

Committee on Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session

Minutes for October 13th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Joe Crowley Student Union, President's Conference Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Flangas called the meeting of the Committee on Civic Engagement to order on Friday, October 13th, 2017 at 1:51 PM in the Joe Crowley Student Union, President's Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Senator Bussman- Absence unexcused
Senator Billman- Present
Senator Lee- Present
Senator Kukyendal-Present
Senator Compton- Absence Unexcused
Senator Smith- Present
Senator Flangas- Present
Senator Tool- Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. MINUTES

- a. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from August 8th, 2017. The committee will discuss the minutes from August 8th and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
Senator Lee moved to approve the minutes from August 8th, 2017.
- b. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from August 22nd, 2017. The committee will discuss the minutes from August 22nd, 2017 and may choose to amend



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or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

Senator Flangas said she wrote August instead of September.

Senator Kuykendall said they were amending everything that said August.

Senator Flangas said they needed to amend the minutes from August 8th to read September 8th and the minutes from August 22nd to read September 22.

Senator Kuykendall moved to amend the agenda to read September 8th and September 22nd 2017.

Seconded by Senator Tool.

Motion carried.

Senator Lee moved to approve the minutes from September 8th unanimously
Motion carried.

Senator Kuykendall moved to approve the minutes from September 22nd unanimously.

Motion carried.

Senator Tool moved to amend the minutes to read that he was absent excused.

Senator Flangas said they would do that.

Amendment carried.

Senator Flangas said she would inform oversight and the secretaries.

- c. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 5th, 2017. The committee will discuss the minutes from May 25th, 2017 may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Liaison Assignments

Each of the Senators will be responsible for keeping track of one of the commissions – emailing commissioners and keeping in contact about possibly creating a link between our committee and clubs on campus.

b. Food Post-Events

Each senator will talk about an organization they have picked to research and their policy on donated food.

Senator Flangas said she wanted to get on the record which organizations they would be looking in to. She would email them when they will write it all up.

Senator Kuykendall said he was researching the Reno Initiative for Shelter Equality, RISE. They have a dining program which feeds the homeless behind the Aces stadium

off of Record street. The concept was they prepare a meal and they can donate amenities. Because it was hot food, it was open to anything but they prefer healthy options. For the food they had leftover from different things, it would be available to be used. There wasn't a certain amount that they required. He couldn't find where it said how much notice they needed to get, there was just a volunteer sign up form. The event was from 5-6pm on Saturdays.

Senator Flangas said she was talking to Director McNeece, and she was thinking they could consolidate their research, give it to him, and potentially change the SAS to require that commissions need to consult the Director of Sustainability when there are food events.

Senator Lee said she got the idea from Chipotle, she asked if they donate their food, and Chipotle donates their leftovers. They can pick up the food or you can call them prior to the event.

Senator Flangas said next time to please have an organization to talk about and they will have two weeks to research.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Science Fair

Senator Flangas said she was meeting with programmer Matt Dutcher to book rooms and figure out the cost. They had to pay for the staffing. They were looking at Senate sponsoring food and the room. It should only be about \$300 to staff all the rooms. It wasn't that big of a commitment, she would work on booking the day. Right now they have Friday, February 23rd available. They also talked about the role Senator Lee's club wanted to play because it was their event. They were going to cosponsor with them and work on a name. Senator Lee will show them a powerpoint that they will show to clubs. They will email three organizations and have a one on one contact with at least one of them to talk about what they are doing. Make the email personal when you invite them. Senator Lee has a powerpoint of projects they have done in the past. She will create a Wufoo form they can fill out with projects they want to do

Senator Lee said she made a powerpoint for them to talk to clubs and show them the powerpoint. Save the Date, they were thinking about Friday the 23rd because a lot of other dates were booked for Nevada Bound. She had photos from last year's event where kids were learning about microbes and learning how to make things. They can borrow models from the bio help center. Kids got to make slime and bring it back home, cleaned pennies, demonstrated capillary action between jars, make popcorn, and there was a slide for how to get clubs to get involved. All they asked was that they use some of their funding for the event. She was going to make an event on Givepulse. They haven't decided on a name yet.

Senator Flangas said it was a science fair to get younger students excited about science and come to the university.

Senator Lee said it was a win win for the students and clubs.

Senator Flangas said they would work with Director Wahlberg to outreach. The club Tri Beta Biological Honors Society wanted to outreach to schools, and this was their project, they were just helping them with it. Their job was to reach out to the clubs on campus and get them excited. She wanted them to email the clubs about why they should do this. They wanted to get as many people as possible, and they could book all three ballrooms. The important thing is that they have something interactive and have a project that can take a few minutes. If someone wanted to do a big project, they can work that in at the end. They would fill out a Wufoo form that detailed what they were doing. If the club is not interested, please tell the people in the club that if they want to volunteer their time to help out, that is also an option

Senator Tool asked if there was a deadline for registering

Senator Flangas said before the spring one funding deadline because they need to acquire their own supplies. They have 250 dollars for civic engagement, so they can use that to invest in this. She was trying to book it next week, she was meeting with Matt Dutcher next week and go to an SEAB meeting. She set up a meeting with Hannah to get the funding signed off on.

James said if it was over \$100 dollars they had to put it on the agenda

Senator Lee asked how they should commit

Senator Flangas said she wanted a verbal commitment that they are interested. They could have a month to tell them they are interested and they could check back in before winter break. She wanted a commitment from the clubs by November 15th, so they had to outreach aggressively. Email the clubs; they compiled a list of a couple clubs but there was also a list online. Cynthia was going to contact the chemistry club and the plant club, but there was a list of others and a million engineering clubs online. Some of them were pre-professional so they may or may not be interested.

Senator Kuykendall asked if the science clubs were under a coalition

Senator Flangas said they looked at the science coalition. She thought there could be something with the Physical Therapy Club

Senator Kuykendall said Rachel Wang was the commissioner for science and engineering.

James said to reach out to engineering clubs like concrete canoe.

Senator Flangas said she would schedule a meeting with Rachel Wang next week. She wanted them to take a couple clubs to contact right now off the list and she will send out a list of high-priority clubs that are active. She was really interested in concrete canoe. Cynthia Lee took chemistry club and plant club and BBB. She would take Phi B.

Senator Kuykendall said she should assign clubs.

Senator Flangas said she would give Senator Smith the Geography Club and the Robotics club.

Senator Tool said it would be a good idea to get more club involvement rather than just science. They could do a knowledge fair

Senator Kuykendall said that Tri Beta was focused on science. There were only so many clubs. He wanted to keep it centered around science.

Senator Flangas said Wolf Pack Reading Week was a better fit for Blue Key to do things in the community. As soon as they are done planning this they will start planning wolf pack reading week. They should try to include those clubs in Wolf Pack Reading Week. They could outreach to ask if they want to volunteer their time. She would take the Stem Women club. Senator Tool would do astronomy club and Nevada Cyber Club. Senator Billman should reach out to CABNR

Senator Billman said CABNR Ambassadors.

Senator Flangas said she wanted him to reach out to CABNR clubs.

Senator Billman said there was a cow milking demonstration put on by the farm.

Senator Flangas said she felt like Physical Therapy club could probably do something, but she won't force anyone to take that. She would contact the Physical Therapy Club. She wasn't sure about preoptometry club. Senator Billman could do that one. They don't have to go to all of these clubs, they just need to send them an email. She will also send an email over the listerv after talking to Rachel Wang.

Senator Smith asked if they would send it out as a link or attach it in their emails

Senator Flangas said she would send a Wufoo form and ask them to think out of the box so that they don't all do the same project. If they can, go to their meeting and during their Public Comment say they want to talk to them about something. They will name the science fair. She wanted everyone to personally email these clubs but she would send something over the listserv. She would send a broad, vague message to the clubs. They had two weeks to email them and try to talk to one.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Flangas said they would have to start planning Wolf Pack Reading Week. Let her know if anyone had any thoughts. She would start reaching out to schools to see how many were interested and how many volunteers they would need. They were in the middle of planning lots of things.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they were contacting schools and using things from last year

Senator Flangas said yes. The point was to reach out to tier one schools, so those with the least amount of resources, were priority. They would try to expand it to a couple schools to get bigger participation. Email them one at a time to find out if they want to. She would also try to get a commitment from senators and ASUN to find out people that are interested.

Senator Tool said they should talk to Former Senator Green about cheerleaders and mascots

Senator Kuykendall wanted to talk about hours. He reached out and wanted to get a certain amount to show up.

Senator Flangas said she was thinking two hours per month, but with a stipulation that you can make up for hours the next month. She was thinking if you were appointed late, like Dahlia, they shouldn't have to get as many

hours as everyone else. It would be two hours per month from the moment you are appointed. This committee could hold people accountable.

Senator Kuykendall said that because they could make up hours later it incentivized procrastination

Senator Flangas said if they made it a duty of the senators, they could get points. She should consult Hannah or the attorney general. If they write it in the duties, it would be enforceable. She wanted to shout out to Senator Billman for being the secretary. She talked really fast.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Flangas adjourned the meeting at 2:36 pm.

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10. NOTES.

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