

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

Minutes for Wednesday, October 4<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 5:32 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, third floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Jackson, Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez, and Senators Becker, Billman, Cam. Lee, Cook, Cyn. Lee, Compton, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, mall, Paningbatan, Sarwar, se, smith, Stopka, Sullivan, Thummel, tool, Tralmer was present.

Senator Bussman was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Senator Smith moved to approve minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by unanimous consent.  
There was no dissent; motion carried.
- b. The minutes from September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- c. The minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- d. The minutes from September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- e. The minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The minutes from September 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Hamma said first of all, now that the pack was 0-5, it might be time for the coach to get the pink slip. What they might not be aware was that Chris Ault his job three times and came back; maybe if the university offered him enough money he would do us all a favor and come back. The thing is that the editor of the Sagebrush wrote that the shooting should not be politicized, and he was right. The anti-gun believers are already using this as an excuse to take away our guns. Obviously having guns there wouldn't have made a difference, but it would have helped. Don't be taken in by the propaganda.

Dr. Beattie wanted to thank Director Gbenjo, Speaker Jackson, and those that volunteered for the vigil. Those that attended could see that it this hit the student body hard and was something the students needed.

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Speaker Jackson said there were cards floating around to thank the speakers from the vigil and Savannah. The banner is also here and will be delivered tomorrow to the UNLV student government. If they wanted to sign it, please do.

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

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira  
Speaker Jackson passed the gavel to Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez.  
Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez accepted.

*Speaker Jackson left the room at 5:53 pm.*

President Teixeira said they had their first executive board meeting yesterday. It went incredible. He asked everyone to bring in five goals and he asked them questions about how likely they were to accomplish the goals, the timeline for the goals, and if anyone was working on it as well. From each of the five goals, they will go over two of them to come up with timelines, funding, and anything else that is needed. These two goals can be anything from making a list of all the resources to big. They really just wanted to focus on two really strong goals. He went to the food services meeting today. They upped the discount for wolf card users. If you use your wolf card on campus to buy food, you now get 10% instead of 5%. Additionally, they came out for coupons where for example, if you buy coffee at Peete's you also get a free donut. It ended up being about 1.98 for a coffee and donut and you still got a 10% discount. He was also told they got the number one community service food-oriented department and NV Deli got gold standard for the concept of food on campus. Speaker Jackson wanted him to read who was sitting what committees. He didn't have them all filled yet since they left for the vigil. Arboretum board: Director McNeece, Athletics Association: Director Nason, Campus Bike Committee: Director McNeece, Campus Recreational Advisory Board: Chief of Staff Bradley and soon to be Director Henderson, Core Curriculum Board: Director Gbenjo, Cultural Diversity Committee: Director Gbenjo, FRC Committee: Speaker Jackson, Green Dot Committee, Director Gbenjo and Chief of Staff Bradley, Intramural Counsel: Director Gbenjo, Student Housing: Director Henderson, Student Services Food Committee: President Teixeira and VP Atienza, JCSU Advisory: Director Desamero and Gbenjo, Student Union Retail Committee: President Teixeira and Chief of Staff Bradley, Subcommittee for the Student Success Collaborative: he hadn't been reach out to yet, Title IX Task Force: Chief of Staff Bradley, University Athletics Committee: Director Nason, University Sustainability Committee: Director McNeece. Like he said, these committees will be filled at the next meeting. They only had an hour to go over 50 goals; it was a daunting task.

Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez asked if they will be able to see the goals of the directors.

President Teixeira said it was an open meeting; they can listen to the minutes or read them. They will hear the goals, the questions asked, and why he told them not to pursue certain goals. But he was sure if they asked each director, they would get answers.

- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza  
Vice President Atienza thanked those that attended the vigil and thanked Speaker Jackson for putting it on. It was awesome that they gave students a chance to grieve. His parents texted him that day to let him know they were okay; it really hit him at home. The pack internship grant program opened today and will be open until November 6th. If they had any questions they can shoot him an email. The next informational session will be Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> in PSAC 110. The first

session was 3:00-3:30 and the other was 3:30-4:00. The information for that was available online. They will also have another informational session for just first-generation students and they will include services for things like TRiO and McNair. They saw last year that this really helped get more first-generation students to apply. They were hoping to see the same this year. He was also working on legislation with Kuykendall to do two more internships. That will go through Budget and Finance. During Exec, they also talked about different mental health initiatives; he reached out to Senator Smith for that, so they will get started soon. He will also work with Director Shultz. There was some legislation they are looking at in regard to the number of students per counselor at the university. Nevada was number 4 for suicide rate. He went to the food services committee as well. If they didn't know, they are in a grapefruit shortage because of everything that was happening in Texas.

c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley

Chief of Staff Bradley said lots was happening. For Elect Her, it was going well, and she wanted to increase the number of things happening with inkblot. She was working on projects that President Teixeira gave her with the Wolf Shop. They are will hopefully do an Amazon kiosk and then some things with Greek Life throughout the year in regard to the canned food drive and working with Pack Provisions. It would be a cool way to help our students directly. She just got back from the Student Tech Advisory Committee. Something really cool was that the university had a contract with Lynda.com. It was a student training program that taught students skills for excel, photoshop, resume building, etc. it was general development website with modules. The school has had a contract with Lynda.com for ten years but only about 10% of students use it. The school just approved another three years and within those three years, they are hoping to increase the number of users. She will talk to Academics to increase marketing and usage in the classroom. She used it a lot in her classrooms and at the Career studio and would love to see more students use it. They all had interns now which was great.

Senator Cam. Lee asked how students access lynda.com.

Chief of Staff Bradley said they can look up "UNR Lynda" and use their NetID and password. From there, they can watch all kinds of tutorials. For example, she did a 6-hour tutorial on excel 2016. She only did it because it was required for her class and that was the only time she heard it discussed. This had been relevant for all of her classes; yet she was only required to use it for one class. The contract was for nearly \$80,000 so that is why they needed to increase the use.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero

Director Desamero said: I wanted to start off my report by thanking everybody who came out to support at the candlelight vigil yesterday. This includes all of the speakers as well as the Joe. As someone who is from Vegas, it is just heartbreaking to see what happened this past weekend. For those of you who don't know, Musical Therapy Club played at the event and really came out to support. So, I will be reaching out personally to thank them for all that they contributed. As President Teixeira said, I was able to give six goals yesterday. For the sake of time, I won't go into too much detail. First is the club resource policy and expansion. I have been working with Front Desk to get more resources and update policy for that. Second is a collaboration with JCSU. I will be working with people in the Joe to get a centralized Joe website and to talk about the possibility of expanding storage space. Third is policy updates. This includes the Department Procedures Manual, Club Support Funding Policy Manual, and the Statues of the Associated Students. Fourth is the ADA compatible funding application and form. I will be meeting with tech to update funding forms and spreadsheets based on what I saw 5 years ago. Fifth, the clubs and orgs internship

program. This one I might actually go into detail with. This Saturday afternoon we will be interviewing interns from 2 pm to 6 pm. I will also be making the questions we will ask them soon. We also plan on standardizing the essential Commissioner functions while leaving Commissioners with the ability to customize information regarding their coalition and specific projects. Last, I have just been supporting Commissioner projects overall with what they need. They have finished 5 of the 7 short-term projects which was great. That's it for my report.

*Senator Sarwar left the room at 6:08 pm.*

Senator Tralmer asked what the projects were.

Director Desamero said they have completed: synergy within the coalitions, a funding cap index, SAS changes, Club Fair, iLead. They are still working on projects that commissioners proposed when they presented to Senate including a sports council, a universal funding manual, an impact report, and connecting service clubs with local nonprofits through the Committee of Civic Engagement. He also mentioned updating club resources.

**f.** Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

*Senator Sarwar entered the room at 6:11 pm.*

Director Kinel said all homecoming stuff began this week. Captain meetings will be Thursday at 8 pm and Friday at 7 pm in Room 423. During the meetings, she and her assistant directors will go through the homecoming packet that was posted on the ASUN website and answering any questions. She wanted to touch on disaffiliation during homecoming. She and her department will be strictly disaffiliated. She was not requiring that they be disaffiliated but if they are staying affiliated, don't expect perks. This means no backstage passes or seat saving or anything like that. Don't put her or her department in a tough position. They are also solidifying all the dates for Welcome Back Week, Mackay Week, the spring concert, unity week, and family week. She looked forward to working with Director Gbenjo to expand unity week into the entire semester for spring. Something that came to her attention as that there was no set transition in place and no place to store all programming documents. So, she and the new programming advisor are working on centralizing storage to ease the transition between departments

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

Director Nason said Wolf Pack Weekend was this weekend and started Friday. They are planning their homecoming and their event was approved and the space reserved, so they are working on that. He had intern interviews this Friday and will be confirming interns next week.

Senator Kuykendall asked how the department was going about advertising Wolf Pack Weekend.

Director Nason said they had been pushing it on social media.

Senator Flangas hadn't seen the flyer but would love to post it on her social media. She asked if he could post it on the Facebook page.

Director Nason said yes.

**h.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz

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

Director Gbenjo said she had been working on the diversity summit with the committee. They locked in the theme for 2018: "Challenges, changes and solutions, the reality of equity and diversity within higher education and the community." The date was April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In the summit, they will have a speech competition where students can apply. The question for that will be: "What is your greatest challenge in regard to equity and diversity in higher education. Students will give speeches and then be judged. She will be a judge for it too. there will be future meetings on the summit to discuss the main speaker and other events. Also, she had a Title IX meeting this week and they talked about the harassment and discrimination hotline. That hotline is now live and the number for it is 784-7707. They are still working out a few kinks, but it was up and running. For green dot, they are working on faculty and staff trainings. They are confident the green dot grant will continue. They will push that out and send out template emails to reach out to people. The student training is 5 hours and there is a link online to register. She will get that out to them as soon as she receives it. Heather Kaminsky was the victim advocate for the campus. She wanted students to know she was here and ready to help students. She had been getting more referrals this year than last year which was good. There is also a crisis hotline with 24/7 services and in multiple languages. She is working with Director Rodriguez and Associate Director Koeckes on NASPA. NASPA was an undergraduate fellows program that was on campus but kind of just stopped. Her department was working on bringing it back. It was a national program that represented students who wanted to work on student affairs. Students work with a mentor who guides them in applying for national programs. They also go to conferences in the summer. She will partner with Ricky and the Joe for Día de los Muertos. She will have more details next week after they meet this week. Lastly, she will be presenting her candidates for her department.

Senator Becker asked if she needed physical help for the diversity summit.

Director Gbenjo said she will keep them updated. She was sure that help would be appreciated but she didn't know what kind of help they would need just yet. She needed to see what the day will look like exactly.

**j. Director of Sustainability, Steven McNeece**

**k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg**

Director Walberg said: I am working to have a timeline completed within two weeks for the K-12 Action Plan with all of our plans for the year. Senator Flangas and Spacer Jackson have been helping him make sure it goes right. There was no legacy binder for the position and that was something that could have been most impactful regarding the campus culture for years to come. With this, we are planning on continuing the "I am the real Nevada" campaign with new shirts for younger audiences. This is a way to try and start a campus culture change that helps others understand different perspectives and experiences which starts an important dialogue that hopefully continues for years to come. Next step would be restarting and revamping the My UniverCity campaign as a way to connect to other topics, issues, campaigns, and initiatives relating to the 85th session. They can expand it to the Pack Friendly Businesses as well to tie everything together. If they had connections with people in k-12 and wanted to help him network, it would be greatly appreciated.

**l. Attorney General, Cameron Harris**

Attorney General Harris said he told them last week that Senator Thummel submitted a question. Senator Thummel asked if a director were to give a report as no report, did that count as a report. He said saying no report didn't count as a report because saying no report was opting out of giving one in the first place. He was making a goal to attend as many Oversight and Gov. Ops. committee

meetings to get through some speed bumps. On top of that, with elections, he emailed Senator Bussman. He, Senator Bussman, and Chair Kinsella will meet to discuss what he had in mind. An example of what he had in mind was actually given to him by Senator Martinez. For Snapchat filters, there was a gray area where you can have one but not campaign within 25 feet of a voting center. That was something he wanted to change. If anyone had ideas for what can be changed or what they want changed, reach out to him.

**m.** Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella

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

Speaker Jackson yielded her time to Dr. Yani Dickens, the Assistant Director of Counseling Services.

Dr. Yani Dickens wanted to remind them of the Counseling Services and see how the body was doing. There were events at home and far away that were affecting them. They had seen an uptake in demand this week at the Counseling Center. They are in room 420 in PSAC. They had free counseling for students that took 6 credits or more. They had individual and group counseling and assessments. They also had outreach activities in the KC with the Take 5 Program. They brought Paws for Love as well. They had been working with groups on campus that were impacted by the tragedy in Las Vegas. It was stressful enough to be a student without things like hurricanes and Charlottesville and he wanted to say they were there to listen and provide support. He will also answer questions they had about their services and was willing to facilitate any discussion they wanted to have. Whenever it seemed like they talked about what whatever they needed to, he would love to hear their ideas about what they can do to best serve students whether it was facilitating small group discussions or doing workshops. They were always available for walk-ins and ongoing counseling. They also do brief therapies at the Center. Everyone on campus got stressed around the same time so they seek peak demand periods. They try to meet the needs of as many students as they possibly can during those times but that put them in a little bit of a strain. They do the best they can to meet demand. He wanted to start by asking if they had questions about their services.

Speaker Jackson asked if walk-in appointments were for slots that hadn't been filled up during the day.

Dr. Dickens said they had initial appointments for intake for ongoing counseling. You call as early as possible in the morning to come in same day. Again, this was a peak demand time so if those spots are filled and you really need to talk, students can come in and get a walk-in appointment. Walk-ins are designed to be problem solving sessions, listening, or stress management sessions. Sometimes they lead to ongoing or initial appointments. Those are the two they had. This week they added more walk-ins.

Speaker Jackson asked if they had a certain number of walk-ins each day.

Dr. Dickens said it was based on hours, usually 7-9 hours. This week they expanded that a little. During their time of high demand, they usually allocate about 10-14 hours. Sometimes they had one person covering that time all week but this week they have had multiple people. They allocate about 45 minutes per walk-in so that they can get about 10 people in a day.

Speaker Jackson asked for his suggestions as to what the body can tell students that ask them for support because they might not be able to get appointments.

Dr. Dickens said if a student wants ongoing counseling, call as early as you can and try to have as many times available as possible for that day. A major barrier was how busy students were. They respected that and realized it may take a few tries in that case. If they just wanted the one session, they can request a walk-in consultation for that day; they will try to accommodate them.

Senator Flangas asked if they had a policy to give to students that can't get in that day. She asked if they had emergency resources for students that needed immediate attention but couldn't get in that day.

Dr. Dickens said if it was an emergency, they talk to whoever was available. If everything was full but someone came in with an emergency, they make sure to take them in that day. They actually extended their operating hours a few years back and they added an on-call counselor that can answer immediate questions. That way students can call after hours and get help.

Dr. Beattie said many of their student body was from southern Nevada. It was a huge part of the campus and this event hit many people close to home.

Associate VP Marczynski said about 1/3 of students came from southern Nevada.

Dr. Beattie said their community was really from Nevada and California. They need to take care of themselves and don't be afraid to use the services. They also need to reach out to constituents too and let them know about the services.

Dr. Dickens said he was from Reno and did his undergrad here. He went to UNLV for grad school and lived in Vegas for 6 or 7 years. He was there during 9/11 and that affected everyone. This recent event made him think of everyone he met in grad school who are still down there. He can tell them they are doing a fabulous job down there handling this situation and providing counseling. UNR's counseling center was coordinating with UNLV's counseling center and he would say many students on this campus were affected personally. As of a few years ago, more students started coming up from UNLV rather than Northern Nevada. Obviously, these things are stressful for those that work in this field just as it was stressful for students. He asked if anyone wanted to share how they had been impacted by this.

Senator Becker wasn't personally affected but had friends that experienced issues.

Senator Stopka said he knew friends that had experiences directly. He called his parents when he found out and about 10 minutes later his dad and mom got called in. His dad is a police officer and his mom a nurse. It was a sleepless night for him waiting for his parents to text him so he knew they got home safely.

Senator Smith had a close friend that was severely injured.

Senator Martinez said his father was a paramedic and he was there all night. His stepmom was a psychiatrist and she offered her services.

Dr. Dickens said after hearing the reports from Las Vegas, therapists were offering sessions for free, so it was nice to see the healthcare community was stepping up. He thanked them for sharing.

Speaker Jackson said as leaders, it was hard because they had to process the events but also had to find ways to help others and serve students.

Dr. Dickens said they had a large training program where there are doctoral level students given advice to handle situations where they must help others while processing the events themselves. This was something to consider for them as leaders. Students looked at them for help and with problems. What they told emerging trainees who wanted to be therapists was that you had to practice self-care. He said they need to take care of themselves as leaders and individuals before supporting others. He suggested they do what they can to practice sleeping effectively. It was a normal response to slow down and not sleep but try to stay active and managing your schedules; eat regularly and manage stress. Everyone processed things differently, some needed to talk immediately, and others needed to internalize it and then process it. There was no wrong way to cope unless it was ineffective. If they needed ways to cope better that was what they were there for. He asked if the body had suggestions for what they can do.

Senator Martinez asked if they were looking in the res halls. He was an RA and worked that night and all the students were taken aback and didn't know how to respond. The RA's can only do so much. He asked if they will reach out to students in the halls who might not know how to reach out. Many of them are freshman and are still trying to get accustomed to college.

Dr. Dickens said President Johnson sent out an email talking about them as a service. If they wanted them to reach out to specific groups, reach out to them. He will leave a few cards if they wanted one. They can send him an email. The center is always happy to help out once they know what the goal is and how long they have.

Speaker Jackson was sure he would be contacted.

Dr. Dickens said their information can easily be found online as well.

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

### **a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee**

Senator Cam. Lee said: Our committee met last Friday and discussed on a few topics that needed to be addressed. We wanted to advertise the Nevada Undergraduate Research Award majors other than STEM, so I assigned my committee members to speak to at least 2 clubs/organizations about the NURA. First I assigned them the collation that they are responsible for, and asked them to CC me in the email to the campus organization they are going to speak to. I spoke with Dr. Beattie about how to implement the volunteer abroad chapter, and he pointed out that there are certain safety measures and requirements for us to consider when we implement something like this. Therefore he suggested that we should talk to USAC because they are already an established organization that could help us with this. Senator Cyn. Lee and I have already contacted them and hope to meet with them soon. I have also joined the UNR core themes committee for student learning. We'll meet during the semester to give our input and opinions about the University's progress, evaluate the metrics by which the committee measures the performance on the student learning and all that good stuff. I'm actually really excited that Sandy shared this opportunity with me and excited for what comes my way.

### **b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Justin Kuykendall**

Senator Kuykendall said they didn't meet last week but his upcoming meeting will review Clubs and Orgs, the Center for Student Engagement, the Executive Account, and Legislative Affairs. Additionally, they will see the two bills VP Atienza was talking about. One will increase the number of internships offered by the Pack Internship Grant Program. other than that, he hadn't received any other legislation from committee members.

Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez asked if they emailed all the committees being reviewed that were pushed back.

Senator Kuykendall said yes.

c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas

Senator Flangas said GSA did cool program where they did a Facebook page to post about extra food after events. The committee will talk about that to make sure their Association and our Association doesn't waste food. She made a priority to take Senator Cyn. Lee's idea and run with it. they will reach out to science and engineering clubs; she will contact those senators. They want to do a science fair for Title I schools in January to see what scientists and engineers do and it gets those clubs more engaged civically. Also, she had a meeting with Raul and found out many campus groups have access to GivePulse but don't use it. when they don't use it, it does the university no good. The university was trying to get the Carnegie Designation but can't do that if they don't track the service hours and civic learning courses. They will get stats on who is not using GivePulse and then write a resolution to get them to use it. Finally, she will start the k-12 thing with Director Walberg. She wanted senators and other ASUN officials to be civically engaged. Sometimes they forget to be civically engaged. She wanted them to go out and talk to high school leadership classes to talk about what leadership looked like in college and what it was like to be in ASUN. There was a big misconception as to what college student government was like. She wanted them to each put in at least 2 hours.

d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel

Senator Thummel said they will not meet this but will meet next week. He expects his committee members to have reached out their assigned directors o see if changes need to be made in the SAS. His committee will also work with Attorney General Harris, Chair Kinsella, and Senator Bussman to update the elections code. They will soon reach out to the new Director of Campus wellness once someone is appointed. They will also reach out to Director Shultz to try and change the SAS to allow for 6 interns rather than 3. Senator Smith has legislation for that right now.

e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker

Senator Becker said they put down the legacy binder for the committee. They added docs and will present that in the upcoming meeting on Monday. The veterans luncheon was going well. He had meeting for the options for designs for the banner and advertisements this Friday at 3:30. If they had any suggestions, let him know.

f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman

g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez

Senator Martinez said right now, he was working on interviewing interns. He emailed Raul and thanks to Dr. Beattie and Speaker Jackson, the interns will have their own page and bios on the ASUN website. He will let them know when they needed to stay after Senate to have the get together for the mentor-mentee assignments.

h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson

9. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Flangas will have committee meeting this week and next week.

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

There were no candidates up for discussion at this time.

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

- a. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

i. **NOMINATION OF DAHLIA HENDERSON TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS WELLNESS**

Senator Cam. Lee moved to approve Dahlia Henderson to the Office of Director of Campus Wellness.

Senator Mall seconded.

President Teixeira said Ms. Henderson formally known as the senator from DHS. In her freshman year, she worked for Lombardi and was a standout individual. She was selected to apply for a higher position because she was such an amazing employee. It was an honor since they usually never pick a freshman. This showed committeemen to her job. In her sophomore year, she was a DHS senator and chair for Academics. She worked with director Mensing and got the highest number of applicants. He chose Ms. Henderson because of her willingness to work with his ideas for the position and because of her own ideas. She will be able to provide a future for this position. He wrote this position in the SAS with the intention of reviewing it at the end of the year to see if it needed changes or if it even needed to exist. He asked they remember that when they interview her. Additionally, Ms. Henderson came into the interview being the only applicant and being very prepared with a portfolio and experience in putting events on for thousands of people.

Ms. Henderson said she was a senior hoping to get her degree in Public Health; she was very close. She is originally from Eugene, OR and moved to Nevada for school. She wasn't sure she was going to love it but she did and formed a new family. She is proud to call her self a fake Nevadan. With her major, she does a lot of work with public and community health. That directly related to the position in trying to affect students as groups. She was a senator last session and was the chair for Academics. She did a lot of work with research since it was a personal hobby of hers. She worked a lot with Director Mensing and put on the Major and Research Fair. She also went down to UNLV to set up some relations between the two. She also worked with the NSRUJ editor to expand the journal to the whole state since it was for the state and not just them. In her time as chair, she put on faculty of the year to commemorate their awesome faculty. She was also the former VP for Panhellenic. She put on Greek Week and got students to interact with the community. Outside of the university, she does volunteer work with Amplify Life, an organization that puts on events for individuals with disabilities. When thinking about this position, she wanted to create a better physical, mental, and emotionally healthy student body and give them tools. With that in mind, she looked over the SAS. This position included a liaison to things like Wiegand. With her previous experience, she wanted to help Wiegand get more students attend and work out and work with the Counseling Center to decrease mental health stigma. She also thought of developing of growing already existing programs. That included things like It's on Us and Green Dot. Two years ago, there was a training done in April since April was sexual health awareness month. A goal of hers was to have all of ASUN and all clubs and orgs presidents trained. She wanted to be a voice for Green Dot and understand the organization. She anted to expand health week and making it part of PackFIT. Some ideas she had was a healthy barbeque and guest speakers. Another goal was to work with senators and DHS senators to carry out campaigns. Many clubs do blood drives and food drives and nutritional seminars. She wanted to partner with them to get more students involved. Many things were already happening on campus; she wanted to reach as many students as possible. She met with

former VP Springmeyer to talk about PackFIT and discuss goals. She wanted to expand established programs and implement easy programs that are cost effective but can have huge impacts. She wanted to have a Walk to School day to promote walking and biking to school. This was something that elementary schools do and something the campus can do to improve mental and physical health. She was excited for this position and ready to work with them all.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Kuykendall asked what the greatest challenge will be for this position.

Ms. Henderson said it was the first year so trying to get oriented. Beyond that, health was a touchy subject, so they need to go about it the right way without stepping on anyone's toes. This was especially true with emotional and physical health. They needed to remove stigmas and making it more a campus that was suitable for mental and emotional health.

Senator Becker said he understood what President Teixeira said about duties changing but currently, one responsibility she had was Green Dot. He asked if she had any ideas.

Ms. Henderson said as she mentioned before, in past years, Green Dot has held initiatives and events in April. She wanted to partner with current faculty and organizations that had events and trainings. If there was time, she would put a training for all of ASUN. She would also work with Director Gbenjo and develop off those steps.

Senator Smith asked if she had ideas for new initiatives to de-stigmatize mental health.

Senator Ms. Henderson said Senator Flangas brought up a great point of working with other clubs on campus that already do that. To go off of what Senator Flangas said, Ms. Henderson was thinking of partnering with clubs that had that as a main initiative. She wanted to be a support system to clubs and make their voices and make them louder. That went back to being a great liaison. She wanted to work with organizations already doing this.

Senator Cam. Lee said she asked this in oversight. Considering it was a new position, she asked why it was needed and how she would measure the success.

Ms. Henderson said they put a lot of stress and interest into many things on campus. There has to be some type of safety net when things can go wrong physically, mentally, or emotionally. There are tons of services like the Counseling Center and the Health Center but this position was from the student perspective. This gave the whole student body a voice and connected faculty events and students. This was the grandmother that looked over everyone to make sure they are all healthy and happy.

Senator Flangas asked if she could touch on the survey for health status.

Ms. Henderson said she wasn't going to make the survey for self. You need training for that. She would look at data and report back. She would reach out to the Health Center and other faculty orgs that took surveys relating to health to ask if they can use the data for initiatives. She would look at how to rank student health, what they are doing, and what they can do to make them healthier. Her main goal would be reaching out and using the data that already exists.

Senator Thummel said since this was late in semester, if appointed, what would be an early goal to hit the ground running.

Ms. Henderson said since it was late in the semester and she had been a senator, she created a few programs that were pretty much laid out. This is where the Walk to School initiative came in. even though they are rough drafts, she had been doing little things. She can lots of small initiatives She also looked at what needs to be in place for PackFIT. Because it is so late, she will need to hurry.

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

Senator Cyn. Lee felt Ms. Henderson was passionate and would make a good liaison for all the great programs they already had.

Senator Kuykendall said something that impressed him was her reaction to Oversight. She dropped the ball on Green Dot training yesterday but bounced back today. That showed a lot in terms of her responsiveness.

Senator Thummel liked how she mentioned having ideas planned out to start right away since this was late in the semester.

Senator Flangas thought that in terms of getting information out to students, Ms. Henderson can pave the way for future years. If they can find out what affected students the most this year, they can plan campaigns for next year. she was creating longevity for the position. Ms. Henderson had a great handle on how to make this position sustainable.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Motion carried.

**b. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

**i. NOMINATION OF HANNAH NAGY TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Senator Kuykendall moved to approve Hannah Nagy to the Office of Assistant Director for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Billman seconded.

Director Gbenjo said she will keep the introduction short since Ms. Nagy will impress them. When conducting her interviews, she looked for passion and drive and ideas to build the department. When interviewing Ms. Nagy, she saw that. She was involved in groups that needed to be reached out to the most. The experience outweighs any lack of ASUN involvement. Ms. Nagy knew where the department needed to go.

Ms. Nagy said Hello. My name is Hannah Nagy, and I am applying for the position of Assistant Director of Diversity and Inclusion. I am currently a senior majoring in public health and minoring in counseling and substance abuse technologies. Throughout my time at the university, I have become involved with several organizations both on an off campus, such as: Nevada Student Ambassadors, Northern Nevada HOPES, Hillel of Northern Nevada, Queer Student Union, Peer Health Educators, and TRiO Scholars. With all of this,

I currently work at The Center: Every Student. Every Story., I am a research Assistant under Dr. Karla Wagner, and I am a recipient of the Nevada Undergraduate Research Award-currently conducting a study titled “Closing the Gap: Transgender Healthcare and Discrimination Throughout Northern Nevada”. I am applying for this position because we can all agree that our university is under a spotlight right now, and expanding this department is a really prominent first step with showing ASUN cares about the student body, and I want to be a part of that. To sum up my overall goal for the year in a sentence, it is to enhance diversity awareness and education through learning opportunities for faculty, staff and students. I have several “sub” goals and routes to make this happen. The first is to expand Ally Training. Right now most of you probably know that we have some like UndocuAlly Training, and LGBT Ally Training, but I want to expand these to include trainings on race and religion. I plan on working with Ricky from The Center, who is my boss and the coordinator of ally training, and to have both of us reach out to clubs and organizations to find representatives and even outside sources to run these workshops (with prior approval of content and proper training from Ricky since he was the director). Second, I would like to plan and execute at least one event per month that prompts thought, input, and education. A good example was the Charlottesville panel. We don’t need to pay 5 or 6 figures to bring someone in to get a discussion started. I really like the idea of utilizing resources we already have on campus because that builds relationships and trust between the student body and faculty. Next, I’d like to create an events newsletter that will lay out events happening both on and off campus for that month. It will also list the ally trainings available and who to contact. This newsletter will be sent to the clubs and orgs list serve, as well as different departments on campus. Professors will be encouraged to share this with their students I really like the idea of open communication too, so sending this out will allow them to respond with any events they would like to add for the following month, or just to add input. Moving on, I’d like to create an exit survey for departing students and faculty. The survey will include questions regarding their awareness of resources, events, educational opportunities etc. This survey will provide a measurement for our department to see if what we are doing is working. If not, they will see what they can do. Lastly, with this being a new position, that means a lot of room for trial and error. That is why I would like to create a manual for whoever takes over this position next year. The manual will include a timeline of what we did, every email we sent out, what worked, what didn’t, and things we wish we would have done but just did not have the time to do so. All of these tasks listed above are also really good projects for interns to get involved in, as it allows them to get a good idea of event planning, communication (especially with diversity being a very sensitive subject for some), and education of resources that are available and how to create those resources if they are not available. These sum up how I would like to build the structure of this department, I really look forward to this upcoming year with you all!

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Tralmer asked for the parameters for the exit survey.

Ms. Nagy wanted to see how students heard about events, if they attended, why they didn’t and what kinds of events they wanted to see.

Senator Becker said a long-term goal of hers was to see more strategic hires of faculty and staff. He asked how.

Ms. Nagy said by providing trainings, especially ally training, and explaining why that representation is important for students.

Senator Smith said she mentioned reaching out to clubs and orgs for long term goals. She asked how Ms. Nagy would reach out; would it be physical outreach or through email.

Ms. Nagy said The Center was having her reach out to clubs, so she would double dip in that. She also wanted to have interns involved too to teach them how to get involved in events.

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

Senator Tralmer liked how she understood the context of the position and mentioned how important it was to strengthen resources. With her applying for the position and making the plans, this was the proper first step to take. He appreciated that.

Senator Stopka didn't have much to add but he read through her documents and felt she was extremely qualified. That is why he didn't ask questions.

There was no further discussion; motion carried.

**ii. NOMINATION OF IVY TEFAY TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Senator Flangas said Ms. Tesfay was the nomination for Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy and Ms. Releford was the nomination for the Commissioner of Projects and Events.

Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez said Ayanna Releford was up for the programming position.

Senator Flangas said they have to change the nomination for the other candidate.

Dr. Beattie asked if they were both coordinators.

Senator Flangas said yes but for different positions.

Dr. Beattie said they can just make an amendment to the nomination.

Senator Flangas moved to approve Ivy Tesfay to the Office of Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Tralmer seconded.

Director Gbenjo said when she interviewed Ms. Tesfay, she had the desire to learn more about social issues on the campus, in community, and nationwide. She had the passion to learn more and do more. She also would make sure everyone felt as represented as possible.

Ms. Tesfay said she was a freshman at UNR. If she could describe herself in four words they would be: quick, curious, playful, and strong. Quick because she has fast reflexes. Curious because she always wants to learn new things. Playful because she loves to joke around. Strong because she had been through hardships in her life. She was very passionate about equality and current social justice issues; that is why she was a great fit for the department. She also worked well under pressure. She had been in many leadership positions in the past. A short-term goal was to resolve any social or diversity issues she encounters. For long term goals, she wanted to put into action that all humans had equal rights and this diversity should be recognized. She also wanted to commit to recruiting, retaining, and training diverse sets

of faculty and staff. Some ideas she had included tracking all incidents of social injustice and tracing the root of the problem. Also, she wanted to use social media more to find answers to things they didn't know. Ultimately, she was a hard-working individual with leadership and hard-working skills and minute attentions to detail. She was seeking to apply her abilities to fill this position. She was extremely dedicated and a team player that can be relied upon to help ASUN achieve its goals. She wanted to help the campus be more safe and inclusive. The campus should rejoice in their differences rather than obscure their similarities.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Becker said given the different events already happening, he asked if she had anything she wanted to add to or improve on.

Ms. Tesfay said she didn't have specific ideas but wanted to work with clubs to have open discussions. There was so much to be said but not much talking was happening.

Senator Billman said one of her long-term goals was to build cultural intelligence. He asked if she would expand on that.

Ms. Tesfay said it was an idea but she didn't want to just have courses. She wanted to have clubs take on debates on things like what was cultural approbation or what diversity meant. She wanted to have discussions about the important topics.

Director Gbenjo had intentions of brining her to the core curriculum committee and the core objective task force for the diversity courses and student learning outcomes.

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

Senator Flangas said she had great passion as a freshman. She read the SAS and understood the duties. Ms. Tesfay talked about what others did at other institutions. She looked at what had she to do, had positive ideas, and was a great candidate.

Senator Becker said at Oversight they discussed a duty of hers as researching other university initiatives. That wasn't talked about tonight but last night, Ms. Tesfay did and he was glad to hear that.

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

Motion carried.

**c. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

**i. NOMINATION OF AYANNA RELEFORD TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PROJECTS AND EVENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Senator Flangas moved to amend the nomination of Ms. Releford to read "Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion."

Senator Mall seconded

Motion carried.

Senator Becker moved to approve Ayanna Releford to the Office of Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.  
Senator Lippi seconded.

Director Gbenjo said with her last candidate, even though Ms. Releford was young she had confidence, will stay persistent in the department, and will be able to help it grow. She chose Ms. Releford because she came with great ideas and had confidence in the interview.

Ms. Releford said: I am a sophomore at the University of Nevada Reno and I am interested in the ASUN position of Commissioner of Projects and Events for the department of Diversity and Inclusion. With my background as a fluent Spanish speaker, a member of ABLE Women and the Secretary & Marketing Director of Nevada Cyber Club, I have ample amounts of experience regarding coordinating events for diversity and representation on campus which makes me a great candidate for this position. In December of 2016 I joined Nevada Cyber Club and in May of 2017 I was elected as the Secretary and Marketing Director. With my position, I assist in the organization of club events, direct club meetings, oversee club attendance/demographics, send out mass emails, manage social media accounts and create events aimed towards the inclusion of people of color and women technology. Holding this elected office position allowed me to gain the skills and knowledge of professionally collaborating on an executive board. In August of 2016, I joined ABLE Women, an organization apart of the Black Cultural Cooperative at the University of Nevada, Reno. As a second year member of ABLE Women, I have participated in many community service events aimed toward empowering young women of color in our community. Also, I have assisted in the organization of our events on campus. I have been studying Spanish for six years and in May of 2016 I received the Nevada State Seal of Bilingualism which verifies my abilities to fluently and proficiently speak, read and write in Spanish. Being able to speak the two most common languages in this country has allowed me relate and work with countless communities. Due to my bilingualism, I was able to travel to Peru and be a translator on school trips and work with orphanages. Being a fluent Spanish Speaker, a member of ABLE Women and the Secretary of Nevada Cyber Club has endowed me with great experience advocating and celebrating diversity, inclusion and representation at the University of Nevada, Reno. Thank you so much for your time and I hope you consider me for this opportunity.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Kuykendall asked how she planned to host events geared towards the LGBTQIA community.

Ms. Releford said she would work with Assistant Director Nagy to host events for diversity day since it was a community she wasn't a part of but Ms. Nagy was.

Senator Tralmer asked what the outreach problems she saw were and what solution she had. He asked how she would make sure people are aware of the center.

Ms. Releford said the younger students don't know. There hasn't been a lot of outreach. She would outreach to those living on campus.

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

Senator Tralmer she understood the resources and the quality of them and identified problems.

Senator Compton said she was very well spoken and a great candidate. She was very involved and would serve the position well.

Senator Tool said she seemed well prepared and had connections on campus. She knew who to talk to and how to get things done.

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

Motion carried.

Dahlia Henderson, Hannah Nagy, Ivy Tesfay, and Ayanna Releford were sworn in.

**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**

The following bills and resolutions received their first reading and were considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to Clarify the ASUN Internship Qualifications

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

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to Clarify the ASUN Internship Qualifications

**16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

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

**17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bill did not receive their second reading and were not considered:

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to Clarify the ASUN Internship Qualifications

**18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**a. Senate Committee Changes**

There were committee changes at this time .

**b. Senator Reports**

There were no reports at this time.

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Flangas asked everyone to sign the banner before leaving. It was very important.

Senator Smith said after the meeting, she will be going to the College of Liberal Arts career fair. They don't have to be Liberal Arts majors to table with her. She would love it if anyone could attend with her.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Beattie said he wanted to go back to the counseling services. If 1/3 of their students are from southern Nevada, then many of them are affected by what happened. If they knew of a student that had been impacted but wasn't reaching out and getting the services needed, send them the names and they will take care of it. They don't need to get involved, just send the names over to the new dean of students, Dean Segawa, or to him.

Senator Martinez got an email from Chair Kinsella for the elections meetings: 2/6/2018 will be the mandatory candidate meeting in the Joe Theater from 6-9 pm. 2/7/2018 from 6-9 pm is the how-to workshop. 2/22/2018 is the ASUN senator debates for CABNR, Education, and Business. 2/26/2018 will be the debates for Health Science, Liberal Arts, and Engineering. 2/27/2018 is the debates for Interdisciplinary, Journalism, and Science.

Senator Flangas asked if the email included when the application closed.

Senator Martinez said no, only the dates.

Senator Becker asked if they all had that email.

Senator Martinez said no.

Senator Becker asked if he could forward the email to them.

Senator Martínez said yes.

Dr. Beattie said as soon as the packet is online, all the dates will be included and available for them to see.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.