

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 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, Cyn. Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Lippi, Mah, Mall, Martinez, Paningbatan, Se, S. Smith, T. Smith, Stopka, Thummel, Tool, and Tralmer were present.

Senators Compton and Sarwar were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Marczynski said he was giving an update on the construction projects happening on campus. Starting with Great Basin Hall. It has been the project from hell since it took forever but it will open next fall with 420 beds for STEM majors. Some of the advantages with living in that hall is that there will be a computer lab that is hooked up to the engineering computer lab so all the software that engineers use will be in the computer lab too. Also, some science majors will have the software they need too. The computer lab will be available 24/7 but it won't be open to the general campus, but students can bring friends. The engineering department says the labs get used a lot, so this will help. Another feature is the innovational lab in the garage. It will be a place to work on projects. It's a large room with tables for working. Right now, making cover crafts, a typical freshmen project, is difficult when you're cramped in a tiny dorm. This way students aren't cramped. The other feature of the dorm is that the building was designed with upperclassmen living there, about 50 out of the 420 beds are for upperclassmen that want to be informal mentors to the STEM majors. They are looking for mentors if the body knew anyone or was in a STEM major. It is an unpaid position, but it will have perks. They aren't asking for a whole lot; the university just thinks it would be good to have 2nd and 3rd year STEM majors with freshmen STEM majors. The buildings will be done by June and will be occupied in Fall 2018. The building next to that is the new fine arts building. That is scheduled to be done by late Summer of 2018. The amazing thing about that project finishing up is that the campus will have a walk path to go north and south without any construction. That will be great and will ease up traffic and congestion between classes. On the horizon, they had the Pennington Engineering Building got funded by the legislature; the university is raising the other half. Construction is scheduled to start in the fall. The designs are being finished. The building will sit on Evans by the DMS area. On the other horizon is the new business building. They are looking for donors and is still in the concept stage. It will be on the on the

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gateway district, south side of campus by I-80. Those are the major projects. They also had minor things going on as well. The fitness center's first floor was replaced after not a year of use. There was a lot of talk surrounding what kind of floor to put in. They had to change floors because of costs and timing but it wasn't working the way they wanted it to. It was supposed to be more cushioned and bounce when weights were dropped but that was not happening, so it sounded really loud in the parking garage. They are pleased with the new floor. Last thing is they are trying to increase on campus housing for students after freshmen year. They had been hearing a lot of complaints from students that wanted to stay on campus but couldn't. They are trying for 25% of the body to stay on campus. Applications for rooms start in February. Primarily in Canada, Peavine, Sierra, and Great Basin. If they hear students saying they wanted to stay on campus, remind them they can. This includes anyone that lived on campus and then let but wanted to come back. Sophomores and above don't need meal plans to live on campus.

Senator Ca. Lee said the flyer he passed out mentioned priority housing. She asked what that means.

Dr. Marczynski said there was a queue of when you can sign up. It was based on a formula that included number of years on campus and GPA. If they are selected as a peer mentor, they can get ahead of that. They designed specific rooms for the mentors. They were 4-5 bedroom suites with private rooms and a shared living space with microwaves and shared bathrooms. If chosen as mentors, they get to sign up for those rooms before anyone else.

Chief of Staff Bradley asked if they will still have RA's.

Dr. Marczynski said yes. The peer mentors are very informal and are meant to get students who want to mentor a chance.

Senator Flangas asked if undecided majors that are science-based able to apply.

Dr. Marczynski said they have looked at that. Many students also come in as dual majors; as long as they have a STEM related major dual majors will be allowed. For undecided students, if they are bent towards STEM and make the university aware of that, that is fine too.

Senator Ca. Lee asked what happens if a freshman moved in as a STEM major but then changes the major.

Dr. Marczynski said since it wasn't like the LLC, they can stay in the building or leave if there is space somewhere else, but they won't be moved if they change. For the LLC, they do that since students often share classes. They are assuming many students will be in the same classes in Great Basin because there isn't much room for variety with STEM related classes, but students don't have to share classes like in the LLC.

Senator Martinez asked if they will require RA's to be STEM majors.

Dr. Marczynski said ideally yes but they realize that may not be possible. But it will be a goal.

There were no further questions at this time.

Dr. Beattie said tonight, there will be legislation presented to change the constitution.

Speaker Jackson said the legislation won't be heard tonight because legal didn't back to her in time for it to be heard at Oversight. It will be heard this Friday and if it is recommended at Friday's Oversight meeting, then it will be heard at Senate next week. But what he had to say was still pertinent.

Dr. Beattie said this legislation will be to amend the Constitution. To do that the ballot has to go out and be passed by 2/3's of the people voting. Not 50% plus one, it was 2/3's of students. There was a piece of legislation two years ago that failed by 11 votes. It was an interesting process. When they vote on legislation to amend the constitution, they aren't actually changing anything; it was to allow students to make the decision. Keep in mind this was not normal legislation and they don't vote based on whether they think it should be passed or not. When Senate votes on things like creating gender inclusive bathrooms. If that passes senate, then the opinion is put out there. If this passes, it will go through legal and then the offices of Drs. Marczynski and Ellis, then the Provost's office, and finally the Chancellor's office before the constitution changes. At one point, it went through the Board of Regents too. There are a lot of steps but in the end, Senate's role is to decide if students should be allowed to vote to change the constitution. The other thing is this weekend, Programming had an event where a young lady fell and hurt her knee. Campus escort actually came and gave the student a ride to her parents and Director Kinel personally went with her. He asked why that was important.

Senator S. Smith said that showed that the university cared about students personally. This wasn't just a student but someone the university cares about.

Senator Becker said it built a better personal relationship between ASUN and students.

Dr. Beattie said Director Kinel can give a million speeches about caring about constituents, but actions are more important. A lesser director may have sent an intern. Director Kinel instead took it upon herself; she didn't sit there and think to herself that as the director it would be symbolic for her to go. She did it because it was the right thing to do. This shows students and parents that she cared, and it showed that she trusted her department to keep the event going without her. He thought it was a great example of leadership and wanted to share that with Senate.

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

There were 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

Senator Martinez left the room at 6:14 pm.

Chief of Staff Bradley thanked everyone that came to the Soho taste testing. She had the results. The number one choice was the number one. It will be called the 1874; and the Mackay made it on there too. There was no point in choosing which one they liked more since they are both doing well. Senator Flangas told her that many students are ordering them. She met with Soho and they are willing donate a portion of the proceeds to go the endowment fund. She will set up a meeting with Director Rodriguez and Dr. Beattie about coordination and models since she wasn't familiar with that. This will set the groundwork for expanding it to other Pack Friendly Businesses and also pushing the Campus to the City Initiative. This moved to intervention and prevention similar to It's on US and Green Dot. Green Dot missed the messaging but It's on Us misses action, so they are meshing them. She will loop in some officers but if they are interested, they can email her or text her. She will form a subcommittee for the project. She will interview the dean of students next week with Speaker Jackson and a few others. She is also wrapping up retreat invoices.

Senator Martinez entered the room at 6:16 pm.

Speaker Jackson said having the proceeds go to the Mackay Endowment fund was a big deal since it was goal for years and it was finally happening. She wanted to give kudos to Chief of Staff Bradley since it was a big deal.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero

f. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

Assistant Director Lensch said they had a busy weekend with Welcome Back Week but they are now done. The events were successful; he gave a shout out to the programmers and interns since they were at the forefront and worked hard on everything. He wanted to thank them for coming to the making ties events. Those that came got to talk with constituents. He will name those that came based on the list on Give Pulse. If he missed anyone he was sorry but thank you to: Senators Martinez, Bussman, Jackson, Mall, Flangas, Lee and Se as well as Director Gbenjo, VP Atienza, Projects Coordinator Nelson, and Interns Green, Purdue, and Castillo for helping out. He had a few updates for what's coming up. They will work with the Queer Student Union for the drag show partnership. The event will be March 14th from 7-9 pm in the ballrooms. They have recently determined the date for spring concert but are keeping it on wraps until they have a location. They will announce it soon. The department will meet tomorrow to talk about some things; all programmers and interns are presenting ideas for a new spring tradition. They are also choosing dates for Mackay Week and choosing events for the inclusion series. Family Weekend is April 20-22nd. Programmers Lew and Dutcher are working hard on that; they will probably reach out later for help.

Speaker Jackson wanted to give kudos to programming for making outreach events so everyone can feel connected ASUN. She was excited and can't wait to see how they move forward.

g. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason

h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz

Director Shultz said they had a Legislative Affairs meeting tonight at 7 pm. He will move the meetings to weekly meeting since last semester, the communication across directors was not very good. They are looking for more partnerships to coordinate the chalkboards. The first subject was women in politics for smart talks. For policy, the department was trying to get up the policy tracker. It was more difficult than he thought it would be mostly because they don't want to censor either side even if it was a terrible point of view because that infringes on freedom of speech. For the rest of the department, Policy Director Overholser and Policy Coordinator World look like they will be a good pair and Projects Director Truscott and Projects Coordinator Nelson have worked together before. He looked forward to seeing them all work together. He was still getting contacts from the assembly position that was open but had no formal invitations to bring anyone to campus.

i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo

j. Director of Sustainability, Brita Romans

Director Romans apologized since she had strep throat. For sustainability, the biggest thing was the deadline for SNIF. Tomorrow she will see if anyone applied. She talked to President and will revamp it in a new way. She met with Michael Upton who ran the program a couple of years ago. He said he ran into the same problems she had been having and ways they have been trying to address them. She met with Director Desamero about clubs that could be interested. She emailed them with the dates for the SNIF meetings. They made videos and blog posts and published interviews in the

Sagebrush and she found that people still didn't know about SNIF. She didn't know how to incentivize it besides the fact that it was a \$10,000 grant. Besides her entering into the position late and the deadlines being sporadic, there were other problems. She thought they needed to take the program somewhere else and have it finalized differently. She is trying to figure out how to get a website with Raul, so they can have another way to inform the campus of what is being done and what has been done. For composting in the Joe, she met with the company the campus already uses for grass and tree clippings. The university sells the company the clippings and then the university buys it back and that is how the quad is fertilized during graduation. They really inspired her and had many ideas for food wasting composting. She needed to see the budget and what they needed from ASUN. She also learned about a recycling grant available to higher education institutions. The deadline is the end of February, so they needed to work fast, but it was an awesome opportunity. It was a \$50,000 grant that they can use for many things. She didn't have any ideas yet but if they had any ideas send them her way. She will talk to her advisor and President Teixeira to see if they had anything immediate. If not, she will brainstorm.

k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg

Speaker Jackson read the report into the record and passed out a summary of Director Walberg's accomplishments:

"Hello Everyone! Sorry I could not be in attendance today; the beginning of the semester is always so hectic! So, I have printed out a summarized compilation of notes from the survey that I sent out to the local leadership teachers. As you can see, the only date that has been 100% solidified so far is with Reno High School. I should have the "curriculum" finalized within the next week-ish so that I can share that with the Public Affairs Committee and revise that if needed. My main worry right now is the time restraint, as I have a lot of content I would love to go over (in a perfect world). With the Pack Friendly Business campaign, I have submitted a request for the ASUN credit card to get envelopes that will actually fit the new decal sticker but also look professional. I'm also working with Inkblot to get a double-sided handbill made that will have the decal sticker directions and also encourage these businesses to post on social media so that we can RT them! Today, I asked Raul to take down the "Best of Reno 2017" survey. We extended that deadline to the end of January get more submissions. So, thank you to all who filled that out! Looking ahead, I'm looking forward to working with the Senate Body to revise my SAS duties because I feel as though that would give the next person in my position the structure to continue in the Association's direction. Please email me with any question, comments, or concerns as we are all approaching the "wrap up" period of our initiatives! I'm so excited for the weeks to come!"

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson

Director Henderson said 10 days of health is happening and she is very excited. She will run over the days. The first day is a free BBQ with turkey and veggie burgers. Then they will do an It's on Us event. Then they will do a meet the experts panel at night in the Wells Fargo Auditorium. Then they are having nursing students and community professionals to talk about biological health. They will then have a day for safe sex and the health center will do free testing in the KC. Then they are doing a social media day on the fifth day to spread relaxation techniques. The following Monday is a stop the stigma style event to talk about addictions. Then they are doing pack bounces back with adult bounce houses. Then they are doing civic engagement on Wednesday with cards for sick days. The next day is to work with the counseling center to do puppy yoga. The counseling center will provide the puppies, the instructor, and the mats in the KC. The last day will be a relaunch to wrap it all up. They will have hats and stickers. They do share that information with ASUN, so it was in their best interest to promote that survey. There is an incentive if they do participate. The survey is sent out to 8,000 undergrads and look for 1000 responses. If they get the email, please take it and please and tell their constituents to take it as well.

Senator S. Smith asked what her email was.

Senator Henderson said directorcampuswellness@asun.unr.edu. If anyone wanted to help with 10 days of health she welcomed it. right now, it was her, Programmer Dutcher, and her intern and they have been busy.

Speaker Jackson said that was an incredible amount of work for three people; if they needed volunteers let her know.

m. Attorney General, Cameron Harris

Speaker Jackson read the report into the record: I don't have much to report today but I will be presenting to the candidates next Tuesday about the Election Code. I will be working with Raul to make sure every campaign is set up to file with the new online filing system.

n. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella

Speaker Jackson read the report into the record:

“Good evening Senators! Elections season has kicked off with the opening of filing on Monday. Today we had the Filing Workshop which went well! I have spoken with Ink Blot and finalized all the proofs for the posters and handbills to be distributed for PR for elections. The commission has also decided on a company to provide ADA closed captioning for the recorded debates. I hope you're all having a great week and continue to be superstars!”

o. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Jackson said for senator of the week, this is someone she has seen in the office a lot working hard; it was evident they were ready to finish the rest of the term strong. This person was Senator Flangas.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee

Senator Ca. Lee said: My first committee meeting will be held next week Monday. We were supposed to have an unofficial meeting last week but seeing that it was unofficial nobody showed up. That's okay though, it was just senator Cynthia Lee and I putting the finishing touches on some legislation we were going to present to our committee during our upcoming meeting. Again, one of them is just a resolution for distributing the funds we already have to the students researching abroad this summer. Another one is the 12-credit legislation senator Cyn. Lee, Speaker Jackson, and I have been working on, and this will be presented the next senate meeting.

b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Justin Kuykendall

Senator Kuykendall said they will meet this Friday at 1 pm in the President's Conference Room. They will review the Undergrad Research Journal, the Contingency Fund, and Leadership Programs. They will look at plans for the semester of each account and should be easy. They also had three pieces of legislation. One was an act to use the capital fund to replace resources for clubs and orgs.it was brought to his attention by director Desamero since there are many things that are broken. For example, the popcorn machine is actually duct taped. Another piece of legislation was to reallocate funds to Pack Provisions since they are running short. The last one was to relocate the ASUN retreat and banquet line items.

Dr. Beattie said the legislation for Pack Provisions was good since it meant more students were using them. The stigma that existed before has diminished. Good job getting the word out.

c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas

Senator Flangas said they will meet this Friday at 12 pm. She realized she didn't book the conference room so expect a location change. They will talk about the science fair. The job is set so they need to buy food. There hadn't been much club interaction, so she will send out an email again. She will try to push it back out. The clubs didn't need to be science-based but she will send out another email to science clubs. She also asked they forward the email to any clubs they are in. there is money for the clubs to use as well. She met with Director Koeckes about Reading Week. The date was tentatively in the beginning of April. It will be a good way for current and entering officers to work together. GSA will also be helping. She asked they plan on having a book drive at the end of their term.

Speaker Jackson asked Senator Flangas to follow up with her since she thought the conference room might be booked. Also, when reaching out to clubs, she asked the committee members to CC Senator Flangas on all emails, so she can keep track of everything and keep everyone accountable.

Senator Kuykendall said he looked it up and the conference room was open this Friday at 12 pm. He asked Senator Flangas if Reading Week didn't have a solidified week. Last year, he remembered that last year, it was early during elections.

Senator Flangas said there was Nevada Seuss Reading Day and then there was the Reading week. The beginning of march is the reading day and towards the middle of March during UNR's spring break was reading week. The district's spring break was the two weeks after UNR's. because spring breaks don't coincide, it just aligned this way, but it also means that they can get more people involved.

d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel

Senator Thummel said the committee will have its first meeting at 3 pm. He wanted to get updates on legislation the committee members had been working on before break and have a timeline of when the legislation will be completed. On top of that, he is working on legislation with Senator Martinez regarding the elections commission; they will see that soon. Senator Becker and he are writing legislation for the Directors of Sustainability and Wellness. Attorney General Harris mentioned this in his last report, but Attorney General Harris is meeting with all their directors about their duties in the SAS. Senator Thummel said he will tag along.

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

Senator Becker said they had their first meeting last Friday and it went well. They put legislation through that was put in by Legislative Affairs regarding affirmative action. They can expect that at next week's meeting. Something else that is great, for the k-12 outreach, Public Affairs was getting very involved. They are waiting for responses from some schools. He wanted to make it concrete within Public Affairs. The committee had the veterans luncheon and the 9/11 commemoration in the fall, but the spring has nothing. The committee will meet next Friday; they will discuss legislation written by Senator Paningbatan.

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

Senator Bussman said: University Affairs meeting agendized for 2pm this Friday. Me and Senator S. Smith met with Dean Modellmog and a bunch of other administrators to talk about an interdisciplinary design thinking minor. There was a dean or a representative present from every college and a few others as well, so it was a very diverse group. The consensus was that everybody liked the idea of the minor but a few of the deans expressed concern about the time constraints of their own students being able to take the required classes. At that point the discussion moved in the direction of micro-credentialing. So basically, it would likely start with enough infrastructure to

give students certification, and then the success of that program would be used as a model for expansion. Dean Modellmog also had me present New Innovations@ Nevada at that meeting. There was a lot of interest in the program but since I wasn't approaching them for any resources there wasn't really a decision to be made. On the topic of New Innovations@ Nevada, the timing didn't work out for Director Denny to meet over winter break so we're going to start with a conference call. I should be meeting with Ellen Purpus and Kelly Northridge either later this week or early next week to talk about our strategy and what we want to get out of the meeting. Once we meet with Director Denny we'll be able to orient our efforts for things like marketing and infrastructure.

- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez
- 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 motions to fast-track appointments at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

- a. **NOMINATION OF KATIE WORRALL TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY ANALYST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Senator Ca. lee moved to approve the nomination of Katie Worrall to the Office of Policy Analyst for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Thummel seconded.

Director Shultz said they had to fill big shoes with former Policy Analyst Romans, but Ms. Worrall will do great. She was an intern last year but left right before he came in, so they barely missed each other. She was publicly engaged, and her intelligence and spirit will be great tools for the department. He was hoping they approve her.

Ms. Worrall thanked them for having her. She was a 3rd year studying political science and international affairs with a minor in geography. She transferred from Cal Poly in the fall of 2016 for a variety of reasons, but one was she felt she didn't belong until she came to UNR. She has been highly involved in politics and volunteered on a campaign and for nonprofits. She is passionate about youth homelessness in Reno because it is a growing problem. There are also many organizations that could help her. Her goal is to start working on legislation and talking to students on campus. She wanted to try and go to as many club meetings as possible to form relationships, so they can work together to create legislation that is inclusive of all opinions and perspectives on campus. With that, she would love to represent students in the community.

The body moved to questions at this time.

Senator Becker said when she presented in front of oversight, she discussed her internship at the Nevada Legislature. He asked if she could elaborate on it.

Ms. Worrall said she was an intern for the Department of Legislative Affairs for a little bit because she was offered an internship at the Nevada Legislature as a communications intern. There she formed summaries of the bills that Democrats wanted to pass and formed social media plans for outreach. She sorted through legislation and then created condensed versions. She met

with many legislators and had some knowledge of how to form bills in committees and how they get passed.

Senator S. Smith said she mentioned engaging with clubs on campus to see what legislation they wanted. Senator S. Smith asked if Ms. Worrall had any clubs in mind.

Ms. Worrall wanted to reach out to service and community clubs as well as social and political clubs. She was thinking about reaching out to the Reno Justice Coalition and The Queer Student Union as well as organizations that are nonpartisan. This is an issue that is important and shouldn't be one-sided.

Senator Tool asked if her involvement with other orgs on campus would interfere.

Ms. Worrall said she saw herself first as a rep. She was not happy with the polarization of politics now. She thought it was important to listen first, no matter the affiliation. She was looking forward to being in the position, so she can talk to people with prior notions.

Senator Thummel asked what goal she wanted to accomplish first since they were far into the session

Ms. Worrall said she had a sponsor in the legislature for the youth homelessness, so she wanted to form a committee of campus and community leaders to draft it. Drafting it would be the first step.

Senator Cyn. Lee said her goals stated increasing revenues to fund public education. She asked what her plans are for that.

Ms. Worrall said mostly through reforming the tax system. Reforming the tax system was a lofty goal, but she wanted to see the burden of taxes come off of lower income families and have more accountability with gaming and mining. She wanted to have some kind of reciprocity, so they don't feel like we are taking their profits. They can have students contribute to their successes.

There were no further questions for the candidate; the body moved to discussion.

Senator Billman said he liked her presentation. She set realistic goals for the short time she had, and she had establishment and experience.

Senator Becker said her internship at the Nevada legislature was the equivalent of what the position is in ASUN. They had similarities and crossovers and aligned with her career path.

Speaker Jackson said that when they are hearing candidates, it was important they give the candidates their attention. She saw many of them on their computers so make sure they pay attention.

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

Motion carried.

Katie Worrall was sworn in as Policy Analyst for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

b. **NOMINATION OF MACKENZIE NELSON TO THE OFFICE OF PROJECTS COORDINATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Senator Cyn. Lee moved to approve Mackenzie Nelson to the Office of Projects Coordinator. Senator Tool seconded.

Director Shultz said he had been in classes with Mr. Nelson for quite some time. Mr. Nelson has demonstrated intelligence with his ability to speak and lead others. He was chosen for the projects coordinator position because he was an RA, so he has experience running voter initiative drives. Additionally, Mr. Nelson laid out a plan over winter break for Director Shultz. One of the conditions for Mr. Nelson being hired was that he come with a timeline; he has the timeline. Director Schultz said he was a strong candidate.

Mr. Nelson said he was a junior majoring in international affairs with specialization in diplomacy and law and a political science major and an English writing major. He was very interested in politics since he was in high school. Since college, he has been looking to get involved politically. He had three main goals. He wanted to increase student education, student awareness, and student participation in the political process. Those are the three main pillars of what he is trying to do; all the events he plans next semester will have some aspect of those three. They will continue the smart talks this semester. They will do four talks with a variety of topics including political inclusion as well as meeting state legislators and a governor's series. This way, students can engage with political figures, ask questions, and learn about political issues. He also wanted to extend the make your mark event that debuted last semester. He wants to make them monthly tabling events with themes. They can also go along with the smart talks. At every single event, he wants to do voter registration drives to help encourage participation and ready students for the midterm election. They will encourage students to vote if they find issues or have something they want to change. The best way to make change is to vote and be active in state and local politics. Those are the main things he wanted to do over the next semester.

The body moved to questions at this time.

Senator S. Smith said she wanted to go back to the first goal about raising awareness; because of polarization behind the polarization of politics, she asked what he thought the best way was to approach that since students didn't always want to be involved.

Mr. Nelson said they didn't want to push that on people. There are days he turns on the news and has to turn it off because he wasn't ready to hear what they say. He wanted to find ways to get students excited. For the events, he will collaborate with on camps groups. For one talk, he will collaborate with the Business Student Council. He also wanted to collaborate with other political groups on campus. He wanted to bring in debates, so they had all the main sides. The main focus of the smart talks is to promote dialogue among students and local politicians. That will educate students, so they can make more educated evaluations of political problems and maybe influence and understand each other and other political ideologies. That is a big problem, the alienation between political groups. The best way to do that is bridge the divide.

Senator Kuykendall said looking at goals, his theme of political and social awareness was a great idea. He asked how Mr. Nelson would measure the success of students learning something new since most people go to events expecting to confirm what they already think.

Mr. Nelson said they will do that through a couple of different ways. He wanted to get many people with diverse opinions and present both sides so students hear both. As far as other awareness, he would use tabling. Tabling is widely student driven with students putting their

own goals on a board. That was there for others to see. Even if they don't participate, they see that; that can be measured with participants. They also wanted to increase participation for the smart talks. If they can increase participation, they are increasing outreach and the effects on students.

Senator Becker said it was great enforcing Make Your Mark, but he asked what the advantage of that was and where the information from the board would go.

Mr. Nelson said the biggest benefit for students was participation and voter registrations. The other aspect of that is to take the results to inform ASUN's policy goals and actions so they represent student goals and views. He wants to ensure the goals ASUN has are the ones they see over and over from students.

Senator Thummel asked what his first goal would be seeing they are so far in the session.

Mr. Nelson said the first thing was increasing participation. They had the timelines and events set already. He will reach out to professors that are in fields concerned with the talks and reach out to student groups, so they can drive awareness. He would also increase signage and social media.

There were no further questions at this time; the body moved to discussion.

Senator Becker said he was great. He had the best perspective for Make Your Mark, especially with what the event will give ASUN. By making the event monthly, it can be passed on to the next projects coordinator.

Senator Billman said the timeline was a great idea and holds him accountable for the short amount of time he had. It showed drive to get what he wanted done.

Senator S. Smith said off of that, the timeline was a great initiative and reflected what he can do as a projects coordinator.

Senator Flangas said the integration of voter registration in all events was a great initiative. If they can get updates on how many people, they register then it was a great check on the department by senate.

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

Motion carried.

Mackenzie Nelson was sworn in as Projects Coordinator for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Tool left the room at 6:13 pm.

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

There was no legislation up for first reading at this time.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were motions to fast-track legislation at this time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

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

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to Place a Question on the Ballot for the 2018 General Election
Speaker Jackson said they will discuss the legislation on this Friday's Oversight meeting if they wanted to come. There were minor changes so the new legislation will be discussed at next week's Senate meeting.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

Senator Martinez moved to add to add himself to the Committee on Government Operations by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Ca. lee said Senator Trader had mentioned not being able to make Mondays at 1:30 pm. She asked if that was still the case.

Senator Tralmer said the tutoring center assigned him to a class that meets at the same time as Academics. The center also had biweekly meetings Friday afternoon, but he wasn't sure if those meetings would be the same week as the committee meetings. If they do, he might have a problem.

Speaker Jackson asked he get the information as soon as possible so they can figure that out.

b. Senator Reports

Speaker Jackson said she met with Nettie Stevens who is the chair of the Black Caucus for the democratic party in Nevada and a senior studying engineering. She was very involved in the community. They discussed further fostering student activism in the community. Ms. Stevens had some great ideas for legislation and future collaborations with ASUN, so more students can testify at the legislature.

Senator Martinez said he went to making ties and did tabling for club fair. Since he is an RA, he reached out to many individuals there. He has been taking to other RA's in other halls about supporting student campaigns. When he was in the halls, it was difficult to paint signs and make buttons. He has been contacting RA's, so the students know to come to him.

Senator Bussman said: I've been going back and forth with two different constituents who have expressed concern with the hours of operation of the shuttle system not meeting their needs. Which is pretty convenient because parking and transportation just opened the conversation about the future of the shuttle system. The presentation kind of confused me more than it did explain their reasoning; hopefully where are going to have a discussion during the next oversight meeting about the topic and hopefully Speaker Jackson and I can make a list of questions and data that we'd like to see from parking and transportation. Many students that voice concerns and many classes outside of the hours of operation so needed

Speaker Jackson said this Friday's Oversight meeting will talk about that. They will be formulating a list of questions to ask the parking. If anyone wanted to be involved in that discussion, Oversight meets at 4 pm. They can also email or text her.

Senator S. Smith said last semester, she was supposed to meet with the president of the Jewish fraternity on campus, but things got in the way. They will be meeting next week. She thought many students liked the forums, but students wanted to see something done. She wanted to meet with the president of a religious minority to see what they think and see what ASUN should do. She also went to the ice skating; it was fun, and she only fell once. She ran into a girl that wanted to run for Senate. It was cool to see this girl approach her and talk about what it was like to run.

Senator Ca. Lee said she went to the club fair. She had her water bottle at the table with the NSRUJ sticker and someone asked her what it was. They talked about it and she explained it was for everyone. She also talked about what publishing a paper could do and if they needed help, to contact her.

Senator Becker chatted with clubs at club fair about what the clubs do and what would benefit the constituents that he encountered most. Since he was in CHS, he found many of the clubs related to CHS majors to talk. Four of his friends are running for senate so he has been helping with filing and reviewing their materials. He was also interested in finding out how to get involved with international students about having them run for students. They can't make a seat for international students, but he wanted to find a way to get them involved and find out why they aren't involved.

Speaker Jackson said that was great. She had contacts for the advisors if he needed them.

Senator Stopka said because of work and his internship, he couldn't go to anything so he cheated and talked to constituents that he worked with during their lunch breaks. They talked about ASUN and what they liked and didn't like and listed the main things. Over winter, he met with Andrea King about sexual assault; they bounced ideas and talked about the dorm script he wanted. She added to it and ran it by Daniel Fred. He is reviewing it, so it can be implemented.

Speaker Jackson asked what highlights he heard from talking to students.

Senator Stopka said there were three things. The first was that students didn't know what ASUN was doing so he told them about the outreach things. Second was the Lombardi construction interfering with classes. The third thing was a lack of parking and a lack of drastic action with the swastikas. Some good things students talked about were the growth on campus and the focus on diversity and inclusion and the support for the DACA students.

Senator Cook couldn't make club fair but like Senator Becker, he had three or four friends that wanted to run for senate, so he has been answering questions and helping them know what to expect. He reached out to Trudy Larson to get back to their monthly meetings; he is waiting for a response, but he wanted to tell her they will vote on reapportionment soon.

Senator Flangas said she started the week with posting her senate headshot on Instagram. She had a clever caption and had many people slide into her DM. Everyone should do that since she sat down with 7 people about running and had fun. She also attended club fair and represented ASUN. They had signs about running and many came up to talk about that. She went to making ties and that was fun. She also met with many students that wanted to run. She even had a meeting after senate.

Senator Mall since winter break, he met with the associate dean and they talked about a lot of stuff including sexual assault awareness and innovation day. This Friday, he will meet with the engineering leadership council. Within the last 5 weeks he has talked to four people about running and they all seemed very interested. He helped his intern submit legislation. He also toured UCLA's campus and it was cool. Even though UNR was a smaller campus, we do so much more.

Senator Paningbatan said his outreach stemmed from the legislation he is working on. He met with the Wolf Shop; it was legislation to put in infrastructure for vending machines that are supported by the Wolf Shop. He wanted to do that since he took a class that inspired him. Second, he rode the bus with no destination to talk to constituents. It was like the elevator thing. He got many students' input and feedback about transportation. Another outreach thing he did was wear his senate shirt and raise awareness about elections.

Speaker Jackson loved it. She asked him to come to Friday's meeting to share the feedback he got.

Senator Lippi on Tuesday he spoke to an anatomy class he helps teach about running for senate and the filing process. One student was interested. He is working on a resolution to extend the library hours as opposed to putting out a question in the elections survey since it wasn't really worth it, and Dr. Beattie said it wouldn't be possible. He is planning a research event with the dean of the College of Science. They hoped to have the put together by the end of April.

Senator J. Smith said since elections are coming up, he has been talking to many of his friends about getting involved and running. Since he is a senator with no campaign experience, he told them they can go through elections together. He will also put on his polo – now that he has one – and talk to students about outreach and ASUN elections.

Senator Mah said with elections, he reached out to those he thought might run. He was able to meet up with three people that are applying from different colleges. He told them about his experiences, what campaigning was like, what resources are available, and what organizations they can talk to.

Speaker Jackson said great job on getting people to run.

Senator Cyn. Lee said she went to a give pulse administrator training, so she can post stuff about the science fair on there. While there, there was a student that recognized her. They talked about what to expect during campaigning, the overall experience with senate, and about each committee. For the science fair, he will meet with the graduate student association to decide what they want to do.

Senator Tralmer said there was a kid in his study group last semester that wanted to get involved with senate, but the kid got an internship, so it won't happen for now. He has been dropping senate into conversations with his peers and friends. After the presentation from parking services, he shared the information with his friends. Many people in the Highlands are upset since buses don't start till 8 but classes start at 7 am. They are paying over \$100 he believed to buy shuttle passes but they can't use them. There wasn't an easy solution to that. what he gathered from the presentation was that they wanted to make an express line and that was big hit. He sat in the center waiting for his phone to charge and participated in a discussion about putting a soul food place in the Joe.

Senator Kuykendall said he went to club fair and did a similar thing to Senator Becker. He went to clubs to see what they do and ask them questions. He also talked to constituents along the way.

He opened up with what he does and then moved to elections. He didn't have much conversation about senate since many were focused on other things. He also went to making ties. He didn't sign up on Give Pulse, so he didn't get a programing shout out, but he did go. That was a great event. He talked to constituents. Even though they didn't talk about how to better the university, it was nice to get to know his constituents. He explained expectations and even though was technically a 6-hour commitment, your job goes beyond meetings and you shouldn't run just because it looks good on a resume. You get what you put in. He was lowering expectations but also raising the bar.

Senator Thummel said for his tabling, he did TEDx with Senator Bussman. Many people came up to them wondering what the event was. The conversation kept coming back to ASUN, so he let them know what ASUN was and why they should be excited he also was approached by some organizations that he is in about running for senate. He pointed people in the right direction regarding who they need to talk to within the College of Business, so they have an idea.

Speaker Jackson thanked Senators Thummel and Bussman and Chief of Staff Bradley for signing up to table for TEDx; they sold out on student tickets.

Senator Se said he had been doing the office hours in in the engineering computer lab. He had been forgetting to bring out his business cards, so he started carrying the whole box in his backpack. He wanted to post things on the board they have. He has been listening to students since it was hard for him to talk to people. He went to the Making Ties event and will do the Public Deliberative Forum as a facilitator. He will do the training on Monday.

Speaker Jackson said listening was just as impactful as talking so he shouldn't discredit himself; that is awesome.

Senator Billman was at the tabling for TEDx. He had been doing the advisory board and got access to the CABNR listserv. He has been sending out emails. The advisory board apps will close in February, so he has been talking to people that were interested. He also had some people email him about what they wanted to see in CABNR, but they weren't interested in applying so that was cool.

Speaker Jackson couldn't wait to see the advisory board.

Senator Flangas asked if speaker Jackson could update them on the website she was working on.

Speaker Jackson said the website was finalized. She was working on a draft email to send out to students about it so expect it to go live tomorrow. The only thing that wasn't complete yet was that it was housed under the CSE website, but it will be housed under the university website. To remind them, it was a website that compiled all the resources students have as well as university policies for organizing on campus or civic engagement activities. There was a learn section about policies, a FAQ page about freedom of speech and other related things. There was an act link that gave students a guide of how to organize and event. Finally, support was all the resources, including the hate bias hotline and form. The Sagebrush published a great article on it if they wanted to learn more, but she was also happy to talk to them. She has also been talking to the dean of liberal arts about putting the website on the main page for liberal arts. She was hoping to integrate it into all the college's pages.

Senator Flangas asked if the website had a place that would link them to the different places.

Speaker Jackson said yes; it linked to the actual department webpages, like the Title IX office or Facilities.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Kuykendall said Director Desamero approached him about an application for an outstanding business student. If they knew anyone let them know. He will post the link to apply on the Facebook page when he gets it.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief of Staff Bradley wanted to give a shout out to programming for welcome back week as well as to clubs and orgs for the club fair; it was really well organized. She also gave a shout out to speaker Jackson for mc-ing TEDx, it was fantastic.

Speaker Jackson wanted to give Commissioner Hickman a thumbs up for the club fair with layout and all that. It was really cool and successful.

Dr. Beattie wanted to reiterate club fair. Commissioner Hickman made a map, so she would know where every single club was. She also put coalitions together and put signs up, so you could easily find the area with the types of clubs you wanted. It was a great idea and using that moving forward would be good. They have had religious groups get lost in the Greek organizations so this helped increase equity. The layout also made it so that you had to walk by everyone and it helped with traffic. The organization was well thought out. Also, he was a big fan of senator Paningbatan plan of talk or walk plan where students had to talk to him. It was creative. He was excited about the legislation they are seeing. He asked they get more people to run since the more people run, the better they can vet out candidates. Four candidates ere already up on the website. He will have a busy Friday posting everyone. He was hoping to have record numbers of candidates. The best way to increase the number of voters, in a healthy manner, was to have a lot of candidates since that leads to more and more people talking about elections.

Senator Kuykendall asked Dr. Beattie if there was a way to have a link that could take them to the candidates' platforms when they vote.

Dr. Beattie said he should meet with Raul to discuss what Senator Kuykendall meant. He wasn't sure since he didn't know anything about IT.

Senator Flangas asked if they can put a question on the ballot about how students found out about elections.

Dr. Beattie said he was putting together a long-term plan for election surveys. He wanted to utilize it well but also keep it short. It used to be long and he got many complaints mainly because people didn't know it was optional. They usually get an 80% return rate which was really high for surveys. Last year, they took a break on that and instead utilized it to inform constituents about the surveys provided in the form of a survey. They were asked if they knew what NSURJ was or if they had ever used campus escort. This year, they will do a survey. He was thinking of doing the survey every other year. that was the data that helped them know how students hear about elections and other events.

Senator Flangas asked if he can give a report on the questions they will put out.

Dr. Beattie said yes. Raul gave a deadline for March 1st for all the questions, so they have time to make the ballot and they need to test it out. As soon as he has the questions, he didn't mind talking to senators about them. He will have to think about reporting on them during a public meeting since he didn't want to create bias before the elections. He had no problem reporting the data afterwards. If they had any questions that they thought should be included let him know. How was trying to keep the survey down to 10 questions or

less. Anything more than 10 questions is taxing, and he didn't want to run the risk of students telling others that the survey after was really long and that stopping people from voting. He will also run the questions by the office of student persistence since they are data people and he is not.

Speaker Jackson said Senators Cook, J. Smith, and Thummel needed to send their office hours to Secretary Godoy so they can be put on the website.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.