# Committee on Public Affairs

**Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session**

**Minutes for Friday, February 23rd, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.**

**Joe Crowley Student Union Room 406**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Becker called the meeting on Public Affairs to order on Friday, February 23rd, 2018 at 12:32 pm in room 320 of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Kaitie Christensen.

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Becker and Senators Cook, Lippi, Paningbatan, and Tool were present

Senator Tralmer was absent excused.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Walberg said he created an agenda to break up into five to ten minutes slots of time for visiting so that he can show them the event. There were a lot of questions at the retreat about finding words that define you and discussion on our personal social media accounts. That isn’t spoken about in high school. The students would need to find ten words to define the leadership class and themselves as individuals. These will get them started on working on a resume and give them some structure to work with. He hadn’t completed an activity on professional disagreement. For ASUN he broke it into learning, leadership, and life. He could “dumb it down” to make it applicable to high school students. Did anyone have any ideas for an absurd argument that students could do professionally. Not something controversial

Chair Becker said they had the programmers have a deliberative discussion leader program. It had to do with mediation. A few senators participated. Senator Se did for sure.

Senator Paningbatan said he was there and so was Anthony

Director Walberg said he would talk to him

Chair Becker said he would probably be interested.

Director Walberg said he didn’t want a controversial topic. He didn’t want it to be a lecture, he wanted people to be involved to break up the rhythm of the lecture so that he can take it into the leadership and life.

Chair Becker said they could talk about favorite foods

Director Walberg said they could do pineapple on pizza. He would do something like that and find one more question to make people laugh and feel uncomfortable for one second

Chair Becker asked for a top-down run-down of the presentation like it’s purpose and elements

Director Walberg said it was called “personal branding”. He thought this was the best way to label it. In general, the topics of personal branding can translate into other aspects that the teachers asked him to talk about, such as professional disagreement. It was 50/50 for the teacher’s feedback on ASUN student experiences in college. He thought that the intent of the conversations was how to get these leaders to keep being leaders in the future so that there is higher competition for leadership goals in the future. He met with Austin Thummel yesterday to figure out the wording of the SAS duties. They were thinking about changing the wording from “Starting a k-12 program” to “building upon it” because that wasn’t too limiting.

Chair Becker said he understood. They were looking to make an annual k-12 outreach program, but it didn’t have to be leadership every year. Asked if there was a better title. He wanted something “buzzy” like leadership and life.

Director Walberg said he could do that, that was what he talked about in the program.

Chair Becker said leadership and life fall under it so it could be one of the objectives. One could be branding, one could be personal dialogue, and one could be how leadership transitions into the real world.

Director Walberg said he wanted to emphasize that even if you aren’t in ASUN you will make a difference for clubs and others.

Senator Paningbatan said that by outreach they were going out to the schools. Asked if they were targeting high school students

Director Walberg said they would primarily reach high school students. They had never done this event before so they had no numbers to data. They were just trying to start things out and make connections with teachers. It was open ended for ideas and other concepts or ways to facilitate those kinds of learning objective to begin to think about their personal brand. You are always figuring out yourself.

Chair Becker said he wanted to know what they needed from the public affairs committee. He wanted many people involved. What were the dates?

Director Walberg said he would email it to them

Chair Becker said there was a public affairs listserv

Senator Paningbatan said they could put it on the Facebook page

Chair Becker asked if the presentation was solidified

Director Walberg said not yet, he was working on a PowerPoint.

Chair Becker said at their next meeting, if he had the presentation and put the PowerPoint up and did a mock-trial, that would be good. He wanted something set in stone so that everyone felt comfortable when they show up to the schools. They will have a meeting not next week but the following.

Director Walberg said the dates were Reno High School on March 5th, March 8th, and March 19th.

Chair Becker said they couldn’t do it two weeks from now

Director Walberg said he could meet with him individually or do a small group

Chair Becker said he would be willing to meet but he wanted to have something solidifies so that everyone knew what was going on

Director Walberg said he could set that up. He wanted to have the presentation done by today.

Chair Becker said he would talk to him to set up a meeting on Monday.

Director Walberg said for Monday March 5th it was from 10-11:30 at Reno High School, on March 8 it was from 10:28-11:17 AM at Reed High School, and March 19 from 1:45 to 2:45 PM at Hug High School. That was over their spring break so it might be difficult to find people. He needed to be in town for his internship that week.

Chair Becker said he would be in town. Asked if anyone could make a time.

Senator Paningbatan said he had class

Senator Cook said he could maybe do the Thursday one.

Director Walberg said he wanted people to be there 30 minutes early

Chair Becker said they should have another meeting before they do it. They weren’t organized enough otherwise. They would have a meeting with all he volunteers.

Director Walberg said he could send the drafts this evening. He would reach out to senator Cook about attendance. He was sorry he didn’t have it all prepared because he kept switching things he was doing. He just had to make things look prettier and then practice it before sending it out.

Chair Becker said he wanted to apologize for not putting a sign on room 406 as was stated on the agenda.

1. MINUTES
2. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 23rd, 2017. The Committee will discuss the minutes of October 23rd, 2017. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

b. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 2nd, 2017. The Committee will discuss the minutes of November 2nd, 2017. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

c. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 29th, 2017. The Committee will discuss the minutes of November 29th, 2017. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

d. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from January 26th, 2018. The Committee will discuss the minutes of January 26th, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

Senator Cook moved to approve the minutes from October 23, November 2nd, November 29th, and January 26th.

Motion carried

*Senator Lippi left the room at 12:53 pm*

1. OLD BUSINESS
2. The is no old business to be discussed at this time.
3. NEW BUSINESS
4. Election of a Vice Chair

Chair Becker said he spoke with some of them about interest in vice chair.

Senator Cook said he was interested. He thought he was experienced and could offer that to the table. He was a senator last session and knows how things run. The Vice Chair wasn’t used much last semester, but if they do need him he can fulfill the duties.

Senator Cook was nominated to the position of vice chair

Chair Becker said he wanted this to be a meaningful experience for Cook. He wanted to add an annual k-12 outreach program.

**b. S.B. 85 – An Act to Support a Condom Accessibility**

Senator Paningbatan said he was inspired to write this bill because he took a community health class over winter ester about STDs. He thought it was important to have contraceptive accessibility to prevent the spread of HIV and STDs, especially on a college campus. These activities are happening. One of the main problems is that they give out free condoms but they aren’t accessible. They aren’t always trustworthy. Sometimes students in dorms poke condoms. This bill wanted to use a vending machine to have a spot reserved for condoms so that they are accessible to students when they need it. There are places at the university where condoms are offered such as the student health center and wolf shop, but they have hours of operations that are early. Students don’t have sex at five o’clock

Dr. Beattie said was this a bill or a resolution

Senator Paningbatan said it was a bill.

Chair Becker said he wanted to clarify. A bill was something they had control over, they don’t have jurisdiction over the wolf shop. All they could do was write a resolution to recommend that they put condoms in the vending machines

Dr. Beattie said it would have to be a resolution. The Wolf Shop reports to financially ASUN, but day to day operations were their own discretion. He has never seen Steve turn down a good student idea, he was a fantastic director. Senator Becker is right, they cannot write binding legislation above their authority. They would write a resolution, take the opinion of the students, and give it to directors. Dr. Rodriguez was the financial director.

Senator Paningbatan said he didn’t know that.

Dr. Beattie said there will bills, binding resolutions, and resolutions. Resolutions were just opinions. A binding resolution was like a censure. Bills generally involve money.

Senator Paningbatan said that even with a binding resolution, it would have to fall within their jurisdiction.

Dr. Beattie said a resolution was an opinion and it was speaking for 16,000 undergraduate students.

Senator Paningbatan moved to amend Senate Bill 85 to a Senate Resolution:

A Resolution Supporting Accessibility for Condoms Throughout Vending Machines by unanimous consent.

Motion carried.

Chair Becker said they should skim the bill for errors.

Senator Cook asked if they would also have to change the language throughout that said “A Bill”

Senator Cook moved to amend senate resolution 85 to read a “resolution” throughout the document instead of “a bill”

Motion carried.

Chair Becker said they wanted to add something at the end as well. They wanted to send it to Steve Dubet, the director of the wolf shop and Director Rodriguez because she was financially responsible for the Wolf Shop.

Senator Paningbatan moved to amend to say that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr. Steve Dubet and Director Sandy Rodriguez of the center for Student engagement.

Motion carried.

Chair Becker said he wanted to commend Senator Paningbatan on his supporting details and relevant statistics for this resolution. They had to pass it and recommend it to senate.

Senator Paningbatan moved to favorably recommend Senate Resolution 85: A Resolution supporting Accessibility for Condoms through vending machines though unanimous consent.

Motion carried.

Chair Becker said they would hear this at the next senate meeting.

c. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Support a Mandatory Student Bus Fee

Senator Paningbatan will the present a resolution to the Committee.

Chair Becker said this was something that should be brought to senate so that it can be brought up at senate. It was controversial at the time.

Senator Paningbatan said transportation presented this issues at Senate. This resolution was in support of a $12 fee per year to fund the bus system. He went to the oversight meeting and there were still some debatable issues. He thought it was a good idea to have a bus system. This was an option to keep the bus for next year.

Chair Becker said to take a moment to read the resolution. Asked if there was a better way to say “border” and suggested “perimeter of the main campus”

Senator Paningbatan said that didn’t include the agriculture building

Senator Paningbatan moved to amend Senate Resolution 85: A Resolution Supporting a Mandatory Student Bus Fee to read “whereas the university campus is approximately three miles in distance around the perimeter of the main campus”

Motion carried

Chair Becker said he wasn’t trying to be petty by making these decisions, he just wanted to present quality legislation to senate. Read the rest if you have any other comments.

Senator Paningbatan said line 14 was about the presentation where they said there was only one bus running.

Chair Becker said there would be one bus for two lines.

Senator Cook moved to amend senate resolution 85: A resolution Supporting a Mandatory student bus fee, line 14, to read “whereas the basic service reduced the amount of buses running to one, for both lines.” Unanimously

Motion carried.

Chair Becker recommended that someone amend line 15 to read “whereas the basic services increases bus stop wait lines to 20 or more minutes” to make the resolution sound more official before they submit the resolution to higher authorities.

Senator Paningbatan moved to amend line 15 to read “whereas the basic services increase bus stop wait lines to 20 or more minutes”

Motion carried.

Chair Becker said on the third line from the bottom, the alternative will reduce stop wait time to 9.5 minutes. Where was that from?

Senator Paningbatan said he took a picture from the presentation.

Chair Becker said that was a specific amount of time. Was there anything else they would like to change?

Senator Paningbatan moved to favorably recommend Senate Resolution 85; A resolution in support of a mandatory bus fee to senate

Resolution would be favorably recommended.

Chair Becker said he would send it to speaker Jackson to be heard later.

Senator Paningbatan said if he wanted to modify something they could amend during senate

Chair Becker said yes.

d. High School Outreach Project Update

Chair Becker said they had Director Walberg so this in public comment earlier. Were there any questions? They all expected him to give a mock presentation, but he didn’t have that ready. Were there any suggestions? He tried to be as straightforward as possible.

Senator Paningbatan said he had some questions. He understood his goal was to engage leaders, but he was confused about how they would do that and what his plan was besides doing the event they discussed about Leadership and Life. They didn’t’ even have a set thing, he wasn’t sure what they were doing. Walberg needed to have more things to present.

Chair Becker said that he agreed. He was trying to tell him that. They can’t go through with the plan because it lacked organization, clarity, and an objective. He would meet with him soon. If they were able to make this event, they were going to have a volunteer orientation to go over the presentation and know their shifts. If they were interested, ask him questions. He wrote down the recommendations. He needed to present more before they went forward with it. They would not have a poor presentation for these high schools. He wanted Vice Chair Cook to come.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said he wanted to commend the way Senator Becker went through the legislation.

Chair Becker said thank you. He wanted to make sure they only put through quality legislation.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Becker adjourned the meeting on 1:17 pm

1. NOTES.

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S. Bill 85-

**A Resolution Supporting Accessibility for Condoms Through vending machines**

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In the Senate of the Associated Students

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JANUARY 23, 2018

Submitted by Senator Paningbatan and Senator Becker to the committee on Public Affairs

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**A Bill**

**A Bill Supporting Condom Accessibility**

*Whereas,* an estimated 1.1 million people in the United States have HIV with 8,405 individuals diagnosed in the state of Nevada;

*Whereas,* the number of new HIV diagnoses in 2015 for Nevada was 485 cases with most infections concentrated in Clark County and Washoe County;

*Whereas,* an estimated 485 young adults were diagnosed with HIV in Nevada ranking 21st amongst the 50 states in new HIV diagnoses for 2015;

*Whereas,* age group 13 to 24 account for 23% of all new infections in 2015, and of those 72% were transmitted through sexual contact;

*Whereas,* college students in general fall within the 13-24 age group;

*Whereas,* over 50% of college students consider themselves sexually active and have multiples sex partners;

*Whereas,* 137 individuals who were diagnosed with HIV in Nevada have died in 2015;

*Whereas,* condoms are the most effective form of contraception in preventing HIV and other STD’s/STI’s.

*Whereas,* the Center for Disease Control affirms that condom distribution programs are an effective, and proven way to reduce HIV/STD rates within a community.

*Whereas,* the university offers free condoms at the student-health center and other health-related events.

*Whereas,* the student-health center is only opened from 8-5 PM;

*Whereas,* accessibility can be limited due to the hours of operation and other factors not listed;

*Whereas,* vending machines are great tools for providing accessibility to different products and materials;

*Whereas,* there is a vending machine already located in the 1st floor of the Knowledge Center;

*Whereas,* there are currently no spaces in the vending machines designated for condoms and other contraceptives.

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, a spot for condoms shall be reserved for the vending machine located on the 1st floor of the Knowledge Center.

*Be it further enacted,* condoms will be added to future and appropriate vending machines maintained by the Wolf Shop/ASUN.

*Be it further enacted,* a copy of the bill be sent to the campus student health center, Dean for the School of Community Health Sciences, student health services, and the Nevada Wolf Shop.

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S. Res. 85-

**A Resolution Supporting a Mandatory student bus fee**

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In the Senate of the Associated Students

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January 24, 2018

Submitted by Senator Paningbatan to the committee on Public Affairs

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**A Resolution**

**A Resolution Supporting a Mandatory Student Bus Fee**

*Whereas,* the Parking and Transportation Services provide essential services to keep the campus friendly and accessible;

*Whereas,* one of the services funded by the department are the bus lines – Blue Line/Silver Line – running on both sides of campus;

*Whereas,* there are currently two buses running on both sides of campus during hours of operation;

*Whereas,* the university campus is approximately 3 miles in distance around the border;

*Whereas,* the approximate wait time for students is no more than 15 minutes for stops;

*Whereas,* about 324,000 rides have been given annually for both fall and spring semester;

*Whereas,* the Parking and Transportation Services completely fund the Blue Line running on the west side of campus;

*Whereas,* the Parking and Transportation Services partially fund the Silver Line on the east side of campus;

*Whereas,* the Silver Line is partially subsidized by apartments/businesses located on the Northeast side of campus;

*Whereas,* the current operational budget for both bus lines are unsustainable;

*Whereas,* the current operational budget is running on a $300,000 deficit;

*Whereas,* one option proposed by the Parking and Transportation Services is to offer a “Basic Service” which essentially reduces the effectiveness of the university bus system;

*Whereas,* the Basic Service reduces the amount of bus running to 1 for both lines;

*Whereas,* the Basic Service increases stop wait times to 20+ minutes;

*Whereas,* the alternative option is to extend services and modify the current structure and bus route;

*Whereas,* the alternative option will be partly subsidized by student support;

*Whereas,* the alternative will separate the bus routes into “main line” located on the west side of campus and “express line” located on the east side of campus;

*Whereas,* the alternative will reduce stop wait time to 9.5 minutes for the main line and 13 minutes for the express line;

*Whereas,* the proposed alternative will cost $257,000 in student fees;

*Whereas,* the new bus fee will amount to $12 per students ($6 per semester).

*Be it resolved that,* The Associated Students of the University of Nevada fully support a mandatory student bus fee to subsidize the university bus system;

*Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent University President Marc Johnson, Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, and the university Parking and Transportation Services.