

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Speaker Jackson called the Senate meeting to order at 5:33 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Billman, Bussman, Ca. Lee, Cook, Cy. Lee, Compton, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Se, S. Smith, J. Smith, Tralmer, and Thummel were present.

Senator Tool was tardy excused.

Senator Sarwar and Stopka were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from November 15th, 2017
- b. The minutes from November 29th, 2017
- c. The minutes from December 6th, 2017

The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Dr. Marc Johnson, President

President Johnson said he was going to talk about the tuition fees in the fall of 2019 and have a conversation about the proposed fees. They are following the Regents' policy, but it was still a conversation that needed to be had with the students about increasing fees in the future. Their is system composed of individuals with representation from all institutions. For UNR, they are represented by Director Spencer Shultz, an undergrad student. There is representation from all levels. Two years ago, President Johnson was the university president that served as UNR's representative but this year, they asked UNLV's president. So how it works is that the Regents set the fees two years in advance. That way in 2018, they can prepare for the 2019 legislature session, so they can have the fees set for 2019 academic year. The chancellor convenes a state-wide committee and then the regents discuss the fees. By November/December, student comments are gathered and presented to the board and the board decides the final fees for the fall 2019 and spring 2020 year. The regents then make the final decision. Tuition and fees are a shared responsibility. Students pay for part of their education and the state pays a part. In doing so, the legislature has interest and the board of regents does too as well as them as students. There is a focus on making sure Nevadans have a chance for higher education and therefore making the

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university accessible and affordable for all is important. This applies not just to pricing but also in financial aid and jobs. They want to make sure everyone can have access to higher education and have it be affordable. They can see a national college debt report and in comparing Nevada in the report, Nevada has a relatively low percent of individuals leaving without debt. Those that do have debt, only have 2/3's of the national average. This is in part because of the lower cost of college. Predictable pricing is very important because they want families to be able to plan. They want to set the fees by the summer for the fall of 2019 and fall 2020 years so families can budget for higher education with the promise that prices won't change unless a catastrophe happens. For registration fees, they are set by setting them at least equal to the most recent higher education index. The increase can be higher but not lower than that index. The inflation index recorded that the rates are 1.8% and are recommending that fees go up 1.8% for the fall of 2019 and spring 2020. The fees will go up the minimum amount allowable per the regents' policy. Last time they did this was 3 years ago saying the prices should go up 4% for 4 years. He had much more interest in the process then and the increase was student-endorsed. They did the whole works with town hall meetings and everything to hear students. It will be less intense this time since the increase is only the minimum required. They can't do much about the increase. The increase will be an extra \$4 per credit hour. If they wanted to look at where UNR is relative to other western states, they can see Nevada is 7th with 1 being the state that charges the least. This meant UNR was the 7th least costly school for the 2016-17 school year. He had data for 2016-17 because that is when all states reported. They can see that even in-state tuition in California is twice what Nevada charges for 30 credits in a year. For national comparisons, rates went up 7.2% a year and theirs was 4%. Some of the highest rates are going through the roof because states are raising rates rapidly. So much so that it has become a national issue. The issue of student debt that has been discussed in the media isn't necessarily about UNR but rather other states that are raising rates on regular basis and becoming too costly. In-state rates are also going up 1.8%. The next steps are having the brief conversation with the body. At the March regents meeting, they will have the first reading of the fees and then vote in the June meeting to set the rates. He asked if they had any questions. They might not have much conversation but they can discuss registration fees and how they wanted to see the money spent.

Senator Tralmer asked how many credits the cost for non-resident tuition was based on.

President Johnson said 30 credits in a year but is in addition to all the registration fees everyone pays. Those that pay Nevada taxes are putting money into the state coffers; the state then subsidizes education for in-state students.

Senator Flangas was wondering where the fees go or where the majority of the fees are being spent on.

President Johnson said since fees going up, their revenue is going up. Since enrollment is going up and more students are paying, they have more revenue too. State government puts in money based on a formula that uses student numbers; the more students they have the more money the state gives them. These fees get blended with state money. When they have an increase, they sit around the table with all the vice presidents. Dr. Ellis heads the meeting. They see growth of faculty positions with hiring faculty/grad assistants, more police, more financial aid advisors, more student service folks and use a formula to pay for the increased heating/lighting/operations of the university. They also hire more custodians. The money in general goes to the operations of the university and to support the services that students use.

Senator Flangas asked if there was a report that was issued about how money is being appropriated.

President Johnson asked if she meant how money is spent.

Senator Flangas asked if they can they see a report of where money is being spent.

President Johnson said they determine that a year ahead based on expenditures. They project based on applications and revenue for the following year. All VP's are asked to bring a list of the most critical expenditures in their departments. For example, the library always comes forward with inflationary increases for the collections they have and for the periodicals. All requests are put on the table and they make a final list. Once they know what the projected revenues are, they prioritize the expenditures.

Senator Ca. Lee was wondering how scholarships and grants change in response to the increases.

President Johnson said some of the state money and fees got to the scholarship fund. The more students they have, the more money is available for students. They put money into various state funded scholarships in addition to the funds received from students filling out FAFSA for federal aid. Federal funds are not part of the university's budget. They do budget some of the money.

Mr. Hamma said this might have been before he was there but several years ago, academic departments got a cut because of athletics.

President Johnson said athletics is not more important than academics. The first year of the budget cuts was because they were preparing for the 2009-10 cuts in the recession. That year, athletics was cut 20% but some departments were cut more. The academic operations got an 8.9% cut that first year. At no time had they preferred athletics over academics.

Senator Kuykendall said knowing they are ranked lowest in fees, will that increase make them less competitive.

President Johnson said no since it was so small. California raised their rates this year, but Nevada is only at 1.8%. since it was so small, he didn't think it would affect them.

Senator Flangas was wondering if the Millennium Scholarship followed the rate.

President Johnson said no; the rate per credit hour has been fixed since the beginning. When it started out, it paid almost 100% of the fees but as fees went up the Millennium stayed the same. The fund used to pay for the Millennium was also running short so the credits they paid for was reduced from 15 credits to 12 credits. It was the same amount of credit but for less credits. Fortunately, during the 2015 session, they worked with the legislature to raise it up to 15 credits because the university was pushing for a degree in four years. They told the legislature and told them that they wanted students out in the market in four years and that can only be done in 15 credits. The legislature went along with it and paid for 15 credits but the rate of the Millennium had not changed in long time and doesn't increase with costs.

Senator Tralmer left the room at 5:56 pm.

Senator Becker said the increase in the past was at 4%. He asked what made it so feasible to go back down to the inflation rate of 1.8%.

President Johnson said that was a good question. All the institutions have identified that enrollment numbers are slowing down. They will continue to grow but at a slower pace. If the fees

per student also slow, they will not be seeing a rapid increase in numbers of faculty and positions to support education. They hoped, and are talking about, to go to the legislature to ask for more funds beyond the regular fall and spring credit hours they pay for. He wanted them to go as a unit to ask them to pay for summer credits too. they don't a nickel from the state for summer credits, but students do pay. If they can get the state to match summer school courses, they could generate more revenue without increasing rates.

There were no further questions; Speaker Jackson thanked him for coming.

Senator Tralmer entered the room at 6:01 pm

Mr. Hamma said he considered it offensive that liberals have made the 20th century the bloodiest century. They are causing damage in their own country. He had three questions for any liberal that he challenged them to answer. First, when in recorded history did a country go to war and suffer the casualties it did and then find itself in more danger after the war because of policies it instituted. Second, when was there a time when a nation interfered with another nation that was friendly with it like when our state department interfered in Cuba. Finally, when was there a war like Vietnam when everything was going perfect for one side.

6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

There are no petitions to be read at this time.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza
- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley

Chief of Staff Bradley said she was glad to be the exec. only member at Senate. She had some cool stuff to update them up She and Speaker Jackson met about the spring retreat. It will be Friday, January 19th all day. That is the Friday before they come back. She did it this way for scheduling purposes and to give them a break. She will send them an RSVP email this week. She is working on activities for them and has brainstormed ideas for the discussions they needed to have. The forums they had been having are awesome and a great way to listen to students, but they needed to take an action mindset. She will brainstorm what that looks like so be ready for that. She is also working on the Not Silent Campaign Because campaign and is waiting for correspondence form other Mountain West Schools. She can't do much until they respond but is looking at shirts and buttons and working with the Title IX office and Counseling Services for sexual assault prevention and supporting survivors. . She also had ice cream and toppings that needed to go if they wanted some.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero

f. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

Programmer Dutcher said they approved the budgets and are finalizing them. They are looking at the potential of a drag queen show like last year. Other than that, they are doing family weekend stuff.

Speaker Jackson said Programmer Lew wanted to remind them about the making ties with ASUN event. They need as many senators there as possible in Tuesday, January 30th from 6-8 pm. It's a great way to outreach and talk to constituents about issues they care about.

Senator Becker asked what time the event is.

Speaker Jackson said it will be January 20th, Tuesday, from 6-8 pm. She expected them to all be there unless they have class.

Programmer Dutcher said the top three genres from the poll were pop followed by rap and EDM.

Senator Becker asked for the location of the making ties event.

Speaker Jackson said it was in the Center For Student Engagement.

- g. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason
- h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz
- i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo
- j. Director of Sustainability, Brita Romans
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson
- m. Attorney General, Cameron Harris
- n. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella
- o. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

8. **REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Ca. Lee said she had the same report as last week. Her committee didn't meet this week and won't meet until next semester. As a side note, she talked to the Plant Club for the science fair and they are into it. Since kids like touching things, it will be cool to watch kids go crazy over succulents.
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Justin Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said the first meeting coming back from break will be for having people from Purchasing coming to discuss the capital request for the new clubs and orgs materials. They will also approve the new review schedule for financial reviews. The committee will meet Fridays from 1-2 pm.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas
Senator Flangas said she had no report.

Speaker Jackson asked if she needed any help over break for the science fair.

Senator Flangas said she will be here over break sending out emails. She'll be in the office. The structure of what needs to be done is good to go so she can't think of much off the top of her head.

Speaker Jackson said let her know if she needed help with Reading Week since that was coming up too.

- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel
Senator Thummel said he and Senator Martinez are working on legislation to remove the two assistant positions under the elections for the first meeting back. If those changes do go through, the changes won't be implemented this session.

Senator Tool entered the room at 6:07 pm.

Speaker Jackson asked if they put thought into making a pamphlet that had a description of all the positions.

Senator Thummel said he and Senator Mall have been working on it. They are working on it over the winter break to finalize the structure.

Speaker Jackson suggested they include the Elections Chair in that conversation.

e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker

Senator Becker said he was planning on meeting today but since many of the committee members had review sessions, he had to cancel. They will meet after break. The most pressing thing the committee is working on is a resolution in favor HR 20709. It was for increasing the representation of STEM majors and students by allocating more funds. They had the big net neutrality vote tomorrow but because it came up so soon they didn't have time to write it. They will be writing a resolution either way if it does go through or not tomorrow at the FCC vote.

Speaker Jackson asked everyone on Public Affairs be aware of the timing of things like that since they are time sensitive; that way they can pass and send them before votes.

f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman

Senator Bussman said he is working on the itinerary for the Berkeley trip. The best time is the weekend before the semester starts when Berkeley is having their kickoff event. Oversight would need to meet over break to approve funds. He would have the trip later but if they did it in February, faculty members wouldn't be able to make it and their term ends shortly after that. The trip really needs to be sooner rather than later. Aside from that, he is meeting with his dean will be on January 17th to discuss the curriculum component. He found out that Berkeley had curriculum involved in the program, so he invited his dean too. He is looking for volunteers to get marketing for this semester for brand recognition.

Senators Kuykendall, Martinez, Mah, Thummel, and Se and Intern Green volunteered.

g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez

Senator Martinez said today is the last interns meeting but he still encouraged senators to work with their interns. He will have interns present their projects after break. Their project was to encourage them to run for Senate in the spring. The interns have all done a great job. If they wanted to attend the meeting, Speaker Jackson will talk about No Walls 2025 tonight. It will be cool to listen to Speaker Jackson's presentation. He will send out a survey to them to evaluate the internship, see if they liked it, and see if they retained the information.

h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson

9. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. **MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments to be fast-tracked at this time.

11. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

There were no appointments to be approved at this time.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions received their first reading and were considered under agenda item 17:

- a. S.B.R. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix
- b. S.B.R. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1

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Senator Kuykendall move to fast-track agenda items a and b.
Senator Martinez seconded.
There was no discussion; motion carried.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

There was no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions received their second reading and were considered:

- a. S.B.R. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix
Senator Flangas moved to approve S.B.Res. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a and II.f.5.ix
Senator Mall seconded.

Speaker Jackson said this is just to suspend the rules over break, so they don't get points.

There was no discussion at this time; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried.

- b. S.B.R. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1
Senator Billman moved to approve S.B.R. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules II.f.4.1 and II.g.1.
Senator Ca. Lee seconded.
There was no discussion at this time; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried.

- c. S.R. 85 – A Resolution in Support of 1874 Community Care
Senator Flangas moved to approve a. S.R. 85 – A Resolution in Support of 1874 Community Care.
Senator S. Smith seconded.

Senator Billman said he worked on this resolution with Assistant Director Overholser from Legislative Affairs but he couldn't make it because of work. Senator Billman said he will explain the resolution as best as he could and answer questions. The whole idea was that this supports

creating a day in April, the 22nd which is earth day, to have the university do 1874 community service hours to commemorate when the university was founded. It would go with the university's mission and with ASUN's mission of service. It would bring the university to the city and the city to the university. The first question would be executions, but this was just to get it in the eyes of the university. Assistant Director Overholser has been talking to Chris Partridge to use Give Pulse to track the hours and Chris is really behind it. Execution is being taken care of that way. They looked into more people to send the resolution to so that needs to be amended.

Senator Billman moved to amend page 2, line 11 to read: "Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to university president Marc Johnson, mayor Hillary Schieve, city council members David Bobzien and Oscar Delgado, and student council presidents of TMCC and WNC."

Senator Kuykendall seconded.

Amendment carried.

Senator Kuykendall said it was great. His concern was what they will do to market it and ensure it is being done.

Senator Billman said there was talk about that and ideas included an event for those that did participate, like a small concert. They wanted to have some kind of event to attract people. In the bigger picture, New York does a similar event where they have a concert festival with people participating all over the world. Having an event afterward is the main idea.

Senator Bussman asked how many hours they are collecting on average on Give Pulse.

Senator Billman didn't know.

Speaker Jackson asked Dr. Beattie if he knew.

Dr. Beattie said if they search UNR Give Pulse, it will be on the front page. That impact was based on an economic formula.

Senator Bussman looked it up and said it was 22,000 hours, which was considerably more than 1874.

Dr. Beattie said that was total since they got Give Pulse. A comparative day would be something like Greeks in the Streets a couple years ago. Having anything like that in a single day is incredible and hasn't been done in a while.

Senator S. Smith asked if that was just for the day of April 22nd or the entire week.

Senator Billman said that was just the goal for the total amount of hours in one day.

Senator Flangas said it seemed really big but they had a really big number of undergrad students. Having 1874 students log one hour in a day is not implausible. It was a great goal to set.

Senator Billman said there was 90ish nonprofits on Give Pulse and they wanted to expand that number. That was quite a few people they can work with to achieve that goal. It was going to take a lot of work but it was a really cool event if done properly.

Senator Bussman was wondering what happens once the goal is surpassed. He asked if the event's name needed to be changed.

Senator Billman said that can change and be adapted but that was the current vision.

Dr. Beattie said they can build up over time. The Undie Run two years ago got 13,000 pounds of clothes but it didn't start out that way. They don't have to change the name even if they get 5,000 hours.

There was no further discussion at this time; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

Speaker Jackson said they will do committee changes now so that when they come back from break they will be good.

Academics: Mondays 1:30 pm
Budget and Finance: Fridays 1 pm
Civic Engagement: Fridays 12pm
Gov. Ops: Fridays 3-4 pm
Public Affairs: Fridays 12 pm
University Affairs: 2 pm

Speaker Jackson said they may need to discuss some committees having the same meeting times.

Senator Becker asked if they can do alternating weeks.

Speaker Jackson said the only thing is when there are holidays and they have to move their times around. That makes it complicated when they need to schedule secretaries.

Senator Flangas said they will keep Civic Engagement at this time until the science fair. She wanted to maintain the same committee for the fair and then change their times. This will only be for about three weeks of overlap and then they will change time their meeting time to a new time.

Leg Clerk Iroz wanted to comment that they can keep the time but they also need to keep in mind that besides Academics, all the committees are meeting Fridays and for secretaries, there are only seven. It's a lot for them to go from one committee to another like that.

Senator Bussman said that he alternated his committee meeting with the Liberal Arts senators and their meetings with the dean. But because of holidays, it threw off his schedule and it was a nightmare trying to get back on track. That was a cautionary tale for them.

Senator Becker moved to remove himself from Budget and Finance by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Cook moved to remove himself from Academics and place himself on Civic Engagement by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

Speaker Jackson wanted everyone to talk about what they did for outreach. She contacted the president of the Reno Justice Coalition but never got a response. She reached out to a colleague in her class that is in the club. She had worked with this colleague before for Environmental Club. This colleague is starting an organization called Student Power Network. They are a cool organization that is doing student organizing and bringing student organizations together to for trainings. She connected the group with Associate Director Flores. She has been hanging out in the Center. They had great conversations about hard waiver insurance from last session and how that would potentially affect undocumented students. They also talked about creating possible undo-ally week. Tomorrow, she will go to Hug High school to speak with a women's group from the Gear Up program.

Senator Martinez went to all the res halls to talk to them. For them, they all had traditional programs so they should have something to talk about at Senate. He will work with them over break. He went to Nye, Sierra, and Peavine Halls primarily, so they will hear from them in the spring. He will inform them of the progress and on how to get involved in elections and how to get their council engaged.

Senator Bussman did outreach in the Center. He had an interesting experience in the Innovations Center when he met with James Ackerman. He talked about the innovations competition and the tour of the facility. There was a basement with 3d printers and other tools. He met with many students that spend their time their doing cool stuff.

Senator S. Smith was going to go to Latkes with AEPi. Unfortunately, she had a medical emergency and instead emailed the president. They had just elected a new president, so it threw her off, but she set up a meeting with the right president. They will be meeting next semester to talk about issues on campus.

Senator Flangas didn't make it to DC because they had a fancy dinner, but she will go later this week. She went to the Center earlier and went to a music education class. It was weird, but she talked to students about lobbying. In Nevada, you have to get certified for all music education which made the process longer. You had to get certified for choir, instruments, and string. Other states let you choose so you can get your degree in about 4 years but here it takes about 5 years. She will meet with Director Shultz to talk about it.

Senator Ca. Lee said her club had its Christmas party. Her club was Tri Beta and it was dedicated to promoting undergrad research. Many of the members were there. She noticed that many science majors didn't put their voices out there during the discussions at Senate. She asked her members why and they said they felt their voices didn't count. They didn't know they can go to the discussions. She told them they can also email their opinions if they can't make it.

Senator Tool said today, the College of Education had a reunion for NevadaFIT hosted by advisors. He met with many freshmen that didn't know about ASUN; he talked to them about what they do and how to get involved. Education is making their program mandatory for all incoming majors. That will make a difference and they are now looking for more mentors. The position is open to those beyond the education majors. They can email him or an advisor.

Speaker Jackson asked if they will change the program. It had been mostly HDFS centered before.

Senator Tool said this past summer, they were forced to incorporate more majors so they are doing that now, but he didn't know if they will more changes.

Senator Becker said in his CHS class, he was able to bring up the new CHS home page for the Community Health Sciences. He showed students the page and asked if they had suggestions. Students suggested opportunities for research. On the page, there is a section about research with a list of professors willing to do research. He brought it up to his dean to say it was cool they had included it and she said the list was three times as long. They are going to be adding to the list on the page.

Senator Compton said he sat down with his dean on doing outreach. He connected with him on the idea of making speaking out more intimate, so students feel they are being heard. The Journalism school will do a sit down with the senator when they come ack from break. He will be there so students can speak and invited anyone that wanted to join him.

Senator Cook said he and Senator Stopka had classes together, so they talked to their peers about campus safety to get a general consensus. The consensus was that they felt safe in regard to officials, but they didn't feel the university was safe for their ideas or beliefs.

Senator Mall said he and Senator Se emailed a few people and but none of them got back. They are planning on meeting with them next semester. He went to the ECC as well but there was only a handful of people. He got mixed responses regarding safety. One student from a bad neighborhood said he felt safe on campus but another student from a good neighborhood said she didn't feel safe. Besides that, he talked at the Center too for a few minutes.

Speaker Jackson asked what the ECC is.

Senator Mall said it was the Engineering Computing Center.

Senator Paningbatan went to DMS and sat around. It didn't work well so he started going into elevators to make small talk with people. It was awkward at first, but it was a great time to talk. He asked people their opinions on bills and resolutions. Most people didn't have answers, so he promoted ASUN and the upcoming elections.

Senator Lippi said he went to the Center last week to talk about safety. The general consensus was that people wanted them to do something besides legislation.

Speaker Jackson asked if people had any suggestions

Senator Lippi said they didn't have anything too concrete or no doable suggestions.

Senator Mah reached out to multicultural Greek life but they already had all their meetings, so he will schedule a meeting with them for next semester. He also went the Business Building Lounge to ask people what ASUN can do for diversity and inclusion. Most of them said they attended the forums and the Q & A's like Pizza with the President/UNR PD. Having more of those with open dialogue with the faculty was the general consensus.

Senator Cy. Lee said she originally wanted to go into club meetings, but all club meetings ended because the semester ended. She will go to QSU's meetings when the semester starts.

Senator Tralmer said he wanted to guide his intern since his intern wanted to get an Egyptian comedian guy to come to campus. This comedian goes around on tours talking about how good democracy is. He was explaining to his intern that you don't need to be a senator to be a community

leader and that comedian is a great example of that; his approach to solving the problems around the world is traveling the world to discuss them. He ran into that Lorenzo guy since he had a flashy suit. Senator Tralmer asked him about racial problems on campus. His solution was to run meditation workshops. His intern raised eyebrows during that conversation, but he told his intern that that guy is also a community member that saw an issue in the community and went out trying to fix it. he considered that man a leader too. he also discussed with speaker Jackson that something they can do as senators, without writing legislation, is giving students the leadership skills they need to go out and make change. A lot of people are upset but they don't feel like their voices are being heard because they don't know how to.

Speaker Jackson loved that idea of creating the space so students can create change.

Senator Se said he emailed the Society for Women Engineers. He didn't get a response, so he will email them again to set up a meeting for next semester to promote the elections and get their input. He also went to the ECC for office hours. He tried to talk to people but they were busy so he talked to his friends and his classes, but he didn't get much. Instead he promoted the upcoming elections like Senator Paningbatan.

Speaker Jackson said talking to people in elevators was great.

Senator Thummel said he noticed that in public comment last meeting, there was an individual that he knew who attended but didn't speak. Since they didn't speak, he emailed them to discuss issues and thank them for coming. Also, Speaker Jackson, Senator Bussman, and himself went to the Center and listened.

Senator Kuykendall said he logged hours for hanging out at the Mexican restaurant in the Business Building. He planned on going into the lounge, but it turned out that people like to study in there and didn't take him talking to people too well. You can move a chair in there and people would be mad at you for making too much noise. Many people didn't want to talk about the issues on campus, so they talked about issues with classes: enrollment, spaces in classes, and the professors offered in the college. That reaffirmed that it was a problem in his college. It was great to get that feedback. Additionally, outside of that, he spoke with individuals about safety on campus and walking along the roadways on Sierra and Evans. It's very dimly lit and the roads are eerie. There have also been concerns about suspicious activities. He did research and found out that many reports have been filed. Just in September, 16 reports of suspicious activity were filed. He thought they can do something in terms of safety and maybe use the Campus Cadets. He's heard a rumor that all they do is act as a campus Uber system. They can do more to help improve the safety in those areas. In 2008, there was an individual that was dropped off by the campus and was later kidnapped and murdered. Things like that can happen when they don't take safety seriously. He will begin projects moving forward.

Senator J. Smith said he and Senator Billman went to the Student Center in the Fleishmann building. They went in and talked to people and introduced themselves. It was hard to spark a conversation, but they put themselves out there. They also made a cool little sheet with their contact information and put it up. They let people know they can email them. Lunch time would probably be good time to do outreach.

Senator Billman said Senator J. Smith summed it up since they did their hours together. When they talked at the Center, they talked about the advisory board and how that was getting started. It was cool. The Center wasn't very busy and those that were there were dedicated to studying and they

didn't want to be too intrusive. They will go back during lunch time to try again since people are ready to talk then.

Speaker Jackson loved that contact sheet idea. She thought they should all use that. She reminded them to use business cards when they meet with students. They did an awesome job. It really informed them on how they can do help. Letting students email suggestions might seem small but they can advertise that more when they do have public meetings. She loved Senator Tralmer's point of inspiring and empowering others to be leaders. They all had that potential, so they need to brain storm that at the retreat.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Kuykendall said if they hadn't done so already, petition against net neutrality ending. It was a growing concern but if they are interested, look it up. Amodei had received funding from interest groups that wanted to end net neutrality so contact Amodei's office and anyone else they see fit.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Desamero said they had 89 signups already for the spring club fair. Their target was 200 in the past they had been limited because of limited space in the Joe, but this year they had more space available. Commissioner Raquel will give out the completed pocket manual at the event. Commissioner Hickman is doing the final design with inkblot and considering club performances. Expect a presentation of the finished changes to the funding manual in the spring. He submitted the final capital fund request to budget and finance to be heard in spring. The application came out to be around \$1100 total. He will work with front desk to purchase and store the items in the spring. Commissioner Wang's letter came in but he couldn't present it to them for today's meeting so they will hear it in the spring. Her last day will be December 31st according to the resignation letter but might stay on longer. If she can't stay longer, they will use Assistant Director Bittar as a proxy until they have someone new. He will conduct interviews hopefully this week. He expected to do a club lead brainstorm when they come back from break as well as an advisory board to make club lead sustainable in the long run. This would keep clubs accountable but no one in the department knows the origin of the system so they are doing research on seeing if this is feasible or outdated. He and Bittar are working on a budget review. He will meet with speaker Jackson to discuss clubs and orgs on the 21st and give some context. Last thing is the handout he sent out showing what the department has completed and what they are working on and what is nearing completion. The department has completed 11 short term projects and approaching completion for 5 projects. There are 21 projects in progress and are long term mostly. He wished them all luck with finals.

Speaker Jackson loved the report.

Director Desamero wished them all luck and apologized for being late.

Dr. Beattie congratulated them on making through their full semester as senators. They had been in office a little over 9 months and had about 3 months left. Take a break over break but also plan for anything they want to do before leaving. They will be back January 21st and will be surprised how quickly April will sneak up. He liked the outreach ideas. In the past, many people were scared of entering the Center, but they are now working to make it comfortable for all students. Students used to ask if they can go in there. Remember the Center is close and convenient but don't forget about TRiO, Dean's Future Scholars, and Veterans Services. At the very first senate meeting, they will need to give report again so keep that in mind. He asked them to think about making all office hours outreach hours since it wasn't a bad idea. Talking to students and going out there is the way to go and they will have an aha moment by talking to students. He felt the new outreach way was to go out and meet students after emailing or talking on social media first.

Intern Mange wanted to thank them all for working with interns and being amazing. He learned a lot by watching them interact and attending senate and committee meetings.

Speaker Jackson thanked the interns for being there and working hard. They are the ones that inspire senators; even if they don't know it.

Dr. Beattie said there was research about how mentors get more out of mentoring than mentees.

Senator Paningbatan wished them all happy holidays.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.