

# Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session  
Minutes for Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Room #405, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Martinez called the Oversight meeting to order at 7:37 pm in Room 405, 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretaries, Andrea Godoy and Kaitie Christiansen.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Bussman, Flangas, Kuykendall, Martinez, and Thummel were present.

Senator Cam. Lee was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 4. MINUTES

- a. The minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
The minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were approved last week.

- b. The minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
The minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were unavailable.

## 5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy  
Secretary Godoy said she made a list of everyone who was giving reports. The only two that were iffy were McNeece and Kinsella. Director McNeece gave a report on 9/20 and 9/27, and then he didn't give a report for 10/11 or 10/18. Elections Chair Kinsella gave a report on 10/11 but not 9/20 or 10/4, or last week, 10/18.

Speaker Jackson said it would be helpful if she emailed her that. She thought that she should give them censure notices for the next Tuesday.

Senator Kuykendall said for Director McNeece he was at a conference and that should be taken into account.

Speaker Jackson said at the same time, he could have emailed report. She asked secretary Godoy if she counted that.

Secretary Godoy said yes.

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Speaker Jackson said they could have a discussion, but even if he was gone he could have emailed a report for the record.

Senator Kuykendall retracted his statement.

Speaker Jackson said she was talking with Senator Martinez about this but he did go on a conference paid for by ASUN, so he has to give a presentation. Director McNeece must give a presentation to oversight. She emailed him today but that wasn't communicated to him before. He didn't expect him to know that. It was within two scheduled meetings. He couldn't make it tonight because of work but he will be here next week. If he did come next week, they shouldn't censure him because it was her fault for not communicating.

Senator Bussman said he seemed to be working on the same thing and hasn't had anything new. Senator Mah has been working with him, and Senator Mah never had anything new to say about it.

Senator Flangas felt that during budget and finance, she learned more about SNIF. In the SAS, he was supposed to recognize holidays and she hadn't seen any of that. A censure was valid especially with reports being missing.

Speaker Jackson asked if the body thought they should censure based on Public Lands Day.

Senator Kuykendall asked when the position was created.

Speaker Jackson said last term.

Senator Kuykendall said it wasn't in the budget.

Speaker Jackson believed it was 3000.

Senator Flangas asked if they can ask questions.

Senator Flangas said he has a big plan with SNIF and was making an application that would be funded in April, but funding it in April would mean it would be the next Director. She was confused what he was doing besides opening the application. There would be no enforcement mechanism.

Speaker Jackson asked if it said he should overlook the program.

Senator Flangas said he is supposed to overlook SNIF.

Speaker Jackson said that needs to be asked since the responsibility would fall on the next director. They can also discuss how long the application is open; she felt 5 months was a long time.

Senator Thummel asked who over saw it in the past.

Speaker Jackson believed the Deputy Chief of staff. The program was created then but it hadn't happened.

Senator Flangas said he had to oversee and execute SNIF. He was overseeing it an opening an application, but he wasn't executing it. These funds would be spent by the next Director. The funds from these students for fiscal year 18 should be spent in fiscal year 18

Speaker Jackson thought that in this late in the game, it might not be possible to change the dates but at same time, questions need to be asked to ensure the process for next session and to oversee it since Director McNeece will not be in office. She said hopefully he will be at senate next week. She asked what reasons they wanted to censure him on.

Senator Flangas said public lands day.

Speaker Jackson asked if they had anything else. They can pull him in on the grounds of overseeing the program.

Senator Kuykendall said the public lands day passed. The person who wrote the bill for the budget didn't actually allocate funds.

Speaker Jackson asked if it was still under deputy chief of staff in the budget.

Senator Kuykendall said yes.

Senator Jackson planned on writing a note for Chair Kinsella. She asked what they wanted to bring her in for.

Senator Flangas asked where her people are. She is never there for reports.

Speaker Jackson said she opened the application a couple days ago and was trying to get people to apply. There are two people that work under her.

Senator Flangas said it seemed like a long time to not have people appointed. She didn't think there was. Thought maybe there should be a deadline in the SAS.

Speaker Jackson said the president had to appoint people within two weeks.

Senator Flangas said the election commissioner was supposed to be appointed within 20 days.

Speaker Jackson said that was for gov. ops to discuss. Once officers are appointed, is there a timeline for when apps needed to be opened and closed.

Senator Martinez said a part of the SAS was the elections commission internship program. That was a part of her responsibilities.

Speaker Jackson said they talked in exec about this. She would be under Carissa Bradley, because there are separate elections interns. They also talked about the information packet and meetings. She knew some of them were working on the packet .

Senator Bussman said they would have after the changes to do it

Speaker Jackson yes, it would go through gov ops and senate.

Senator Bussman asked if the workbook went through gov. ops or just the legislation.

Senator Flangas asked if the packet gets approved by senate.

Speaker Jackson asked if the attorney general can just change it.

Senator Bussman said yes, currently the packet has no power through the SAS it is just assumed

Senator Flangas said it was just a separate entity, there was no mention of it in the SAS

Senator Bussman said the attorney general at one point said they soul put the packet in the SAS to have power over the process. Then that means they can edit the SAS.

Speaker Jackson was confused; did they just get to put it out whenever they want

Senator Flangas said they combed through the entire code. There was nothing about the packet

Senator Jackson said there were rules about social media and signage

Senator Bussman there were rules that weren't in the SAS. Any candidate who used donated material wasn't going by the sas

Senator Flangas said there was nothing in the SAS about donations, just that they had to be reported, which was why they were changing the election code.

Speaker Jackson did not know that. Let her know if they need anything on that. Thank you for working on that. Asked if they had anything else. She had for Kinsella reports at meetings. Asked if they wanted to add anything else to the notice.

Senator Bussman didn't know what she was working on.

Speaker Jackson said for some people they would need to set timelines, by next meeting and hold them to that

Senator Martinez said she gave dates for debates and said ballrooms were booked.

Senator Thummel asked if she had goals at exec meetings or plans.

Speaker Jackson said she said today that she tried to schedule rooms for the informational session, but the confirmation email she put in is the email that was not yet working so will talk to Raul about that. They needed to ask more questions if something like that was said or if the paper work for hiring was not done. She didn't think that was acceptable.

Senator Flangas said her goals were to reach out to people. Elect Her didn't give them an opportunity to reach out

Speaker Jackson said if people don't give them the answers they want and are going around the question, they needed to ask more.

Senator Kuykendall said there was theme of readdressing things they said they were going to do. Can the propose something to say at senate if she is there. Didn't think it would be too hard to

ask for her to bring a list of prepared questions for debates and to speak to three organizations. Not just say please but rather say do it.

Speaker Jackson said they can't need them to do anything, they can't require it, but for the dates they can say they would really like to have dates and information at this time

Senator Kuykendall said proposal for questions is what do you plan to bring next meeting, that way they can decide as a body they have babied the new leaders too much. They are doing their job for them.

Speaker Jackson said that was the perfect way to do that.

Senator Kuykendall said they can ask what kind of point system they have

Senator Flangas said they didn't have a points system.

Senator Kuykendall said they could also go to extremes and censure them.

Speaker Jackson said they can't go with censures; they have to go by what the SAS was saying. Their power was in their questions. Put them on the spot and make them uncomfortable.

Senator Martinez said in the future they can start to ask and hold people responsible to their goals and reiterate and encourage that it was important to be involved.

Speaker Jackson said they should go back on NevadaBox and look in the minutes to see what they said they were going to do.

b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Senator Martinez

Senator Martinez said the interns are meeting tomorrow. Some might arrive a little late because they have classes. He will have some questions prepared and they will be assigned to you, and they have to meet with you at least four times. They are very excited. Please work with them on their projects, he was working with them on a mock project to prepare to run for senate.

Senator Flangas asked if they will meet four times in December.

Senator Martinez said yes, it will be more comfortable to meet before their presentation, which is important because it creates their platform.

Senator Flangas asked when the presentation is due.

Senator Martinez around December 13<sup>th</sup>. He will meet one on one in the week to give them feedback but hoped they can prepare them too.

Senator Kuykendall asked when they will have interns delegated.

Senator Martinez wanted to do it Wednesday night but this weekend was the absolute deadline. He will have them by Saturday.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they had to have a personality test in to him.

Senator Bussman said is the personality test with the letters.

Senator Martinez said yes, and if they already knew their personality, they can email it to him.

Senator Bussman asked if they needed go email that.

Senator Martinez said yes. He will send out an announcement and use this as a way to pair people so that they are not blindly matched. He wanted some type of bonding and he would reiterate that meeting with interns was very important. They have his phone number so they can reach out to him with questions.

Secretary Godoy asked if they wanted to track the attendance of interns. They didn't do it last year, but they did in the 83<sup>rd</sup> session. The interns were also added to the roll call sheet.

Speaker Jackson said to make sure he communicates what committees they were on.

Senator Martinez said he will have them fill out committees by Wednesday and he would confirm which ones they could go to for sure. He wanted them to be interactive.

Secretary Godoy asked if they wanted them to get "points."

Senator Martinez said yes; and please track the attendance.

c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee

Speaker Jackson read the report into the record:

I apologize for my absence today during Oversight. I have 2 midterms tomorrow morning that I need to prepare for, including one from my crazy Cell Bio professor. Because of the Nevada Day weekend, my committee will be holding our meeting on Thursday at 5:30pm instead of our regular time on Friday. The graphics for the Nevada Undergraduate Research Award are completed and Eily from Inkblot has already advertised them on social media. She will have physical copies printed for my committee to post around campus posting boards, dorms, and buildings. I will be assigning my committee members to post these physical copies because team effort is the best effort. For advertising through the club listservs, I have Jared's approval, and I am just waiting on Eily to have the email graphics completed. I'm hoping to send them out by tomorrow, Wednesday. Last week, Senator Cyn. Lee and I attended the Core Theme 1 (Learning) meeting and along with faculty members, we discussed how the university can measure the learning success of UNR students. Additionally, the way UNR measures how many students participate in research is vague and the subject was tabled from last year to this semester. Dr. Russel asked Senator Cyn. Lee and I for our insight in undergraduate research and advised we reach out to Dr. Scott Mensing regarding how we could obtain a concrete system in which we account for quantitative statistics of how many students are participating research in STEM, humanities, business, etc. throughout their undergraduate career. During that meeting Derek Furukawa, from Undergraduate Academic Advising reached out to me about a problem regarding the current Neuroscience advising system. As of right now, Neuroscience students with last names falling in the beginning of the alphabet (A-K) are have a more science based path versus neuroscience students with last names that fall at the end of the alphabet (L-Z) have a path that is more psychology and social science based. Because Neuroscience is an interdisciplinary program, this poses a problem since many students are not getting accurate advising that pertains to their field of interests or career path. I will be working with Derek and the advising center to see if Neuroscience students may have the choice to choose their

advisor based on their desired career path. This may sound confusing, however if there are any questions I will answer them tomorrow!

- d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall  
Senator Kuykendall said they had a meeting today. They addressed some problems about how they fill out the template for the financial review summary. He made an error filling out the forms, which he apologized for. Senator Sarwar made a mistake in filling out the report, and did some reviews of Campus Escort, Insight magazine. They were hung up on why SNIF was in the leadership programs. There were charges for repairs for Campus Escort, and they were changing the training to help new members not have accidents because they were having problems backing into polls. They were budgeting for next summer. Insight Magazine wanted to distribute wages for winter break because some students work to pump out some online material and they wanted to compensate students. In public comment they got into a discussion with the Wolf Shop and their problem with clubs and orgs and how they get their apparel sent out. This was a problem. As the chair of budget and finance he had to represent the wolf shop, and be responsible for clubs and orgs. He was in a pickle. He was going to sit down with Director Desamero and Director Rodrigues to have a hearing about what is going on with the wolf shop and why they were taking so long for orders. More information can be found in the meeting minutes.

Speaker Jackson asked if she can join in that meeting.

Senator Kuykendall said her name was already brought up. Next week, they are doing sound and lights, legal services, and diversity and inclusion. It will be interesting to see diversity and inclusion since it was a new department.

- e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas  
Senator Flangas said meeting tomorrow at 10 am. She couldn't get a room in the Joe but the location will be changing from the Grad Student Lounge. Since her committee hadn't had a meeting since the last oversight meeting, not much had changed. She will get an update from the committee about what organizations they have contacted. She has a meeting setup with Raul for the WuFoo form and with Matt Dutcher to submit the SEAB form. She rescheduled the meeting with Rachel Wang and planned on holding a discussion with the committee about what the hour requirements should be and discuss what is fair.

Secretary Godoy said currently, the committee didn't have a secretary because they all have class.

Speaker Jackson asked who the vice chair was.

Senator Flangas said Senator Billman, he would have to write minutes. She was excited about it and she hoped to have a full update tomorrow.

Senator Kuykendall asked her to email the google doc to the organizations.

Senator Flangas said yes.

- f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel  
Senator Thummel said he met with speaker Jackson to go over their goals, and he had a laptop now. One of the big things was WTF Nevada because there was a position in the SAS still. He went to a meeting today with Director Walberg and Speaker Jackson to discuss what they wanted to do. They agreed it needed to be rebranded and making it as an ASUN senate Facebook page

so people could send messages to help and separate it from the ASUN Facebook page, which is used for promoting events. There really wasn't a way to give feedback to them as senators. He was working with Senator Martinez to change the positions within Chief of Staff, and was looking into cutting the iLead program. He would meet with Cameron Harris to see if there was anything that needed to be updated in the SAS.

Speaker Jackson said they could set up a separate meeting because he had a lot of good ideas.

Senator Bussman said he spent a lot of time thinking about that

Speaker Jackson asked if they should delegate it to a committee.

Senator Bussman knew that Senator Paningbatan wanted to do a public forum thing on WebCampus. Senator Se just asked at the past meeting if he had anything for him. Those two could work on it.

Senator Thummel was going to say if they can announce that there will be a meeting and discussion if senators want to work on a project.

Speaker Jackson said they can do that. It would be great course of action. She asked if they wanted to introduce that.

Senator Thummel said he will.

Speaker Jackson said he can lead the charge to get everyone there. Bussman had great thing with Notre Dame and their government had great thing with onward. Hoped to get in contact with their student body president to talk.

Senator Thummel said that was a great idea.

Senator Martinez asked what onward was.

Senator Bussman can send the documents.

Speaker Jackson said they did a data report with student opinions to highlight the concerns the student have; they publish a yearly report.

Senator Bussman said they posted all their infrastructure. They just needed to know what they use to host it.

Speaker Jackson thought they can get their data analysis people involved one they hear more about the program. Thank you for finding it. She loved it and was excited.

g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker

Senator Becker said at the last meeting, Noah Burr wanted them to write a bill or legislation to send to the state legislature next year. After Director Schultz met with him, the thing he wants to do, was to give students tuition assistance with the department of labor. That was a lot like an internship, so they will direct him to the career studio. He will try to find more legislation that was good for them to write about and they can make some legislation to build up for next year. The philanthropy chair of a fraternity wanted to have the IFC coordinate with the veterans luncheon and it was kind of late for that but he said he wanted to have different military

members from IFC speak and have some of the brothers be able to do a raffle. He said it was kind of late to do that, but they could reach out next year.

Senator Bussman asked if it was with IFC specifically.

Senator Becker said it was the philanthropy chair that reached out to him but the chair wanted IFC to be involved.

Senator Kuykendall said in the event that it was just one, he would make it an effort to include all of Greek life.

Senator Flangas said they can invite them to attend or volunteer but not to involve them for a raffle or anything. It is too short notice, but he can lay the groundwork for it for next year. Inviting them to attend was a great idea, but having them run a program wasn't fair for everyone else.

Senator Becker agreed with Senator Kuykendall. They don't need volunteers and the event didn't need a lot of work during the event.

Senator Flangas said extend to PanHellenic since they may be interested. Delta Gamma has philanthropy for veterans that suffer from blindness, and inviting them could be a great step for next year.

Speaker Jacksons said the only concern she had for this year was that the food was already ordered and if they invite a ton more people, they might not have enough food. Put it in the legacy binder to make it a bigger event and make the partnerships bigger. She felt that Senator Becker made the right call.

Senator Becker said they had all their marketing done and banners ready. He had handouts for veteran's services and marketing materials. He was going to ask more interns and senators to do the tabling and it will get them involved. He will put out a doodle poll. He asked if it was too soon to bring it up at the mixer.

Senator Martinez said they can email him or plan to come to a meeting to talk to them right after. He wasn't sure if there was enough time.

Speaker Jackson asked if they were on a listserv.

Senator Martinez said yes.

Speaker Jackson said if they were on a listserv, when he makes the Doodle poll she can sent it out.

Senator Becker said he talked to Dr. Beattie and Speaker Jackson. They thought the best times to table would be from 11 – 1 but those times were booked. He was thinking of changing it to 2-4.

Senator Flangas asked what he meant by booked.

Senator Becker said there were four slots in the KC lobby for tabling and they were all booked.

Senator Flangas recommended they do Hillard plaza or the joe rather than changing the time because 11-1 was the most high-volume time for the number of students on campus.

Senator Becker asked how he can reserve it.

Assistant Director Lensch said call scheduling services or email them and they will have to fill out an SEAB form.

Speaker Jackson said she recommended contacting Matt Dutcher

- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman  
Senator Bussman said there has been a lot that happened. The wolf shop emailed him to let them know they collected their textbook requisition data, so he was meeting with some people to go over it. He met with Vice Provost Klein and senator Stopka to talk about putting sexual assault resources in the syllabus. He said it was already required but the faculty often forget, so they discussed making changes to WebCampus so that resources were already integrated into WebCampus courses. As far as outreach, he pitched it to the college of Liberal arts, and she loved it and started talking about a minor she was trying to create called “interdisciplinary design thinking” and she was trying to get all the deans and Marc Johnson on board. She was talking about adding the innovation project as a requirement through the minor which would establish a base of participants within the program. She was trying to schedule a new meeting with the deans and invite him and senator Smith to talk about the minor, and to talk to community people she was working with. He would propose the outreach project. He was going through the big ideas at Berkeley webpage which was what he was trying to model this program off of. He called and the program director from Berkeley answered, and gave him a tool kit that they publish to help other campuses create an innovation project.

*Senator Flangas left the room at 8:28 pm*

Senator Kuykendall asked when he planned to have the date to roll it out.

Senator Bussman said he was torn on that. He wanted to unveil it the next spring semester but what Berkeley does is they have a yearlong competition and they split it up really well. He was graduating after spring, so he can't do a yearlong type thing unless he finds continuity in other people.

Speaker Jackson said they had a great masterplan.

- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson  
Speaker Jackson said she had her meeting with president Johnson and Dr. Ellis about democracy plaza; she showed them the resolution and asked for him to talk to facilities to change the name. He created a plan and blue prints for what Democracy Plaza will look like, including a rock structure with benches and a beautiful mosaic. The one question she didn't get a chance to ask was how they would pay for it. She got the vibe that the university would pay for it. There were two different options: the rock structure or a sign on the KC. The plan was to create a bench area that people can be around, or can stand and have speeches. It would be a great way to extend that area to speakers and it would be a great venue.

Senator Bussman said he can't remember when he talked about this, but Dr. Schultz was really excited to have a speaker's corner where students can come and get the microphone for a bit.

Speaker Jackson said that would be the perfect place for this. Leg affairs would benefit from this. If they do this, they would also have to write the language on the sidewall about the purpose of Democracy Plaza. She will get back to them about finances. The other idea was to make the structure out of brick, and have clubs and orgs or people buy a brick and have their name on it. The vision was to inspire the future.

Senator Bussman said he wouldn't propose that to her if he was expecting them to pay for it. It would be weird.

Speaker Jackson said at the meeting he suggested passing a resolution. Thursday, she had a meeting with the attorney general to talk about the accessibility of their agenda. WTF Nevada was the other thing, she would keep pushing it, but please encourage people to apply for Elect Her. It wasn't an application it was more like a registration to make sure people were coming.

Senator Becker said you sent email out for volunteering to Dia De Los Muertos, could he come a little later.

Speaker Jackson said they can probably come later. Gabi was the coordinator for that.

Senator Becker asked where.

Speaker Jackson was not sure, but he would see them. They need more people to set up.

Senator Becker asked if he could just show up.

Speaker Jackson said show up just in case.

Secretary Godoy asked if they contacted Riley and Raul about accessibility.

Speaker Jackson said yes, they were coming to the meeting. They were going to have to do a presentation to Senate and hopefully it would be a part of the training in the future.

Senator Thummel asked where it was.

Speaker Jackson said President's conference room.

Senator Bussman asked what it was for.

Speaker Jackson said it was the meeting about accessibility in ASUN

Senator Bussman asked if that was part of move to write legislation.

Speaker Jackson said hopefully. She wanted to have a checklist for the attorney general to use so it can be consistent.

## 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Becker said they talked about having a big senate community service project and he was wondering if they could do something with habitat for humanity to do a large group thing. It would probably only take one Saturday.

Speaker Jackson asked if he had contact information for them.

Senator Becker said no but would be happy to find it.

Speaker Jackson said they could find it. She will probably talk to Chris about contacts with organization and she could talk to them.

Senator Becker asked if they should have all ASUN or just senate.

Senator Bussman said they can extend the invite to everyone rather than making it mandatory.

Senator Bussman said they didn't ask Senator Flangas about the jackets.

Speaker Jackson said they need to ask her about ordering the jackets.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.