

Department of Legislative Affairs Meeting

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Minutes for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 8:00 AM
Joe Crowley Student Union Room 317

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Director Schultz called the Department of Legislative Affairs meeting to order on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 8:15 a.m., in the Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd floor, Room 317.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Director Schultz, Police Director Overholser, Policy Analyst Romans, Projects Director Truscott, and Projects Coordinator Irving were present.

Assistant Director Eshenbaugh was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment to be heard at this time.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved at this time.

5. **REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

a. **Director Spencer Schultz**

- i. Senator Schultz said he is currently working on Carnegie classification applications. He is looking at University of Chicago, University of Maryland, and University of Indiana. He is also currently meeting with AP 202 Committee, which is the independent study to assess the affordability of college in Nevada. As for future events, September 26th is National Voter Registration Day. According to the Department, nothing is planned yet for that day, but they will communicate with Dr. Beatty and Gaby, the new Civic Engagement coordinator to plan something.

Director Schultz asked Projects Director Truscott if there were any October events planned and asked Policy Director Overholser if there were any new pieces of legislation.

b. **Assistant Director Keely Gardner**

- i. Assistant Director Gardner was absent excused.

c. **Policy Director Quinton Overholser**

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There are two new sustainability policies for the month of September- NSHE Clean Up Day, which is going to the Board of Regents, and Campus Clean Up Day, which will be the 3rd weekend of April. Overholser plans to activate students through UNR's Give Pulse to reach 1874 volunteer hours in one day to create a "University feel" and get students out cleaning up and getting more volunteer hours. The second item is that Raul is working on the legislation tracker so that legislation will go onto it. Overholser is the administrator for this so he will be inputting any new policy into this system. If there is any policy that is not on the legislation tracker that should be, send it to him and he will put it on. Raul is also adding a briefs and a comments section for students.

Overholser wants to coordinate with Hannah Jackson to get the word out about the 100-hour Challenge through Give Pulse, so that students get cords at graduation for completing their 100 hours of volunteering.

d. Policy Analyst Brita Romans

Brita Romans read into the record: "Have been working on clean-up day bill, really excited for that. We have some good language and Quinton is gonna reformat it, make some slight adjustments, and then we're gonna send it out.

Really excited for interns! Next step for me is a day of calling people trying to figure out the next steps for the joint commission of Legislative Operations."

e. Projects Director Jake Truscott

Projects Director Truscott is finalizing speakers for the Wolf Pack Smart Talks for 2nd and 4th weeks of October. He plans on them being Tuesdays and plans on reserving the Wells Fargo Auditorium for both dates. The speaker for the first week is Jeffrey Griffin, a prospective doctoral student at the University who teaches International Affairs. The theme is UN Pulse and reaction to global events with regard to Southeast Asia and Western Europe. Truscott's coordinator is still trying to get in contact with Young Dems and Young Reps for the fourth Tuesday of October but they have yet to respond. The goal is to have a Young Politics night that night. Truscott contacted Governor Sandovall and Senator Heller's offices to see if they could come for a Wolf Pack Smart Talk night. Senator Masto cannot come in the fall but will she will try and come in the spring in either February or March. He is also in contact with the office of Charles Blow who is an opinion writer for New York Times. As for events for the rest of the month, Constitution Day is Sunday, September 17th, so there will be a tabling event the following Monday, September 18th. It will be a simple event, mainly just tabling, handing out the Constitution, and spreading the word about what it is. Additionally, September 21st is the first Make your Mark event and the 26th is Voter Registration Day so Truscott will plan something for that day.

Overholser asked to clarify who would be the speakers for the first Smart Talk.

Truscott said that the speakers will be Jeffrey Griffin and hopefully Robert Ostergard- these are two perspectives of the same idea, rather than opposing ideas.

f. Projects Coordinator Carin Irving

Irving reiterated that the first Make your Mark event is September 21st and that Wolf Pack Smart Talks start October 3rd. She said there is also an SEAB meeting on

September 20th at 2 pm. She cannot attend but Trustcott will attend in her place. She is also working on a Voter Registration Drive and a Voter Relay idea.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The Department will review, discuss, and debate the following event and budget proposals. Actions may be taken to approve favorable proposals.

I. Wolf Pack Smart Talks- Skipped.

II. Purchasing of jackets- Irving said there is already an order in with the Wolf Shop to get jackets. It will be \$300 for 6 jackets.

7. REMARKS

a. Members of the Department may give remarks to the Director and Assistant Director

There were no remarks.

8. STAFF REPORT(S)

a. Members of the ASUN professional staff may provide comments and updates to the Department

There were no comments.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Schultz said that the meeting on September 28th will be inside the Senate Chambers at 8 a.m. Jake Truscott will be out of state for that meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Schultz adjourned the meeting at 8:27 am.