

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, February 7th, 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 meeting to order at 5:31 pm on Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers on the Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretaries Madeline Iroz and Andrea Godoy.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Senators Sarwar and Stopka were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from January 24th, 2017
- b. The minutes from January 31st, 2017

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hamma said that due to his failure to appear last week, it circulated that he was dead. He has to quote Mark Twain. "The reports of my death were greatly exaggerated." There is an organization in Delaware called the Intercollegiate Studies Institute which provides free conservative material to students. They used to publish a magazine in Intercollegiate Review, now it is on their website. In the end of the last century, they published an issue of the 100 best and 100 worst books of the 20th century. One of the worst was *Coming of Age in Samoa* from 1928. This was the beginning of the attack of sexual mortality. According to the author, the kids who grew up in Samoa with puritanical inhibitions. It happens that the Samoans had a custom that when foreigners asked them questions that Samoans think is none of their business, they string them along and give them the answers they want. The author relied on the stories of three Samoan girls, of which, one of them had admitted they had done that. Most of the Samoans had accepted Christianity as well as Christian morals of sexuality. There was a book in the old library, *The New Morality*. They found that an Englishman but not a Christian had studied a number of civilizations for more than a generation. He found that no civilization could attain both high achievement and sexual vicariousness. Apparently the reason is that achievements of a civilization are to a large extent, a result of muted sexual energy. George Orwell was also an unbeliever and he said the same thing in one of his essays, that no civilization could survive without a high standard of sexual morality from its members. As to what happens in a Nazi ward, they mention that after the communists took over in Russia, fidelity within marriage and chastity fell away and they catalyzed ideas that have no place in a communist world. Abortion was legalized and Russians who wanted a divorce just had to register. So many wild homeless kids were roaming the countryside and supporting themselves by looting. A lot was threatened and the birth rate dropped. The breakup

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of marriages caused so many people psychological problems and the overall productivity of the labor force was suffering. Stalin reversed it and made it practically impossible for Russians to get divorces so he promotes liberals having over-sexual rights and abortions. They need to realize that what they are doing is attacking our civilization and we subsidize them for doing it.

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

- a. Resignation of Suriya Sarwar, Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs

Speaker Jackson read Senator Sarwar's letter into the record:

"Hello,

I am writing to announce my resignation from the 85th Session of the ASUN Senate.

Unfortunately, I have a class conflict during senate that is required for me to graduate this spring. I've enjoyed working with such a smart and talented group of people, and am excited to see what you all accomplish from here on out. Thank you for the opportunities for growth that you all have provided me. I wish you all the best. If I can be of any help during the transition, please don't hesitate to ask."

Speaker Jackson said they have placed that job application online now so if anyone knows any constituents who are in the College of Interdisciplinary Studies, be sure to let them know..

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira

Speaker Jackson read into the record:

"Due to a prior commitment, I cannot make the Senate meeting tonight. I hope you all have had a great start to the semester and are enjoying your kickoff to campaign season. As my time is closing as president, I am doing as I said I would at the start of the summer when we created new positions and new duties within the SAS. I am meeting with Director Gbenjo in the coming week to talk about the expansion of her department and the expansion of her budget. I plan to write a vision of the department with her so that the next director can have a seamless transition. Director Henderson and I are finding a time to meet and discuss her new position and if we should change duties or combine duties. As I said at the start of the year, I want to insure that once I left office, the infrastructure of ASUN programs and officer duties were sound. President Kannan, the GSA president, Vice President Atienza and I have been planning ULA. We will be splitting the cost with GSA for the lunch that will be happening afterwards with those who sat in on the meeting. When this idea first came about, I was not seeing the vision that President Kannan had but I am very proud of what will take place. Last week I was able to meet with Elizabeth Loun from the Career Center, Heidi Gansert from the President's Office, and Scott Mencing from Research. WE had a conversation that needed to happen for a very long time. Dr. Mencing and Ms. Loun both have problems that Ms. Gansert and I believe we can help with. WE walked away from the conversation with not as many solutions as we had hoped but we did see some potential for growth. Dr. Mencing is seeing a lot of budget increase but he is not able to spend all of his money now because he does not have enough students applying. Ms. Loun has a fixed budget with too many students applying for a position. Dr. Mencing has a community based research opportunity that is similar to the Pack Internship Grant Program. We believe that we can somehow spend all of Dr. Mencing's money by directing all of he extra applicants to these community based opportunities. After some time we have finally had a capital request for Democracy Plaza that will be heard of Friday night in Budget and Finance and I am excited to hear the conversation. I encourage you all to attend our diversity event at 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 8th in the JCSU theater. We will be discussing the university's diversity plan the growth of our Gender, Race and Identity Department and the benefit of forming affinity groups on campus. I hope to see you there."

- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza

Vice President Atienza said he has been meeting with Publications including the Brushfire's Editor in Chief with Chief of Staff Bradley. They have already had 320 submissions as of Monday for the next journal. The deadline is not until March 14th and they usually don't see that many submissions in an entire year. They really will be helping them with their reach. They have been having a lot of people from around the country submit for them. They will also be helping them with their distributors and getting them trained on driving courses. They will also be scheduling their new AMPS event on campus. That was a very informative meeting with them. He is also meeting with Wolf Pack Radio and Insight tomorrow morning. The Student Media Advisory Board will be choosing their new editor and chiefs for all their different boards next week. Denis Saxton, the Director of Marketing and Guest Experiences at Campus Dining, is looking into doing an ASUN Senate focus group. This would be any time between March 12th-14th. He was thinking the easiest time to do it would be March 14th before Senate. If they have a better time, let him know He wants to talk about dinning changes, upgrades and what they are doing for the dining program. He also wants more representation of the dinning plan as a whole. They have many students who go there just for the free food so they really wanted a voice like ASUN talking about it. He wanted to see a show of hands of all those who would want to do that.

Speaker Jackson and Senators Bussman, S. Smith, Becker, Compton, Mall, Se, Thummel, and Kuykendall.

Vice President Atienza said he will reach out to them later on the dates. Other than that, they had their second multicultural psychologist search for Counseling Services and that is going well. They had a lot more applications than expected. They narrowed those down today for Skype interviews. The conversations that they are having are interesting because everyone has at least a PhD and then there is him so they are teaching him a lot. The Senate will hear about the University Leadership Alliance. They are planning the reception portion of that so that will be coming out in the coming weeks. He wanted to pass out some things they got from the Student Wellness Advisory Group from Counseling Services. There are two different handouts that he is passing out. One is for the Creative Expression Group. This is every Friday from 2:30-4:30 pm for Counseling Services. They will be doing things throughout the course of the semester and they will also be doing events for coping during a crisis. These are taking place all of February. Reach out to your constituents about all of these events and he will make sure to pass out the digital copies of those as well.

Senator Flangas asked what the timeline was for hiring the new psychologist.

Vice President Atienza said the application was open all of Winter Break. It closed January 31st. They are currently figuring out who the Skype interviews are going to be with. They are not looking to hire the person until August. This semester is mainly going to be having people come to visit the school and narrowing down the candidates.

Senator Flangas asked if ASUN is responsible for the marketing push or if the Counseling Center responsible.

Vice President Atienza said the Counseling Center is doing most of that. This is first time they have had a student sit on their search committee board. It has been interesting learning everything that goes on.

Senator J. Smith left the room at 5:43 pm

- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
Chief Justice Bruketta had no report at this time.

Senator Flangas asked when he last spoke.

Speaker Jackson said it hasn't been since before the beginning of this semester but there is nothing in the SAS that designates that he has to give a report on a regular basis.

d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley

Chief of Staff Bradley said the banquet will be on March 27th. It will be in the evening but she will send out the exact time and she will send out an RSVP list soon. They just set it about 30 minutes ago so it is still really fresh. Last weekend she presented at RHA and they had a really great discussion. Most of the students that were there had already heard her speech on getting involved before so they went for more of a brainstorming session. They did some things on initiatives similar to the Pluses and Deltas session at Retreat. They talked about mental health as well as inclusion and how as student leaders they can help drive those things forward. It was a really great thing for them to talk about. They also decided that they could collaborate with ASUN on things they talk about. She has been on the Dean of Panels for the dean of students search this week. That has been going really great. She also sat down with Daniel Fred to talk about prevention and intervention. GreenDot is now Bystander Intervention and they are starting to focus it more on the intervention side. To the people who reached out to her already, they will sit down and make a committee soon. The Prepare for the Fair event is tomorrow between 10am-2pm. That is a great way for them to come out for their own professional development or to push that for their constituents. If anyone had any questions, they could let her know.

Senator J. Smith entered the room at 5:45 pm

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamaro

Director Desamaro apologized for not having a report last week. It has been a very rough semester so far but he is back now. He has six quick updates for everyone. The first is that their department is going to be setting up one big meeting to make a massive amount of change to the policy manual for the department. As they have been going throughout the year, they have been finding many changes that should be made. A lot of these include missing definitions that wasn't addressed last year. That always comes with implementing a new policy. You find out what works and what doesn't. They will be making those adjustments some time soon. The goal is to get a meeting for that in the next two weeks and then push that over to them to get the new policy approved through Senate. The second update is that they will be hearing the Capital Fund application today. He unfortunately was not able to make it to Budget and Finance but hopefully it went well. The third update is that Commissioner Raquel's Pocket Funding Policy Manual is finished. They were supposed to get that finished before but there were some complications with Inkblot and they were not able to get anything printed so they are getting those printed soon and hopefully through the transition with Inkblot, they will still get processed in a timely manner. The fourth update is that next week they will be updating the Senate with the procedure manual. He wanted to give the body statistics on Club Support Funding for this year to date, including how much is left in their overall budget. Since the last time he checked, they have 54% left in their account and that will definitely get them through the year, at least through the club banquet. The fifth update is that they are trying to push a lot of big legislative initiatives so that will definitely be debated on by the Senate before session ends. He knows that they have not had to much of that this year yet. The only big ones are the SAS change that will be going through the Capital Fund as well as another SAS change with the policy. He will bring that to discussion as soon as his department gets some traction done on that. The final update is that he had 1 ten applications that have made it through Central Station for the Science and Engineering position. They moved six of those applications to the interview phase and they have already done three of them. The last interviews will be done on Thursday and he will hand in his nomination to Speaker Jackson by Friday.

Senator Compton left the room at 5:47 pm

Senator Compton entered the room at 5:49 pm

f. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

Director Kinel said she had some event dates for everyone. Their inclusive event this month will be BYOB-Bring Your Own Banana which will happen February 21st. This is going to be a cute event where people can write their insecurity on the banana peels and tear away those insecurities. You also get to eat your banana. The event is from 2-6 pm in the Knowledge Center Rotunda. Mackey Week will be from March 5th-9th. Monday will be Mackey and Cheese. Tuesday will be a Vintage Photo Op which will likely be in front of the statue on the Quad. Wednesday will be Nuggets of Gold which will be chicken nuggets and she is very excited about this one. She has been wanting an excuse to bring nuggets to campus. Thursday will be Movie with Mackey and last but not least, Friday will be a donut give-up where they will be giving out free donuts. She also has a couple of reminders. March 15th is the Drag Show. Family Weekend and the Spring Concert are all coming up as well. She will also be going to Budget and Finance with Assistant Director Feng next week.

g. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason

Speaker Jackson said Programmer Dutcher had the report for Director Nason.

Programmer Dutcher said he helped Director Nason with the event today. They gave out Raising Canes and Wing Stop in front of Lawlor Event Center for the students waiting in line. The line was getting pretty big but they still had way to much Canes. They are planning on having another event for the women's basketball game against UNLV coming up.

Senator Tool left the room at 5:52 pm

h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz

Director Shultz said that last week it was brought up that they were doing a meet your legislator event and by this point he hadn't told anyone yet. They are currently looking at the last week in April because they want to get as many people running for the assembly seats as possible to attend. Policy Analyst Worrall and himself are reaching out to respective people in the community to see if we can get the governor candidates here for that event. The legislation tracker is now up on Webcampus. They are currently going through tests to see how that will work out to figure out whether or not they will continue. On Webcampus, all students are enrolled in the course and Legislative Affairs run it from their end. What they want to do over the Fall and Spring Session is take legislation and give a small brief before posting it on Webcampus to allow people to state their opinion. It will be a good data tool. Last is the 1864 Community Service event. That will be in the third week in April and they went over this in Summer Retreat. It will be a week long event where they will be trying to get 1868 community service hours. They are looking to hopefully propose by the next meeting to see if they can bring any incentives to campus to do both.

i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo

j. Director of Sustainability, Brita Romans

k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg

Director Walberg said he wasn't here last week but he passed around an agenda of what he wanted to do for K-12. Since then, he got a message back from Reno High saying that the day they had them set on, February 27th, the juniors have testing. They put Reed High some time between March 5th-9th. They could do Reno High then too and just do two that week. They could do one on Monday and one on Thursday so that they have a couple days in between to do tweaks and edits. If people have classes, it breaks it up. He is looking to possibly get Hug High the week after anytime during March 12th-16th. Last time he was here, he asked for volunteers. He had Senators Bussman, S. Smith, Flangas, J. Smith and Becker. He asked if there was anyone else who wanted to volunteer. It will either be Monday, March 5th or Thursday, March 8th.

Senator Kuykendall asked what the times were.

Director Walberg said the Monday one was between 9-11am.

Senator Flangas said that the first week of March is their Spring Break.

Speaker Jackson said she can email those dates over the Senate Listserve.

Senator Flangas said never mind.

Director Walberg said Inkblot has a new director, assistant director and some account coordinators. If you have any projects going through their department, make sure to ask for an update so that nothing gets lost in transition.

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson

m. Attorney General, Cameron Harris

Attorney General Harris said elections started today. It has been a very interesting day to say the least. With the new filing system, he has been getting emails all day. He joked that people just need to drop out already because he was getting too many emails. Last night they had the candidates meeting. They had a few weird questions. For example, "How do they document a stick as campaign materials?" That was very weird so he wrote an opinion on that. Last week he had Senator Kuykendall ask him a question as well so there are two opinions that will be uploaded this Week. Other than that, he is making sure that the Nevada Box thing is tailored down so that it can be run with ease and streamlined so that there will be no more issues.

n. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella

Chair Kinsella said elections have begun. Like Attorney General Harris said, Nevada Box is awesome, they are just working out the kinks. She is super excited for the full swing of elections. Later today they will have Ms. Buckenmeyer will come up and give her reasons for why she wants to be a part of the commission and they will vote on that or not.

Speaker Jackson asked how many candidates there were this year.

Chair Kinsella said there were 49 left. It was originally 52.

Speaker Jackson said she thinks it is a good idea to compare this year to last year's numbers.

Senator Kuykendall asked if she would be taking into account who are running this year. He knows that the Sagebrush does that themselves but she could also put something out that shows the progress that has been made. He believes they have more people running this year, as well as more women.

Chair Kinsella said she could definitely show their progression through the years.

o. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Jackson said Senator Paningbatan is Senator of the Week. He has been putting in so much work over the last couple of weeks and he is in the office all the time. He has come to a bunch of different meetings including Oversight last week. They appreciate his feedback for the outreach he is bringing back to the Senate table. Assistant Director Lensch and herself got to go to Reed High School's leadership class to talk about ASUN and everything that they do. It was really great because

they got a lot of interest from the students about ASUN so Director Walberg's program will be successful. The link to the Student Expression and Rights and Responsibilities website has been sent over to the student ListServe. Hopefully everyone got it. They got really good constructive feedback from the students on the website that has helped them. They are excited to have it be a constant process to make it even better through revisions. The Public Deliberation Initiative was an amazing event. She hopes they can have more of these in the future. Others can be trained to be facilitators but she wanted to give a shout out to the senators that were there, including Senators Bussman, Martinez, Se and Thummel. It was a great event that she hoped everyone enjoyed and hoped they benefited from that experience. President Tiexiera talked about the University Leadership Alliance in his report. She encouraged everyone to attend that meeting because it was going to be really great. They will specifically be focusing on diversity. All the administrations and the governing bodies will be talking about what they will be doing for this coming semester.

Senator Thummel asked for the time and location.

Speaker Jackson said just send in out in an email as well. It will be Thursday, February 22nd from 9am-12pm.

Senator S. Smith asked if they can come and leave if they had to.
Speaker Jackson said they can go in and out.

Senator Thummel asked where it was at.

Speaker Jackson said it was in the ballrooms.

Speaker Jackson said it will be in the ballrooms. Hopefully it is every single semester so that everyone can get on the same page. If you see President Kannan, make sure to ask questions because this is his brain child.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee

Senator Cammie Lee said they had their meeting on Monday, but they couldn't make quorum therefore they couldn't recommend favorably the piece of legislation that came across the table. She realized that they were the only committee that didn't meet on Friday. If anyone can't make the meeting, make sure to tell her and she will excuse the absence. Other than that, Senator Lippi is still working on his resolution for the libraries so she is just waiting on more statistics on his piece of legislation. She and Cynthia Lee were invited to an event on Friday, February 16th but it is the same time as the Science Fair.

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

Senator Kuykendall said they will be having a meeting this Friday and they will be conducting financial reviews of the Executive Board Capital account and the ASUN Senate account so if you are interested in attending that meeting, please come. They will be seeing S.B.85- An Act to Use Executive Funds to Build A Free Speech Structure in Democracy Plaza tonight. If you are interested in hearing that in his committee, he encourages anyone to attend. That meeting is going to be all about the finances. This wasn't mentioned in President Tiexiera's report but it will also be going through Civic Engagement so they are going to look at it in a more objective approach. They will approve the financial review summaries. Things are real now. They only got the Contingency Fund and the leadership programs because he did the leadership programs and Senator Flangas did the Contingency Fund. They are just waiting on the Undergraduate Research Journal review.

- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas
Senator Flangas said she is looking at objectively purposing the Democracy Plaza bill in terms of civic engagement and what its effect would be on students and Budget and Finance will be looking at the financial aspect. Both committees will make a recommendation and it will come to the Senate Table unless it gets tabled. It will be a pretty big expenditure so if you have any thoughts about it, make sure to bring them up. There meeting is limited to only 30 minutes so make sure to look at it on the ASUN website and bring material and write what you want to say before coming into the meeting. She has a meeting with GSA about Wolf Pack Reading Week. They have some plans on how to co-finance that event should they decide to do donations. This initiative will be one book per student. They are going to have Inkblot design the logo. They will be doing a book drive for the entire month of March. The Science Fair is all on track for table setup. It will be on Friday, February 23rd from 9am-12pm. She asked people to come help because they need as many volunteers as possible.

Senator Cammie Lee said she thought the Science Fair was from 10am-1pm.

Senator Flangas said they have to set up before. They have the room until 1 pm but that is the time they most need volunteers.

Speaker Jackson asked if she is getting that hooked up to GivePulse.

Senator Flangas said yes. Senator Cynthia Lee will be getting that set up.

Senator Cynthia Lee said it should be on GivePulse by tomorrow.

- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel
Senator Thummel said they had their meeting last Friday. In their meeting, they discussed the future of the committee and that includes cutting things out of the SAS. Some changes include Campus Escort and other groups like that which are worded vaguely. A lot of those things are on the internet so students can get that information there. Moving forward, they will cut and clean the SAS because things like that just don't belong. At the next meeting, they will discuss the Judicial Department about adding more duties to the SAS. If anyone has any input, please come to the next meeting which will be next Friday. That will be a big meeting and he would like to get input on that.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker
Senator Becker said their next meeting will be this Friday at 12:30pm in room 406. He looks forward to that. Senator Sarwar was their vice-chair and they will be reading her resignation letter today so they will be electing a new one at the next meeting. Let him know if you are a part of the committee and are interested in that position. That would be greatly appreciated. They will be having an update on the K-12 Outreach that they are collaborating with Director Walberg on. They have created a timeline of events. Thanks to all who have volunteered. They will be looking at two pieces of legislation from Senator Paningbatan. He looks forward to seeing those. They will not be presented at the next Senate but at the one following.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman
Senator Bussman said they had their meeting this past Friday. He wanted to highlight a few projects they are working on. Senator Paningbatan is working on legislation on vending machines. Senator Stopka is working on a project that involves sexual assault data and student persistence. There are a lot of developments on that. He can comment on that at some point. Senator S. Smith spoke to Provost Carmen about a past piece of legislation regarding releasing class evaluations that the university collects. She seemed in support of it, but it is actually an issue with NSHE policy. She will reach out to the Faculty Senate meeting and potentially the Board of Regents. They would have to change the whole

policy. They will set up a conference call with Philip from UC Berkley. One of the administrators is on leave until February 22nd so he set up poll for dates after that time. Philip responded to that so it looks like he is committed.

g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez

h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson

Speaker Jackson said they talked more in depth about the Parking Services proposal they heard. She again wanted to thank Senator Paningbatan who came and provided insight. He came up with a list of questions about points of data that they heard. She sent that on to them but she hasn't heard back from them yet but she invited them to their next Oversight meeting. This week will be canceled but she will let everyone know when Parking Services respond. If anyone wants to attend Oversight to ask them questions, they can.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

i. NOMINATION OF MAKENNA BUCKENMEYER TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHAIR OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Senator S. Smith moved to fast track the nomination of Makenna Buckenmeyer to the office of assistant chair of civic engagement for the Elections Commission by unanimous vote.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

a. NOMINATION OF MAKENNA BUCKENMEYER TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHAIR OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Senator Martinez moved to approve the nomination of Makenna Buckenmeyer to the office of assistant chair of civic engagement for the Elections Commission.

Senator J. Smith seconded the motion.

Chair Kinsella said she understands that elections is here but she will need help with running debates and facilitating other things that are going on within Elections and it would be awesome to have someone to help her out. Ms. Buckenmeyer does have a lot to learn and she will have to adapt quickly but she is a very hard worker and she is willing to learn more about ASUN and Elections very quickly. She will be a good asset to her commission.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said she would like to share why she would be an asset to the Elections Commission. She understands that elections season is in full swing but she is more than happy to support Chair Kinsella. She was the leadership executive at KAΘ and she was vice president of Judicial Affairs for Panhellenic. She is currently the chief financial officer for Theta. She intends to help with debates and facilitate the Elections BBQ. She is prepared to help the commission in any way necessary during the elections process to insure a just and fair process. She is eager to learn about Elections more thoroughly. She asked that they consider her for this position.

Senator Kuykendall asked that with elections underway and no time to really adjust to the new role, how would she best adapt. She mentioned that she was quick to adapt. He asked how she would jump into the role right away.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said she is good with meeting new people and she has time that she can allocate to meet with Chair Kinsella. She finds that she works better when she is busier.

Senator Lee said she is going to be helping Chair Kinsella with the debates. She asked if she had any say about debate questions.

Senator Kinsella said yes. It will be nice to bounce ideas off of someone else and work on things together. It will be good to have someone else.

Senator Lee said that at the debates last year the questions that were asked weren't related to specific colleges. She could ask the current senators about questions that they could ask that would be specific to the individual colleges.

Senator Becker asked why she wanted to have this position and what she was going to gain from it.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said she really likes branching out and experiencing new things. She enjoys meeting a lot of new people and putting herself out there. She doesn't like talking in front of a lot of people but by doing this, she will be able to branch out professionally. It teaches her how to work better and put herself out of her comfort zone.

Senator Martinez asked if she had any current knowledge on the Elections Code or if she has read through it.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said she has looked through the SAS at the description of the role.

Senator Kuykendall said that within the SAS, one of her roles is to coordinate and host a minimum of four events or workshops to engage constituents with their civic responsibility. He asked if she had any ideas for those four minimum events.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said she will bounce ideas off of Chair Kinsella. She said that she is sure that the people running for Senate already come and address the student body on what they want to do and maybe they could host more events where people can come and ask them one-on-one questions or in smaller groups.

Senator Cammie Lee asked what her best advice would be for a candidate running for an elected position.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said put yourself out there and don't question your abilities and don't be afraid of what you want to do.

Senator Becker asked Chair Kinsella if she will count the two workshops already held as events that will fall under her assistant's job duties.

Chair Kinsella said they definitely could because she will be having a late start. They can lead more workshops in general for students who are looking to get involved that didn't do senate. She had multiple people reach out to her who wished that they had run but who were too late. She definitely thinks that they could take this opportunity because they are so late to also do additional workshops in addition to the two that they have already done.

Senator Becker said the previous two workshops were on filing. He asked what the other two workshops would be about.

Chair Kinsella said the previous one were on “How to Campaign” and “How to File”. Others would be “How to Be Involved in ASUN” and “How to Be a Legislative Intern”. That one would be to get the ball rolling for running for Senate next year. Those would be to prepare people for when they can run.

Senator Martinez asked what duties that are in the SAS she would like to accomplish first in such a short amount of time.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said she wants to give as much support to the commission as she possibly can.

Senator Flangas asked how she could promote a better voter turnout. Civic engagement is where a person does this their local government. She asked how she will promote a higher turnout than last year.

Ms. Buckenmeyer said they can use social media and promote directly on that. They can have a page just for elections.

Senator Becker asked if elected, would she be receiving funds from ASUN.

Speaker Jackson said yes, she would be paid.

Senator Mah asked if there was an assistant chair that resigned or if it was always empty.

Speaker Jackson said it has been empty for the whole session.

Senator Kuykendall asked Chair Kinsella what made her think there was a necessity for the assistant chair position and why did she decide to try and fill it now.

Chair Kinsella said she realized that she was in over her head to try everything for herself. She is involved in a lot of other stuff including a full class schedule and three jobs. It would be nice to have someone if she can't do something or attend an event on her own. They can run meetings together which she believes she missed out on that and she should have done it a lot sooner. It is a necessity now, especially since elections are coming up. She can have her assistant facilitate debates and the BBQ.

Senator Becker asked Chair Kinsella what events her assistant would be helping with besides the Senate debate.

Chair Kinsella said the BBQ but she has also received tons of emails every day about questions so it would also be nice to have someone there who can answer those as well. In general, it is nice to have someone help her get the food and other small things like that.

Senator Cammie Lee asked Chair Kinsella how is having this position different than having other volunteers help out.

Chair Kinsella said she needs someone that is more designated and more willing to help her more than someone who is just volunteering. She hasn't tried to set something up for volunteers. This is the best and most efficient way to go about it. She feels someone would be more focused if they had the job rather than just being a volunteer.

Senator Becker asked how much ASUN funds would go to the assistant position.

Senator Kuykendall said that under the tier system, that position falls under tier 4 which is technically \$8.25 an hour. It is a stipend that is spread out.

Dr. Beattie said it is technically \$8.25 but they take the total number and divide it by how many weeks. It is about \$8.25 at six hours a week.

Senator Becker asked if they could wait until they could see how much of the student funds they would have to allocate to this position.

Senator Kuykendall said at \$8.25 an hour for six hours a week would be \$49.50 a week. He said he can't honestly say how much time there is between now and the end of elections.

Senator Flangas said there are ten weeks until the end of the term.

Speaker Jackson said it was six weeks until the end of elections.

Senator Kuykendall said that would be \$495.

Speaker Jackson told the senators to be critical even when the candidate is in the room.

Senator Kuykendall said he wanted to get out of the finances because this isn't so much a debate of money, even though money is a big issue, but about the value that they can bring to Elections. They should think about how much this is going to affect Elections.

Senator Flangas said there is a potential to have an assistant that makes Elections richer. They can make workshops about getting engaged through voting. Having a workshop for having students civically engaged is not under the director. Technically, that might not ever happen if they don't have the assistant. They could enrich the voting poll and how many people engage in elections. She is going to abstain from voting because she is a CFO and she has power over her.

Senator Mall said this is the first time he has ever seen the director have to sit right next to the candidate to answer questions so he is not sure how much of the answers she was giving were ones that were her own. He doesn't know if he feels confident enough to vote her into office for that reason.

Senator Cammie Lee said that even though they don't know if this position is necessary or not, the chair is still putting the candidate forward which means that she needs help with elections and she can't do it herself so they need to keep that in mind. The \$495 is not too bad when you think that there is a reason she is putting this candidate forward.

Senator Kuykendall said that since there is not going to be discussion after the vote, he wanted to put out there that if they decided that they were not in favor of putting this candidate through, it would be up to all of them to help Chair Kinsella as best as possible with campaign season. They can't have the best of both worlds here.

Senator Cynthia Lee said that because of the short amount of time they have, it is best to have someone helping here rather than no one.

Senator J. Smith said now that more people are running, it is in the best interest to expand the Elections coalition.

Senator Flangas abstained from voting.
There was dissent.

Ms. Buckenmeyer was elected to the office of Assistant Chair of Civic Engagement.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they have to do a roll call vote if there is any dissent to get a tally vote.

Legislative Clerk Hanson said that's what she thought as well to get a more accurate view.

Speaker Jackson asked if she needed the names of those who dissented.

Legislative Clerk Hanson said yes.

Speaker Jackson said she should have called them out as they happened. It is not necessary to do a roll call vote but she should have stated those who dissented for the record.

Those who dissented to the nomination were Senators Lippi, Mall, Becker and Kuykendall.

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 no motions to fast-track legislation at this time.

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 will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. S.B 85 – An Act to Use Capital Funds to Replace and Fix ASUN Center for Student Engagement Resources
Senator Cynthia Lee moved to approve S.B. 85- An Act to Use Capital Funds to Replace and Fix ASUN Center for Student Engagement Resources.
Senator Cammie Lee seconded the motion.

Senator Kuykendall said this bill is asking for \$1558.36 for resource replacement and repair although he thinks it is only for replacement. The actual items that will be replaced are laid out in the supporting documentation. There is one popcorn machine, an ice chest, a cotton candy machine, two five-gallon beverage coolers, two extension cords, two bull horns, two rechargeable batteries, a six-pack of ten-pound square rubber bases, and six cones without the bases.

Senator Tralmer said there is a typo on page 1 line a.

Speaker Jackson said that was a clerical error that the secretaries would fix.

Senator Billman asked what resources were unusable.

Senator Kuykendall directed that question to Director Desamero.

Director Desamero said the one that is definitely not usable is the cotton candy machine. There have been two or three requests for it already but they weren't able to fulfill them because it was unusable. There is a damaged door on the popcorn machine for now which means it is also. There are two five-gallon seat top dispensing machines that are also unusable as well. Those are the big three that need to be replaced.

Senator Kuykendall said this is using the Capital Fund so it is technically not a part of the \$5 per credit fee that the students pay. It is a capital request. These will be carried out into the future so their cost is spread out over time.

Senator Compton asked Director Desamero what would be happening to the items that are still usable.

Director Desamero said the items that are in the office now are not usable.

Senator Kuykendall said that anything that goes through the capital account has to go through Purchasing to be disposed of. The money that is received from disposing or auctioning the items is used to pay for the department. They will be gone.

There was no further discussion.
The motion was carried.

- b. S.B. 85 – An Act to Reallocate Funds to Pack Provisions Food Pantry
Senator S. Smith moved to approve S.B. 85- An Act to Reallocate Funds to Pack Provisions Food Pantry by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent to the motion.

Senator Kuykendall said that all the relevant information is located in the memorandum and it was provided to him by President Tiexiera and Director Partridge. Pack Provisions saw a surge in usage this year which is a great thing because it means students are using the resources. There are students that are short on food and necessities so it is best that they help them. \$3874 were requested to restock 304 WinCo cards for groceries. That is \$6000 dollars worth of WinCo cards. \$1368 are going to be fundraised and right now they are sitting on \$757 in their account currently which may have dropped since the time this was requested.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Jackson said she really hopes everyone has looked at this legislation beforehand because if you are going to be passing it with unanimous consent, it is really important that they all know what is going on.

- c. S.B. 85 – An Act to Relocate the ASUN Retreat and ASUN Banquet Line Items in the ASUN Operating Budget FY18

Senator Flangas moved to approve S.B. 85- An Act to Relocate the ASUN Retreat and ASUN Banquet Line Items in the ASUN Operating Budget for FY18.

Senator Billman seconded the motion.

Senator Kuykendall said Chief of Staff Bradley pointed out to him that it was weird she was spending money from the Budget and Finance line item, so they are moving it.

There were no questions; the body moved to a vote.

The motion was carried.

- d. S.R. 85 – A Resolution in Support of House Resolution 2709 of the 1st session (2017) of the 115th Congress

Senator Cynthia Lee moved to approve S. Res. 85 – A Resolution in Support of House Resolution 2709 of the 1st Session (2017) of the 115th Congress.

Senator Cammie Lee seconded the motion.

Senator Becker said this resolution came from Public Affairs. The committee voted on it and vetted it and this was the best draft they came up with. This was brought to the committee by an intern from Legislative Affairs, Intern Lauren Lynn. She wrote it with Director Schultz. This was in favor of affirmative action for students in STEM majors that are considered minorities. They are supporting the bill to pass that.

Senator Paningbatan said minorities refers to the traditional ones like African Americans but also women. It was important since women are sometimes swept aside. That is why he co-sponsored it, because it mentioned women.

Senator Becker said it was neat that Intern Lynn found it and that it could affect students. Online, it talked about how the Director of National Science is giving grants to those that practice in STEM related fields. He didn't know what else they can do to incentivize the need for STEM majors from minority populations.

Speaker Jackson asked what the strong parts of this were and why they thought what the reasons were to support it.

Senator Flangas said the whereas clauses reiterated the University's mission and they were intricately woven with what the bill wanted to do. This showed that the University was in support of it.

Senator Lippi left the room at 6:44 pm.

Speaker Jackson said they shouldn't read legislation on the table, they needed to read it before.

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

The motion was carried.

- e. S.B. 85 – An Act to Amend the ASUN Constitution

Senator Thummel moved to approve S.B. 85- An Act to Amend the ASUN Constitution. Senator Mall seconded the motion.

Speaker Jackson said that this piece was recommended favorably by Oversight.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Martinez said this was something that they had been discussing at the Senate table. It is regarding how the Division of Health Sciences is splitting up into different colleges now. These are the Orvis School of Nursing, Division of Health Sciences, and the Community Health Sciences. This is to accommodate for the enrollment numbers in the respective colleges. The way that this was done was that Speaker Jackson took it out of the SAS which was the Huntington Hill method. They will be adding three senators to these colleges and it is also outlined that this will need to be placed on the ballot. The question will read, "Shall the Senate of the Associated Students increase the maximum number of Senate seats from 22 to 25 to accommodate for the addition of three academic colleges?" This would be the question if Senate were to pass the legislation.

Speaker Jackson said that passing this piece of legislation would mean that it would only put it on the ballot. It would then have to be approved by 2/3 of students who vote. After that, it moves on to the president and the Board of Regents to be approved and then to be changed in the Constitution.

Senator Tralmer said he wanted to clarify by saying they wanted to add three seats for all those people in those colleges.

Speaker Jackson said it is not necessarily for those colleges, it is for more seats in general. The representation while using the Huntington Hill method is more equitable due to the number of units they have. Once you get to a certain number of units and you need to accommodate that, it makes more sense to add more seats for the extra colleges.

Senator Billman asked if there would be a campaign to inform voters about this because people probably won't know anything about it. Hopefully then, they can be informed with their vote.

Speaker Jackson said someone can do that. They tried to put enough information in question as possible without making it biased one way or another. There is no reason that they can't do a campaign. If someone wants to take that on they can. It is a good idea.

Senator Compton asked why they had to split into three colleges.

Speaker Jackson said they changed the organization.

Senator J. Smith asked if it was one college being split into three.

Speaker Jackson said it is only one college split into three but Speech Pathology is now under the Medical School. It is not technically its own college but it is another entity.

Senator Flangas said if they didn't do this the College of Science, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources and Interdisciplinary Studies will lose representation because of the division. They don't have these seats currently.

There was no further discussion.

The motion was carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. **Senate Committee Changes**

Senators may change committee assignments through binding resolution.

Senator Tralmer asked if Public Affairs met at 12:30 pm.

Senator Becker said yes.

Senator Tralmer asked when Budget and Finance meets.

Senator Kuykendall said it is right after Public Affairs

Legislative Clerk Hansen said that without Senator Sarwar there is one spot.

Senator Kuykendall asked for an updated list of his committee members because Senator Becker is no longer on his committee and he is on the list.

Legislative Clerk Hansen said Senators Bussman, Compton, Flangas, Kuykendall, Mall, Martinez and Thummel were on the committee.

Senator Kuykendall said Senator Compton wasn't on the committee.

Secretary Godoy said they need to have at least seven senators and they currently have only six so they need at least one more person.

Senator Tralmer moved to remove himself from the Committee on Academics and place himself on the Committee on Budget and Finance by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Cook said he got mixed up last week on which committee he's on. He asked if he was University Affairs or Civic Engagement.

Leg Clerk Hansen said she had him on Public Affairs.

Senator Cook knew he was on Public Affairs but asked if he was on University Affairs or Civic Engagement.

Leg Clerk Hansen said he wasn't on either of those.

Senator Cook asked what his second committee was.

Leg Clerk Hansen said she will go print an updated list and she will be right back.

Speaker Jackson said they will move to public comment while they wait for the updated list.

Leg. Clerk Hansen said she had Senator Cook on Civic Engagement.

Senator J. Smith moved to remove himself from the Committee on Academics and place himself on the Committee on Civic Engagement by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Tralmer asked if his committee change went through.

Leg Clerk Hansen said yes.

Senator Tralmer asked if Academics have enough people.

Leg Clerk Hansen said yes.

b. Senator Reports

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator S. Smith pointed out that Senator Billman turned 20 on Monday and she wanted to wish him a happy birthday

Speaker Jackson hoped Senator Billman had a great birthday.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Kuykendall said he mentioned this earlier and he will not address the public comment specifically but, even though they had an opinion, they should consider the opposite's opinion too. For the comment that there are sexual moral constructs in society, it needs to be noted that these are prehistoric ideas of how people should identify and it is wrong to say how people should live their lives. For all the people that identify as LGBTQ and felt strongly against the public comment earlier, the entire Senate is in support of them and they didn't agree with the earlier comments.

Dr. Beattie said wanted to talk about the Public Deliberative Initiative this weekend. It went well. He was at a table with Senator Bussman and he was an amazing facilitator. Senator Bussman came out of his shell when he talked about the issues; he did a good job. He thanked those that volunteered and those that took notes. Dr. Beattie said he was a notetaker, which was hard for him because notetakers didn't get to talk. He thought this will blow up on campus over the next couple of years.

Mr. Hamma said that on the same subject as before, it was last year there was an event to honor Carl Shilling of the Boston Red Sox because he was outstanding. At the event, he said marriage is between a man and a woman. He didn't see any liberals try to defend Colin Kaepernick and the others that have disgraced the flag. All the commentary that he read said that Mr. Shilling should be out of professional baseball for saying such a terrible thing. He remains alive and well.

Senator Kuykendall said this was a blanket statement. He believed if they restricted the freedom of others, they can't call themselves the "land of the free" and the flag meant nothing to those that can't express themselves anyway or identify in a certain way. In order to recognize freedom and what the flag stands for, people should also have the freedom to think, act and say what they want.

Senator Flangas thought this was why they should talk about Democracy Plaza and why it was important. She was openly biased and will abstain from voting but the committee meets at 12 pm this Friday. As a side note though, one thing they can do for the next Senate is create a pocket SAS that outlines the duties of the executive officers that report to Senate. This way, they know what they are supposed to do. The body doesn't always pull up the SAS during reports; with this as a resource, it would incentivize them to ask questions to the directors.

Senator Thummel said he loved that idea. He and Senator Mall are working on something similar to that. The plan for that was to create a Google doc that all the members can work on when simplifying the duties and they can give that out to other people so that students can know what members of ASUN actually do.

Senator Flangas was putting this out there that next year she will not be a part of ASUN. Rather, she will be an advocate for ASUN. Next year, there will be this man, whose name she forgot, but he is going to make all republican people who run for office sign a pledge that they won't raise taxes which she believes is insane. If they don't, he uses all of his resources to get them out of office. She is not trying to do that. What she is trying to do is have all elected officials in ASUN that they will ask one pertinent question or make one pertinent comment at every Senate meeting. It is just a pledge to try to do that and there is no accountability to it. That gives the officials the idea that they should speak at least once per Senate meeting. If anyone wants to be a part of it, she is very excited to get that done.

Speaker Jackson said that she wanted to add on to that, she thought the greatest strength of this session was asking questions when executive members came up. She wanted them to reflect on that, to look at all the positions, and talk to directors. This is the time to make any changes and to talk to the directors.

Senator Se said the Public Deliberative Initiative was cool and he wants to see more of that happen. Dr. Beattie's comment about being a notetaker was funny. He, being someone who doesn't like to talk, was a notetaker and he wanted to say something too. It was a great time to see a lot of different views.

Senator Paningbatan said he went to the forum as well but he was late. He talked and it was cool to hear everyone talk. It was the first time he heard people having discussions, not debates, to solve the issues at hand. He gave a shout out to Senator Martinez for being the facilitator and notetaker for the table.

Speaker Jackson said she wanted them to think bigger about that event. That was a very impactful experience. She is trying to think how they can make that a part of ASUN to make them better at what they do. It would be awesome if they were all trained facilitators. She said they should make their own issues forum with things that are going through the legislature and have students discuss those. That will inform their opinions when they write resolutions and represent students at that level. They could come up with some really good ideas.

Senator Flangas said she just wanted to remind everyone that a diversity talk with a bunch of administrators will be tomorrow at 3pm in the JCSU theater. It is going to be cool.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.