

Committee on Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session
Minutes for October 6th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union, President's Conference Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Flangas called the Committee on Civic Engagement meeting to order at 1:37 pm in the President's Conference Room, Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretaries, Kaitie Christensen and Andrea Godoy.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Billman, Cyn. Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, and Tool were present.

Senators Bussman, Compton, and Sullivan were absent unexcused.

Senator Smith was tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Flangas said their meeting will be a little weird today but they will be meeting next week to discuss this stuff again. She wanted to keep ASUN officials civically engagement by having them go out to schools and explain what they do as government officials do at the university. She will work with Director Walberg as part of his strategic K-12 plan to get officials engaged and help impact k-12 schools, mostly 12th graders. This will also serve to remind the university of what is going on in schools locally so they can volunteer. She was excited about this and was hoping to have them talk about the volunteer opportunities at Senate. Secondly, she wanted to say that from now on, absences won't be excused for work; only school-related events or family/personal issues. If they have school things like tests, let her know 24 hours in advance. She wanted to make sure they had quorum and a full committee. She had great projects but can't complete them if only 2 people show up or if every week, there are different committee members present. There were concrete things she wanted to do but won't be able to do them if they don't come. From now on, she will be stricter. It was her bad for being so lax but she will be stricter starting this week so they can have effective meetings.

Senator Kuykendall asked if she will send things out for what they needed to say about the volunteer opportunities at the schools.

Senator Flangas said yes. She will email all the schools to get a list of possible times and dates, maybe like four options. She will talk about them and then assign the dates to committee members as she starts receiving dates. It'll be like things like, "Hey you talk about Reno high this week and ask who wants to come at Senate." She'll have the dates like a month before this will happen so the committee can present the times. As she starts to get responses in, she will forward them.

Senator Cyn. Lee asked if they will to the schools together.

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Senator Flangas said yes; anyone that can go will go to talk about what experiences they've had and what it's like to be a leader in college. ASUN government was different than high school government; it was exciting they had real power compared to high schools. If they had anyone from exec board that wanted to go, take them too. The idea is to go out in the community and engage with them. Student government can take them somewhere opposed to their government class. She wanted them to talk about it so that ASUN officials get involved.

Senator Kuykendall asked if the SAS specified that some type of community service must be done in their term in ASUN. If there wasn't, he felt it should be implemented.

Senator Flangas said there was nothing in the SAS right now that required community service. If any of them felt passionate, they can write the bill to change it. She asked if Senator Kuykendall would write the legislation.

Senator Kuykendall said yes.

Senator Flangas said he should research what other organizations on campus are doing and base it off of them.

4. MINUTES

- a. The minutes from April 21st, 2017
Senator Tool moved to approve the minutes from April 21st, 2017 by unanimous consent.
There was no dissent; motion carried.
- b. The minutes from April 28th, 2017
Senator Cyn. Lee moved to approve the minutes from April 28th, 2017 by unanimous consent.
There was no dissent; motion carried.
- c. The minutes from May 5th 2017
Senator Billman moved to approve the minutes from May 5th, 2017 by unanimous consent.
There was no dissent; motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Liaison Assignments**

Senator Flangas said she talked about this earlier; the committee will most likely have a shakeup in its membership so she will assign them next week. She will the liaisons off of the coalitions of Clubs and Orgs so they can email clubs over those listservs or through their commissioners. That way, they are in charge of a coalition to see how ASUN can help them or they can talk about GivePulse.

b. **Food Post-Events**

Senator Flangas asked if anyone had done research they wanted to talk about. Next week, she will have more concrete information for them.

Senator Cyn. Lee researched St. Vincent's but all that she could find was for canned food and nonperishables. They were open year round Monday through Friday.

Senator Flangas said that was cool. The problem with food pantries was that they wanted nonperishable items and they didn't have a lot of that to give. But they can note the organizations that will accept food. She will write up a manual on how to donate food and all the different organizations. She will consolidate any information that anyone sends to her. Senator

Senator Flangas said Senator Sullivan sent it her: the homeless shelter in south reno had limitations on expiration dates. That was a good option as well. She really wanted them to keep looking into what to do with hot food since that was her biggest thing. She will bring in a speaker next week hopefully. GSA has a food sharing page on Facebook. If anyone had left over food, they posted it on the page and clubs could come and take it. Or, if they knew of anyone that would take it they can do that. She will have the speaker talk about the success of that program.

Senator Kuykendall said there was this one place behind the Aces stadium where you made food and brought it out. They might be able to give the food to them. He will look up the name.

Senator Flangas said she did something similar where she made peanut butter sandwiches to give out to the homeless but she also didn't remember the name of the organization. They can also list that on the consolidated manual as well. They can also send things out for how to partner up during events. The committee had a small budget they can spend.

Senator Billman asked if she wanted them to bring anything for that next week.

Senator Flangas said they should research for hot food specifically since it was the hardest. She wanted to see if there was a way to donate the leftover food from things like barbeques. Many clubs had extra food and wanted to give them resources if possible. She thought a food sharing page will be good.

Senator Tool left the room at 1:50 pm.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 100 Hour Challenge

Senator Flangas asked Senator Billman if they should wait until next week

Senator Cyn. Lee said since she was part of academies she was trying to get word out for Nevada Undergraduate award. Thinking that while she talks about that will talk about the challenge and give Givepulse information. Will talk about if they want to do a joint civic engagement event.

Senator Flangas loved personal outreach

Senator Kuykendall said soon there will be few ASUN events to get outreach outs so they should reach out now. They can put together a powerpoint presentation and dump it on them and have them present things like this to outreach.

Senator Smith entered the room at 1:51 pm .

Senator Flangas thought that was awesome. Asked if they would work up the sign up for 100 level classes to talk to. Maybe a couple per college with contact information for colleges. The 100 level classes would be good to start because they are massive, and she will help too.

Senator Billman said going off that, would be more beneficial to go in depth with committees. Bussman brought up the idea to get people in the 100 hour challenge. One thought was to offer early registration for classes.

Senator Flangas liked that. She will set up meeting with admissions and records and advertise it this year for next year but might not have it for next semester. Congratulations to Senator Bussman even though he was not here.

Senator Billman said his thought behind that was to make it mandatory.

Senator Kuykendall asked if there were scholarships based on community service hours.

Senator Flangas said that's a great idea too. liked the marketing campaign for scholarships including asun. Liked early registration. She wanted to think about contacting President Johnson to see if they would be willing to host a dinner with the president. She wanted to but didn't know if anyone else would n tot. last year only had 3 people complete 100-hour challenge. Thought they can do better with right marketing. Many people did community service but needed to be pushed a little.

b. Senator Updates

There were no senator updates at this time.

c. Science Fair

Senator Flangas was really hyped about this. It was Senator Cyn. Lee's idea and it was amazing. She wanted the committee next year to put on the science fair, service palooza, and wolf pack reading week. Asked Senator Lee to talk about her club.

Senator Cyn. Lee said she was in BBB honors society, which was dedicated to science and research. They just started last year, but they want to host a science fair day with 15 tables with experiments. They invite Washoe county elementary schools to participate, and it was really easy to reach out to teachers. They just need a lot of volunteers for the tables and ballrooms. They also had to think about food and transportation. Their club only had so much money for them, so she asked the students to pay \$5 per student. Last year it was only BBB but they can reach out to other clubs that want to participate, like plant club and chemistry club.

Senator Flangas said that was amazing and the best thing that has ever happened. She was thinking they could co-sponsor and reach out to other clubs. They might need help on coming up with interactive experiments. She was asking if the club would be willing to do a write up to reach out to other clubs and the elementary school.

Senator Cyn. Lee said they already had a powerpoint presentation on the experiments they did, like making slime and cleaning pennies. They also made popcorn and did the science behind popcorn.

Senator Flangas said there were so many science clubs, they could come up with one experiment each and then expand it to more students.

Senator Cyn. Lee said yes.

Senator Flangas said she should let them know, and she would assign clubs to go visit. They could start contacting Elementary schools, and she wanted to make it as big as it could be to get science people civically engaged. When would they hold it and when would the write up be ready.

Senator Cyn. Lee had she had a PowerPoint from last year they could use. The event was in February last year but it can be moved.

Senator Flangas said February was good.

Senator Kuykendall said Senator Cyn. Lee mentioned cost was a problem. He asked if they could reach out to different businesses or science-related organizations to get them to subsidize the cost or cosponsor it. He asked if they had kids bring money last year.

Senator Cyn. Lee said yes because the club couldn't afford all the food and the transportation by themselves.

Senator Billman asked if they found more clubs, they could use their club support funding.

Senator Cyn. Lee said it was tricky because they would have to decide how that would work out.

Senator Flangas suggested asking each club to have someone attend one of their meetings to get things worked out. They also needed to decide a date before reaching out.

Senator Cyn. Lee said each club had 250 for fall and spring for community service.

Senator Flangas said each club that they asked could get the 250 if they asked them to, if they were not already using that. They just had to be aware when the funding period ended. She will contact Director Desamero.

Senator Kuykendall said to be cautious if there were other clubs involved, they would want to be involved in making that their event as well too. They would have to give up their individuality if they gets other clubs involved.

Senator Flangas said they can present it as their event and have everyone else cosponsor. They were just taking their event and extending it.

Senator Cyn. Lee didn't think it would be an issue if they change the name of the event if it gets the event to be bigger and have more people join. Her next club meeting will be the Tuesday after next Tuesday at 4 pm in Raggio 3006.

Senator Flangas will come go the meeting and she wanted anyone else that could to come too. She wanted to get the ball rolling since February wasn't too far away.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Flangas said she was going to try to see if they could get engineering and science Senators in here, to attend meetings and reach out to their clubs and orgs. She recommended asking them if they wanted to be on the committee since they had some spots open.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Flangas adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm.