

Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session
Minutes for Friday, December 1st, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
3rd Floor of Joe Crowley Student Union, President's Conference Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Cammie Lee called the Committee of Academics to order at 8:30 am on December 1st, 2017 on the third floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union in the President's Conference room. Presiding Secretary, Zanae' Jones.

2. ROLL CALL

Senator Cynthia Lee, Senator Cammie Lee, Senator Lippi, Senator Smith and Senator Tralmer was present.

Legislative Intern Rhodes was present and Legislative Intern Pennington was absent unexcused.

Senator Becker, Senator Se, and Senator Cook was absent unexcused.

A quorum is present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Cammie Lee welcomed Senator Smith to the committee and said the new meeting times are Monday's at 1:30 p.m. She said that if can't make the meeting then you will have had to switch committees. She said this will be the last meeting for the semester and today they are going to go over on how to rephrase question that will be on the ballot.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Phrasing Survey Question for Extending Library Hours

Senator Cammie Lee said the committee is working a resolution to extend library hours and in order to put the question on the ballot the committee needs to make a resolution.



Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Ansari Business Building, Mathewson- IGT Knowledge Center, and online at www.nevadaasun.com.

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The committee talked about how to phrase that question. She said she wanted something like, "Do you believe the Knowledge Center hours should be extended?"

Senator Lippi said they should include a few questions. One what hours do you currently use the library the next one should be a free response question, "What are thinking which hours?" Or even a multiple choice question on "How likely would you use the library, from 6-8 am, 1-3 am, and 4-6 am?" So they could get more information on when and where do they use the library hours.

Senator Cammie Lee said it is best to keep in mind the other questions on the ballot too. She said they should have one or two questions.

Intern Rhodes asked if they thought it would be good to put the current hours in the library included in the question.

Senator Cammie Lee said yes and she believes the current hours is 7 am to 1 o'clock Monday to Thursday and Friday closes at 9 pm.

Senator Cynthia Lee said the library opens at 7 am to 9 pm on Friday.

Senator Cammie Lee said that Saturday closes 9 pm and Sunday 7 am to 7 pm. She said that it would be best to include the hours of the library and then ask the question.

Senator Lippi said that he thinks it was a broad question and to narrow it down.

Senator Cammie Lee said that maybe they should do the free response and she wants everyone's input on the question and she knows that not everyone does the free response. She said they may use a selector for the question.

Senator Smith asked ow much are they potential extended the hours.

Senator Cammie Lee said that it will be the extended four more hours. Essentially it would be from 10 am to 4 am, just because the security works four hour shifts.

Senator Smith said maybe they should be rephrased to extend four more hours.

Senator Cammie Lee said yes, but the question does not include when.

Senator Smith said the question could say, "Extended hours from the previous time."

Senator Cammie Lee resaid the question, "Would you like the library hours to be extended four additional hours?"

Senator Tralmer asked if they could do that for one day or multiple days for the extended four hours.

Senator Cammie Lee said it is just a resolution to have something on the table.

Senator Lippi said the committee was writing the resolution so they could get data to see how many students would use this or how beneficial would it be considered.

Senator Cammie Lee said even if they have the resolution pass will only have a question on the ballot.

Senator Tralmer said the phrasing could be the old hours and the new hours for the particular day.

Senator Cammie Lee said they are not extending the hours for a specific day yet however, the committee could put down Monday to Wednesday.

Senator Tralmer said that they are extending the library hours by four hours right.

Senator Cammie Lee said yes.

Senator Tralmer said then the library would close at 5 am right.

Senator Cammie Lee said yes, you're right. She rephrased the question, "Would you like the current hours of the Knowledge Center (7 am to 1 am Monday through Thursday) to be changed to 7 am to 5 am?"

Senator Lippi said they should rephrase the question to, "How likely would you use the library after one am?"

Senator Cammie Lee said they should have a scale one to ten.

Senator Cynthia Lee also they could change the word, "change" to "extend" in the question. She also asked if they are putting any other questions on the ballot.

Senator Cammie Lee said she had a meeting with Speaker Jackson she wanted change a requirement for ASUN officers from 7 credits to 12 credits and they are still working on that. She will be presenting that to Senate next year.

Senator Lippi said they don't know if they should add the specific hours.

Senator Cammie Lee asked if they should have the question, "How likely are you to use the Knowledge Center after 1 am?" She scraped the first question.

Senator Tralmer said that the question should be rephrased to, "If the library was open after 1 am how likely would you use the Knowledge Center?"

Senator Lippi said it sounds a little redundant and they should add a question "How satisfy are you with the current Knowledge Center hours?"

Senator Tralmer asked if the data would be useful.

Senator Lippi said yes I think it would.

Senator Cammie Lee said it is such a simple question that students would put yes to get through the ballot.

Dr. Beattie said that they should do a five point to 7 point scale.

Senator Smith said in terms for the first question another way of saying it could be, “If the library hours were extended how likely would you use the library?”

Senator Cammie Lee rephrased the question, “If the Knowledge Center hours were to be extended how likely would you use the facility after 1 am?” With a one to seven scale. She asked if they would like to have the other question if students are satisfied with the current library hours.

Senator Tralmer said that they are not likely to use if after 1 am, they are satisfied with the hours.

Senator Cammie Lee said true and right now the committee had one question.

Senator Lippi said they should do a one to five scale.

Senator Smith said that seven point scale is too much responsibility.

Senator Cammie Lee said they had to figure out to write the resolution. She asked Senator Lippi if he would like to write the resolution.

Senator Lippi said sure.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Cammie Lee thanked the committee for a great semester and for showing up in the morning.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Cammie Lee adjourned the Committee of Academics at 8:54 am.