Undergraduate Research Journal as well as the NURA was due soon. The NURA was



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the Nevada Undergraduate research award. The award is open to all majors and is due November 13th, 2017. As a committee they had to start thinking of ways to advertise because last semester there were only 40 submissions however, the committee expected 70 submissions. Also there were no majors from the College of Liberal Arts applied and most of the majors that did applied were STEM majors. She said the committee should start thinking of ways to promote the award to the other colleges. She thought the root of the problem was because people need a greater understanding of the different type of research. During the undergraduate research meeting Gabriel Glozes, graduate director, said when comparing research before, comparing graffiti designs from different regions of the city and that is still research. She also said that students needed to understand that research is not working at a agriculture farm or working with extensive equipment or experimenting in a lab. She said the committee should brainstorm on ways the committee can promote it to other colleges.

Senator Lippi walked into the room at 8:32 am.

Senator Cammie Lee said she thought if she could split up the committee to table or talk to Inkblot about advertising and asked the committee if they had any ideas.

Senator Becker asked if Senator Cammie Lee said the graduate director for the Nevada Undergraduate Research Journal was already advertising for the NURA or was he doing it during his monthly meetings.

Senator Cammie Lee said the graduate director advertise for it during the monthly meetings however, had not advertise for students. He just advertised for the students that came to that meeting.

Senator Becker said more than that and he understood.

Senator Cynthia Lee said that the graduate director tasked ASUN academics to market those opportunities because the committee had the power to get to the students faster.

Senator Becker asked if the committee knows if they gone on the undergraduate research page and how it has find your mentor and would if the committee sent a mass email about NURA to all the mentors and especially the ones the College of Liberal Arts. He thought by pushing it toward the mentors would be a good idea.

Senator Cammie Lee said that would be a great idea to push it to members for a great opportunity. She also asked Dr. Beattie if the committee could do that.

Dr. Beattie asked what the committee wanted to do.

Senator Cammie Lee asked Senator Becker to tell Dr. Beattie about it.

Senator Becker said yes and on the UNR research page it says find a faculty mentor with every single college. For example for the College of Liberal Arts has a mentor eligible to do research in every different field. He said he wondered if it would be a good idea to email all of them about the NURA.

Dr. Beattie said Dr. Scott Mensing was already reached out through email to the mentors. He said the committee needs to do is get interested students. The reason they are on the page is because they want them to work with students. He said the committee needed to get the students interested in a easy way. He said he is not sure what that way is yet. However, the way could be through social media or ask the deans of the colleges to email them to the students. So students could go, "Hey, look there are seven professors looking for someone to do research with them."

Senator Becker asked if the committee reached out to clubs and organizations and talked to the club commissioners that are in charge of different types of clubs. He asked if it would be a good idea to talk to club commissioners about NURA so they can reach out to other academic and pre professional clubs.

Senator Cammie Lee said that she knew that Rachel was in charge of science and engineering clubs and maybe Senator Becker could reach out to those clubs.

Senator Becker said that he would be happy to do that and asked if that would be something that they could tell the club commissioner or should we ask which clubs and the committee members go there personally.

Senator Cammie Lee said that it would be more effectively if we talk to the club personally because students can just read over an email. She said that she is just throwing out ideas and maybe they could go into clubs during their meeting to talk with them because she knew that Tri-Beta is dedicated to undergraduate research and the biological sciences. They may be interested.

Senator Cynthia Lee asked what about the clubs that aren't STEM based.

Senator Cammie Lee said that was exactly what she was thinking. It is easier to reach out to STEM clubs and they are trying to reach out to majors other than STEM. She said that the committee needs to think about how to reach to those other clubs that are not STEM related.

Senator Se asked if the College of Liberal Arts was doing any research because he felt like you would had to experience first with working in the lab as a graduate student and then they could get a feel for what research is and then they could formulate their idea of what they want to do. He asked if college of liberal arts had any faculty conducting research.

Dr. Beattie said yeah college of liberal arts do tons of research. You cannot become a ten year college professor if you are not conducting research. Every assistant professor comes in and they are tasked with publishing two research papers a year. Professor's advance based on three things: teaching evaluations, community service and publications. The research looks very different than STEM. Socialist are working with social work people finding out what works best. In college of Education they are working with people in the math department finding out what works best. When we think of research people often think it is a lab where people are putting sugar into flies to see if they get diabetes but that is not it. The social sciences and especially

psychology there is a ton of research. College of liberal Arts they are doing a lot of research.

Senator Lippi said that he had looking into the website and found 18 professors in the liberal arts conducting research.

Senator Cammie Lee said that he thought they could make a google docs to make a list of clubs and organizations that they could talk to.

Senator Becker asked where they could find a giant list of clubs and is it online.

Dr. Beattie said that on the ASUN website all of the clubs are listed.

Senator Becker said that was awesome.

Senator Cynthia Lee asked if they should draft up a plan to what they could say to the clubs together and then they split up and talk to individual clubs.

Senator Cammie Lee said that maybe they could talk to other organizations non-STEM related.

Senator Lippi said that he thought that it was better to personally talk to clubs so they can answer questions on the spot because people may ask a lot of questions and so the committee need to be well informed on it to get people interested.

Senator Cynthia Lee said the committee should come up with two STEM clubs and three non-STEM class/clubs to talk to. She then asked the committee if that was a lot of clubs to talk to.

Senator Cammie Lee said that it was a lot of clubs to talk to.

Senator Cynthia Lee asked what about one with STEM and two non-STEM.

Senator Cammie Lee asked why two in general.

Senator Cynthia Lee said she was just throwing out numbers out and the committee can just make up a list of clubs to talk to.

Senator Cammie Lee said okay.

Senator Becker asked if they could talk to say him and Haydon talk to two to three different business clubs and Senator Se and Senator Tralmer talk to a few college of liberal art clubs. So the committee visit the business student council and etc. He said if the committee wanted to start brainstorming that.

Senator Cammie Lee said that they could and asked the committee if they wanted to brainstorm right now.

Senator Cynthia Lee said sure.

Senator Cammie Lee said that she believed it was nine different collisions and if some of the committee members could talk to them.

Senator Becker said the committee could talk to the business fraternity and council because he knew they both have annual chapter meetings.

Senator Cammie Lee said the committee should brainstorm on their own time. She said she would split it up to them and think about clubs and organizations in the collisions so they could move on with the meeting. She said that she will do that night and have two weeks to brainstorm.

Senator Cynthia Lee said because they are not meeting next week that they would not enough time to apply and give out the information.

Senator Cammie Lee said that they are meeting on October 13th and the students would have a month to apply.

Senator Cynthia Lee asked if they need to have a list of clubs that they already talked to for the next meeting.

Senator Cammie Lee said no, just a list of clubs that you would like to talk to.

Senator Cynthia Lee said it takes a long time to formulate to proposal and it takes about two weeks.

Senator Cammie Lee asked Dr. Beattie what he would do.

Dr. Beattie said sorry I missed that, I was reading an email.

Senator Cammie Lee said she wanted the committee to formulate a list of clubs who they want to talk to by next meeting. Would that give the students enough time to apply.

Dr. Beattie said it should not take too long to pick out a number of clubs to reach out to. He asked how many clubs each member would pick out.

Senator Cammie Lee said about two should be good.

Dr. Beattie said it should not take long. To make the list should not take a day or two.

Senator Cynthia Lee said that the committee should formulate that list by the beginning of next meeting and by the next meeting we would have already talked to those clubs.

Senator Cammie Lee said that she will get the list out to them by the end of this week and the committee members can start contacting the clubs.

Senator Becker asked if Senator Cammie Lee was going to tell each member of the committee general fields of which clubs they are going to talk to and he said if so he could have business.

Senator Cammie Lee said yes he can and asked for any other questions or comments.

b. Volunteer Abroad- International Volunteer HQ

Senator Cammie Lee said that after last meeting Senator Becker found a organization that lets student abroad for cheap. She said it was \$180 a week and that was a good opportunity for the students because students can visit other cultures for a low price. But, she said she had trouble on how to implement this. She asked the committee to have the student go through us rather than Volunteer Abroad International Volunteer HQ (IVHQ).

Senator Becker asked on if she wanted to get a discount from them.

Senator Cammie Lee said yes.

Senator Cynthia Lee said that she contacted Volunteer- Abroad International Volunteer HQ and they have not replied yet and asked them if they had a group of students and if they could give them a discount.

Senator Cammie Lee said a fee is involved that is \$300 to go anywhere. A student would need to pay \$180, \$300 and money for airfare. She wondered if they could waive that fee and she had contacted them. She asked the committee if could think of any incentives to students to volunteer abroad.

Senator Becker said the incentive is offering the students such a good deal and giving a prize or deal to the students for volunteering would be wrong.

Senator Cynthia Lee said didn't they think of some sort of symposium so they could share their experiences of traveling.

Senator Cammie Lee said that could be an idea however, it is already cheaper than other volunteer chapters than she had seen.

Senator Cynthia Lee said that she thought too hard because it is a cheap volunteer abroad event.

Senator Cammie Lee said okay and asked how to implement this and be a part of ASUN and recruit people for it.

Senator Cynthia Lee said first they have to contact them to see if they are willing to give a discount and afterward the committee could broadcast the opportunity. If they don't reply by the next week it would be discussed.

Senator Cammie Lee asked Dr. Beattie if he had anything to say.

Dr. Beattie said no.

c. Senator Updates

Senator Cammie Lee said that had a meeting with Dean Ray last week and she also talked to Hannah Jackson. The speaker said that she wanted the committee to think of reasons why they should implement extended library hours because student's funds would be used. She asked if this was needed and if the committee had any data or they could contact Dean Ray to see if the Dean had any data on extended library hours.

Senator Becker asked if they should seek the student's opinion by tabling in front of the library. He said he felt that any student would sign a sheet about extending library hours during hours.

Senator Cammie Lee said okay and maybe they could have a list going around to see who would be interested in having the library open longer. She said that they could also ask Dean Ray if she had any data for who stayed at the library past 11pm and if it was really needed. She asked the committee if they thought it was beneficial to our students if they are staying up late would it hurt them to stay at the library to student. She said maybe they could table. She then asked Senator Lippi if they could get data from Dean Ray.

Senator Lippi said that she had not said anything about data.

Senator Cynthia Lee asked when they could start tabling.

Senator Cammie Lee said they could start tabling next week. All the committee needed to do was sign up.

Senator Cynthia Lee said through the chair and everyone at the table she asked if they had any tests or if they were free next week.

Senator Se said he had a test and a paper due next week however, he is free every other day.

Senator Cook said instead they put their ASUN polo's with a clipboard and ask people.

Senator Cammie Lee said yes, they could do that.

Senator Cook said that they could ask students how they feel about extended library hours.

Senator Cammie Lee said that was a good idea and that would be better and an alternative to tabling. The committee should be interactive.

Senator Becker said that they should inform students that extended library hours would come out of student's fees however, they would not go up.

Dr. Beattie said it was late in the year for the committee however, they do a short electron survey that the committee could have included the question and they could have had 3,000 or 4,000 answers from students.

Senator Cammie Lee asked if that was an alternative to running around with a clipboard.

Dr. Beattie said you would only get 100 student opinions. However, if you get 4000 students and that would get a valid return right. He said the question is the students that vote at the election survey represent the university. He said his guess is it is students that are more involved than the student population however, it is a bigger number.

Senator Cammie Lee said since we are implementing this next semester of spring midterms and finals we should think about that survey. Next semester we could do our pilot semester. She thought the library is a very good idea however, they need data to support that. She asked if there were any other questions.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at that time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Cammie Lee adjourned the Committee of Academics at 8:55 am.