

Department of Legislative Affairs Meeting

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Schultz called this meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Senator Schultz, Policy 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 approve at this time.

5. REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

- a. Director Spencer Schultz said that he is currently working on mental health legislation data. He and Sebastian will be meeting with counseling services soon, next week on the second. Data is from 2016 but they are working on getting more current data. Nevada is ranked top 5 in suicide rate for the past 10 years. He will try and find the 18-24 ranges for UNR. Then, he will ask counseling services for data about the suicide rate on campus. They need to find out whether or not to give public announcements about the suicide rate and rate of counseling services scheduled appointments. This would be in order to see if more counseling services are needed. The legislation will be a mental health resolution expanding the program and will need Senate approval. Regarding tuition and fees, Schultz finished the NSHE committee, and there will be a 3.6% increase over the next four years. It will take tuition and fees from \$224 to \$322.25 per credit. Over the last eight years, there has been a 28% increase in tuition, which is relatively conservative. Regarding lobbying presentation, ASUN and interns (would like Brita's help) will boil lobbying down to three things: knowledge, passion, and relationship building. Schultz is meeting with Noah Bird for the Nevada Career Option. They are discussing a new one-to-one program where you take a three-credit course, and the state pays for it. You sign a contract during your freshman year, and they pay half your tuition, you just have to serve one year within the state. It is like an internship program. Other states have programs just like this. There is a new idea, based off of Berkeley that was brought about at a social change-making event. Schultz wants to incentivize local companies to allow students to present entrepreneurial ideas to solve problems in the community. They will need a strategic master plan committee for this, like the President's cabinet- executive boardroom. Also, he and Noah Teixeira are working with Uber to see if they can get a partnership with them. He is also expecting an update for polos hopefully today. They are coming up with a Las Vegas resolution, honoring the victims of the shooting. DACA is also supporting students. Soon, the point assessment program will start, and Schultz will assign a quarter point for being late, using the current point scale. He will email Gardner and she can assess the points. He then asked policy how 1874 is going as well as the Legislative tracker.

Overholser said that the Legislation tracker will be ready on Monday, but the cons and pros are switched on the website and there is no division between the sides. This includes weapons deals and the second amendment and college campuses. He will work on it and let them know by end of week. As for 1874, Chris Partridge gave a lot of info. There is an excel sheet with data in terms of how many organizations joined the partnerships for each month, and how many students volunteered each month. April and March have the most per year.

Romans is asking for 3 things: professional training, application forum, and tax sheet. Based off the numbers from the beginning of year, they have 10,000 hours from August until now for volunteering hours. Last year, there were 7,000 total the whole year. Instead of having an event in March, they should hold off until the April Day of Service. As for BDR legislation, she is meeting with Steven Wednesday.

Schultz asked about voter registration and the municipal elections game plans.

Irving said there are 3 scheduled Make Your Mark events, with a voter registration drive in each. The elections Smart Talk should not be debate style, but sharing platform style.

Schultz said he needs to make sure everyone in the department knows what they're supposed to be doing before setting up a polling station. Dr. Beattie sent graphics for the local elections, which will be tailored to campus. They might hold a mock election for ASUN elections, etc.

b. Assistant Director Keely Gardner- absent excused

- c. Policy Director Quinton Overholser said that an incentive is needed to get the 1874 students activated. There will be a barbecue at the end of the day that gets students out to the quad for sense of community; we need to step further and act like global citizens. People or attendees of the concert can earn their tickets by doing a certain number of community service hours.

Irving suggested tying this into the Spring Concert Series.

Hannah Jackson, Brandon Walberg, and Nicole Flangas need to provide support for the 1874 legislation to go through Senate. Also, Ralston can't make it to the December 12th Smart Talk, but he can do the one at the end of March. Amber Joiner would also be happy to do a Smart Talk. There is also a new Legislative Affairs email that Raul created, and Overholser is the administrator of the drive. It is the same email for the legislation tracker.

- d. Policy Analyst Brita Romans is working on lobbying cooperation between NSHE institutions and research. She is meeting with Steven Wednesday to get the 2025 No Walls plan and sustainability initiatives going.
- e. Projects Director Jake Truscott reviewed previous Smart Talks- the 10/24 Smart Talk had 75-90 attendees, and he got their contact information for future events. He received comments from administration expressing that in the planning stages, they need to remain nonpartisan. As for the 11/14 Smart Talk, they are working on DACA, and alumni are sending representatives from the Nevada legislature. Amber Joiner will be coming for Nevada Now.

Irving said that she and Director Rodriguez are meeting with Director Gbenjo today.

Truscott said that it would be good to include the Next Gen Nevada representative. Bob Potts is in charge of economic development.

They need Teixeira to talk to President Johnson, or anyone that can get into the governor's office. March 13th is the Smart Talk with Shapiro. They will be moving forward once everything is confirmed. Make Your Mark and voter registration is scheduled for spring but are tentative for fall. Days in the spring include February 22, March 29, but they are still picking a date for April and May. They are working on elections with Washoe Democrats and Republicans.

- f. Projects Coordinator Carin Irving talked about the February 22nd and March 29th Talks. Shapiro vs. Rye is one idea. For the end of May, the need to plan for Make Your Mark. They also need to ask what students want to see on campus, as well as tentative ideas for future Smart Talks. February 8th could be Take a Knee, and March 8th could be Nevada elections. April 12th could be immigration and the 10th could be Domestic Policy. She is working with the Wolf Shop and Inkblot to promote these.

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

7. REMARKS

- a. Members of the Department may give remarks to the Director and Assistant Director- last night went over interns, mandatory volunteer hours for the next year, don't like making things mandatory, Keely drafting a training for them. Department structure, mission, who we are, etc. brings interns to social events. Create network before they get into asun next year. Assignments.

8. STAFF REPORT(S)

- a. Members of the ASUN professional staff may provide comments and updates to the Department- none.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT- Dr. Beattie said that the DACA Smart Talk is a good idea.

Quinton said that they did a good job on the recent Wolf Pack Smart Talks. They spent a lot of time working on them.

10. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:29 a.m.