

Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session
Minutes for Friday, March 9th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
Room #420, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Jackson called the Oversight meeting to order at 4:05 pm in Room 420, 4th floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Bussan, Ca. Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Martinez, and Thummel were present.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

- a. The minutes from February 16th, 2018
The minutes from February 16th, 2018 have already been approved.
- b. The minutes from February 23rd, 2018
Flangas moved to approve by unanimous consent.
There was no dissent; motion carried.

5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy
Secretary Godoy said when they create their meetings they are supposed to use the bar on the left. Some of the senators haven't been doing that so when they sort by the committees, it looks like they haven't had the meeting or they can't find it. Please double check that.

Senator Flangas as a side note, she wanted to do what she and Secretary Godoy talked about over spring break and look at the entire SAS. Was there an updated version they could get?

Secretary Godoy said they had to update it to the SAS with programming changes. The legislative clerk was not feeling well and didn't come in today. She would come in on Monday and do it.

Senator Thummel said the legislation they had won't affect the pronouns. The legislation can be based off of the current SAS.

Senator Becker said Senator Lippi is looking to write legislation after meeting with Leg. Clerk Hansen and Secretary Godoy about using less paper copies for meetings.

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Secretary Godoy said you had to have a paper copy for each committee member. They technically are already breaking NOML because they only print four or five even if there are nine people in the committee. They can't get around it.

Senator Becker said he understood.

Speaker Jackson said on that note, she can give a request for the opinion. It wasn't as relevant for committees but there are many agenda items they don't use for Senate, like the consent agenda or veto messages. She did this once but was scared she violated Nevada Open Meeting Law but taking that stuff out can shirk the agenda by two pages.

Senator Kuykendall asked what project Senators Thummel and Flangas were talking about.

Senator Flangas said she and Speaker Jackson were talking about inclusive pronouns also how there are so many other options like zey and zem. There has been a lot of migration for more pronouns as well as more people using other unestablished terms. The SAS is written in a way that uses pronouns. She wanted to get rid of them entirely, but that meant changing sentences and needing to re-write portions of the SAS.

Senator Kuykendall said in event that there was a sentence that referenced a person in the description, he asked if they could reference them as "the individual."

Senator Flangas said yes, anything would work as long as it was not gender specific.

Senator Kuykendall said with that, they would change the entirety of the SAS and that would be intense. He asked if there was a way to preface the pronouns or words so that they are used interchangeably or is there a way to not have to go in and change it.

Senator Flangas said they only had to do this once. Then from there on, they wouldn't use pronouns. The way it was written now was that some descriptions use "officer" some said "his/her." For those, they had to restructure sentences. This was a one-time fix. They can't just replace it with something every time because of sentence structure.

Speaker Jackson hadn't gone through the SAS entirely but this change will only be prevalent in the job descriptions. They can delegate this to anyone who wanted to restructure the sentences in that section. She was willing to help too.

Senator Thummel said this was discussed at his committee and everyone seemed open to help. At the next meeting before spring break, he will assign 20 pages per person. The committee decided they wanted that. 20 pages over break won't be that bad. His goal was to have the different pages by the next meeting assigned.

Speaker Jackson said they can control F to find where it says he/she.

b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Senator Martinez

Senator Martinez said he made sure nothing burned down on Wednesday. He had a meeting with Senators Thummel and Bussman about SAS changes for his position.

Speaker Jackson said Senator Martinez did a great job on Wednesday. She heard great things about how he ran the meeting.

- c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Lee said: My report is pretty much the same as my chair report on Wednesday. Again, we need volunteers for grading the NURA submissions. Scott Mensing sent a list of senators that he would like as reviewers

Next senate meeting I will just ask senators to stick out their hand if they would like to volunteer. I had a meeting with the editors from NSURJ and CSUN people. They requested that I change some things in the SAS including the number of associate editors and other things that need to be updated. I already talked to Senator Thummel and he agreed to help me with that.

- d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said the committee reviewed ASUN Sound and Lights, Food Services, Inkblot, as well as CSE but that was pushed forward. They will meet next week but only to take roll call and see if there is any public comment. He may be throwing CSE on the agenda after talking to Director Rodriguez about her plans. Aside from that, he addressed a concern about the reviews not being on a clickable link. He ran into Raul and made sure Raul received his email. Raul said he got all the updated budgets and review summaries and they all have a clickable link on the budget section. The next step in the was checking ADA accessibility. If they had questions, they should email Raul since Raul knew more than him.

- e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas
Senator Flangas said the committee will meet next week. They will work on the day they go to the schools for Reading week. One school was interested in the reading only but not the assembly, which was great since it meant the interactions were going to be more interpersonal. The book drive was happening right now. Natchez Elementary was getting back to her about the date but it will be two weeks after they get back from spring break. Anyone who is going to the schools must fill out the paperwork.

Senator Becker asked when Reading Week will be.

Senator Flangas said the official week for it was the week of UNR's spring break. The following week is Washoe County's spring break. She contacted the schools to see if they can go the week they get back from spring break since that would be the best way to get students on campus engaged. The date for it will be the second week of April and it will be two days. One day was for Libby Booth and other is for Natchez. They are both tier 1 schools.

Senator Becker asked if Senator Flangas can send emails to remind of the dates.

Senator Flangas said she will need the finalized date form Natchez but when she has it, she will send it out.

Speaker Jackson suggested Senator Flangas talk to Associate Coordinator Partridge to use Give Pulse.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they will bring in the community or Nevada figureheads like Wolfie and the cheer team. When he went last year as an intern under former Chair Green, the cheerleaders and mascots went and they had rallies.

Senator Flangas said Libby Booth was not interested in the rally portion but it was offered to them. They wanted them to be reading in classes more so there will be about two students per class for grades K-2nd or 3rd. Natchez was interested in the rally but they needed time to set a date. The rally

will be done pro-bono for Natchez and Alfie and some cheerleaders will attend. They are just waiting for a date.

f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel

Senator Thummel said first off, the committee heard legislation from Senator J. Smith; it was a binding resolution to include the simplified budgets under the duties of the Chair of Budget and Finance. The committee also talked about future legislation. His committee will be able to meet next Friday, and they heard legislation from Clubs and Orgs about SAS changes. The biggest thing on the agenda was that the committee had a guest speaker. Associate Justice Barker talked about the Judicial branch as a whole and said they started strong but half way through in October, Chief Justice Bruketta told her she was overstepping her bounds. All this semester, he has been absent. The justices have reached out and tried to get things going but Chief Justice Bruketta has not responded. They had no boss basically. He wanted to hear Oversight's thoughts and was wondering how accountably for the Judicial branch from Senate worked and how to proceed with impeachment. Associate Justice Barker said they have no boss right now.

Speaker Jackson said they had to go to the articles of impeachment but she needed to double check.

Senator Flangas said Associate Justice Barker said Chief Justice Bruketta hadn't been available meaning the Council had no direction. The Council has reached out with emails and texts but Chief Justice Bruketta hadn't attended intern meetings and there have been no trainings for mock trials. Since the Associate Justices are not trained, they cannot do anything with interns.

Senator Kuykendall asked for historical purposes, what the other intentions were for creating the Council, besides oversight.

Speaker Jackson can tell them that historically, the Council was used more than it is now. She didn't know if it was that people are now more responsible meaning that the Council isn't needed as much or people just don't file charges as often but in recent years, there has been nothing. She doesn't know why.

Senator Kuykendall said this wasn't directed at anyone, but going forward structurally, what about having one chief justice, and anytime there is a dispute, they seek out a board of people or a jury of students. That way if the chief justice isn't doing their job, they have someone to hold accountable. It shouldn't also fall on the associate justices.

Speaker Jackson said that was an interesting idea.

Senator Flangas brought up that in the federal government, the Judicial Branch didn't report to Senate. However, she asked what the problem would be with making the Chief Justice report mandatory once every two weeks. She knew had to do with separation of powers but the report could be mandatory under public comment. This way, the Chief Justice would be accountable to students and would know what they have been doing.

Senator Kuykendall knew there were job duties in the SAS, but he asked what the Council actually does. He didn't want a reason for them to come to Senate but rather, he wanted to know what the purpose was for the council existing. What would happen if the Chief Justice came every two weeks to Senate but gave no report.

Speaker Jackson asked the body to consider what would happen if the Association didn't have a Judicial Branch but there was a need for one. There have been impeachment trials in the past where the Judicial Branch played an integral role.

Senator Thummel said to respond to Senator Kuykendall, the Council had a lot written in the SAS under Chapter 302 for trials. But, the duties are limited but to things like the internship program. Going back to what Associate Justice Barker said, the Chief Justice has done nothing of it. He wanted feedback from Oversight and wanted to call Chief Justice Bruketta into Oversight to ask him why he has been absent from his duties.

Senator Flangas said the biggest thing they should do is mock cases so that the Council understands its job and what follow-through should be for that job. They can't be ready for a case unless they study cases. They should run mock cases; that is how it works in the real world. They must know how decisions are made. The Council hasn't done that either. The Council has no training; if a case were to come up, they would be trained as the case progresses.

Senator Thummel said the other issue is that it is hard to gauge how the Council would handle cases since they haven't had time to try out their duties since their boss hasn't been active. They have no guidance.

Senator Becker said the next question is what Senate can do to hold him accountable. He asked if they file for impeachment or if they look at the rules.

Speaker Jackson would double check the documents to see how it works but it would be up to the committee.

Senator Thummel asked if it would go through Oversight.

Speaker Jackson believed so.

Senator Flangas said if Oversight wanted more information, they can get the opinions of the other Associate Justices. But, it seemed like Associate Justice Barker wanted him removed and the other Associate Justices had the same opinion. She thought they should get a written statement from the Council for why they seek removal.

Senator Kuykendall wanted to point out the structural problem they had. This could happen to the next person that comes into the position. He didn't think this was due to one person but rather because of a lack of structure. Historically, he knew there wasn't much activity from the Council.

Speaker Jackson said she thought there were two problems. There was a structural problem but also lack of civic education and the knowledge of the Council being an avenue to make things happen. In the past, people used to file charges for even the smallest things. And even recently, there was a case filed against President Teixeira from one person outside of ASUN.

Senator Becker asked if that showed that previously, students did know about the Council.

Speaker Jackson said that this applied to officers as well. In the past, officers were very active in filing charges, especially the attorney general during elections. But they haven't seen much activity in recent years from officers or during elections.

Senator Kuykendall pointed out that the charges filed in the summer were tied to ASUN because it was done by one of the people that had applied for ASUN. The general public that is far removed from ASUN didn't know what they can do.

Speaker Jackson said they needed to ask if that was due to structure or people not knowing.

Senator Flangas said the committee talked about adding more duties. Personally, she thought about having the Council do one education-based event for something like how to file charges. She also wanted to restructure all the duties.

Speaker Jackson said another thing that Chief Justice Bruketta did well last year is hold educational programs. He brought speakers and tried to hold educational events about the legal system. She didn't know how that worked specifically. It got a little sticky with Programming and with money. With more time and research, they can look at the impeachment process.

g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker

Senator Becker said the committee had a meeting today at 12:30 and it went well. Some senators phoned in, but everyone was present except for one senator. The committee discussed the ASUN project proposals Senator Bussman talked about. The committee compiled a list of approved legislation and attempted legislation and projects to fill out proposals for it all. Prior to talking to Secretary Godoy about the minimum paper requirement, he assigned that to Senators Cook and Tralmer, but it looked like they can't do it now.

Speaker Jackson said she couldn't remember what she had said

Secretary Godoy said she thought she suggested an opinion from the attorney general about an interpretation of that part of NOML

Senator Becker said it was looking iffy but they will come back to it. Senator Lippi is writing an amendment for the Senate Rules to add in the K-12 outreach program to the duties of the committee. They had an outreach event yesterday and it was successful; he had a great time. They were at the point where they can make it an annual thing, but they are trying to figure out if it belonged under the duties of the Committee on Public Affairs, the Director of Campus and Public Relations, or both. He is talking to Director Walberg to get the K-12 outreach program into ASUN.

Senator Kuykendall asked Senator Thummel if the K-12 outreach program fell under the Director of Campus and Public Relations in the SAS.

Senator Thummel said yes.

Speaker Jackson said a strategic plan needed to be created under the director, but it didn't need to be implemented necessarily.

Senator Becker thought it was best to have both engaged; there was no reason for only one. Director Walberg said it should be journalism and PR based if it was going to be under the Director of Campus and Public Relations. Senator Becker thought K-12 outreach was relevant for recruitment for ASUN and the university and it would be best in both.

Senator Kuykendall said after Senate, Jahahi Mazariego from the Center approached him. She voiced her appreciation for the K-12 outreach program and said they should incorporate diversity outreach so they can reach underrepresented populations. That might not fall under the k-12

outreach directly but they can add a separate component to represent them better. When they spoke to leadership classes, they targeted those that are included already. They needed to reach out to those that weren't considering college or leadership positions.

Senator Becker said they can reach out to the Boys and Girls Club. He will be working there after his term is over and he knew they were always looking for regular speakers. They needed some sort of informal connection to bring in ASUN speakers to talk to their members. The Boys and Girls Club already had leadership training teams that are meant to target leadership students but they needed something for other students.

Speaker Jackson said Senator Becker brought up a great point. She wanted to talk to them about this and ask them: knowing what they know now, how can they integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into each position in ASUN. It should be based on little things to make sure all the positions are bringing in diversity and inclusion; it shouldn't all be pushed to the Department of Diversity and Inclusion. They should all do that kind of work. That was great idea she didn't think of. She asked they frame their mind on that concept and get that into the SAS so they had that in mind for future directors.

h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman

Senator Bussman said he had a few things. First, he will talk about the legacy box. He talked to Raul and Raul made a senate legacy box in the same folder that they all had access to. The access for right now was to him and Senator Martinez. For the next session, access will be given to the speaker pro tempore and all the files are sent to the pro tempore to upload. He will figure out the architecture for the box with subfolders. He wanted to clarify what he is doing with the project proposals. He asked his committee to bring outlines of what they did this didn't need to be detailed. He will meet individually with his committee members and they will explain the projects to him in depth as if he was new senator. That information will go to new senators with a little context of what that means. It must be clear for someone that didn't understand the project. It will be overall with committees, so he didn't know how they wanted to divvy up the information. It was like if someone in his committee came to him with all their projects, what happens when you do to that second person.

Speaker Jackson said there were different ways to structure it and they all had their pros and cons but each person can have their own file and people sitting on certain committees can look up projects based on which senator sat on what committee.

Senator Kuykendall said with projects, they had some that were followed up with and some that were just ideas. It kind of took away from what senators should be looking at. It was set up to provide historical context. He could look up and see the 82nd session and see everything that the Committee on Budget and Finance did including legislation. Having historical context in terms of projects would be a mess.

Senator Bussman said budget and finance was historically recorded because numbers are easy to write down. For projects, they needed to know what was done and why things didn't work. If there was a reason that something didn't work, and a new senator sees that reason, they won't try it again. They had multiple sessions try to push through class evaluations and none of them succeeded, but some got a little farther than others. With this, if a senator wants to pick something up, they know from where to start off. There was no harm in having it.

Senator Kuykendall asked if Senator Bussman would upload the idea of course evaluations to the box and the next senator continues working off the same document. Otherwise, they would get a string of the same submissions. He asked how the box would be organized.

Senator Bussman said he organized it by session.

Speaker Jackson said they can search it too. She would assume only a few things are repeated multiple times.

Senator Flangas felt there would be more repeats. Senator Bussman and her were thinking of putting links to Givepulse and Handshake on Canvas and she heard that another senator was thinking of doing that in their platform. That's the same idea that they were trying to do again. It died because it financially wasn't feasible. But someone might want to do it again.

Speaker Jackson said don't you think if they saw your proposal they might decide to do it again or go "eh, maybe not". They could talk to someone and make changes. She didn't think it was an issue of having too many files. They weren't worried about the public not being able to find stuff, it was just a resource for people to thumb through.

Senator Bussman said since it was separate, he wasn't forcing each senator to go through every project. It was for senators that had nothing to do or who wanted to learn more. If he had access to every project of all the previous sessions, he would have gone through them. Since he didn't have it, he spent a lot of time thinking about random stuff that he can do to. This would streamline the project for everyone in the future.

Speaker Jackson said she didn't have access to it yet, but the speaker has a NAS drive that was similar to what Senator Bussman is trying to do with the Box. It was a useful tool but she can't figure out how have it mapped to her computer. She felt the legacy box will be success for that reason; she has heard having the NAS access was very helpful.

Senator Bussman said he wanted to do a presentation on the job analysis for next Friday. He wanted it to be short, so he won't waste time with definitions. They don't need to know about equal opportunity codes since they just want to orient the next chairs so that the next session can be an extension of this session. He talked to his management professor and he will go to her office hours and discuss the presentation for input. Another thing he thought of was changing office hours. Currently, he didn't think office hours measured what they needed to; even the paper system could be improved. He laid out a framework for everything that could be improved. On that topic, he is talking to Speaker Jackson and they found a program called Spark. This was an innovation network program with infrastructure. They will need a tiny scaled down version to run a focus campaign. It was simple and Senate, or anyone in ASUN, can use to create new ideas in a way that was a more functional version of how ASUN operates now. There was a lot to talk about with that program. He felt he was giving the body random descriptions of everything he was working on, but he can't explain it all on the spot. He did make a bulleted list of everything he worked on.

Speaker Jackson said Senator Bussman can go over everything if she set a meeting.

Senator Becker asked what the bullets are on Senator Bussman's list of what to fix in ASUN.

Senator Bussman said in his mind, office hours aren't measuring what they are supposed to. There was a better way to measure performance. In the top-down processing of what an ideal senator

looks like, office hours are an example of specifics. They are at the bottom of the tree, but they aren't an effective way to determine effective senators.

Senator Becker said he understood what Senator Bussman meant by office hours being ineffective but asked what are the endgame items Senator Bussman was looking at changing besides office hours.

Senator Bussman said he wanted to change how they measure performance. They needed to get people to care about performance. For example, Senator of the Week always comes from the same person and the message isn't personalized or measured in way that people know what they are being recognized for. He thought of using an anonymous submission system where senators send something to the speaker saying they saw a senator doing something worthy. This way, the value for the system is increased, it isn't the same person every time, and the award is more personalized. Dr. Beattie talked about this too where third party recognition is the most powerful because it implied that people say good things about you, even when you're not around.

Senator Becker said Speaker Jackson informally does a description of why a person is receiving Senator of the Week and does give specifics about what they did. He asked if Senator Bussman was looking to formalize Senator of the Week.

Speaker Jackson said this would be more collaborative and was a good idea. It would be cool to nominate someone since there are many ways to recognize people.

Senator Kuykendall said he caught the tail end of a discussion with Dr. Beattie and Senators Thummel and Bussman, but an idea he had was limiting the recognition to all the proceedings and students in ASUN. They talk about the people that work in Central Station having some of the hardest jobs; they do more than some senators by putting in so much work that goes unrecognized. The Front Desk attendants are the first impression of ASUN; they had an important job but don't have their achievements recognized. When he did Orientation presentations, Front Desk spoke. There were many moving parts in ASUN to recognize and limiting it to Senate was like standing in a circle congratulating each other. People should want to be in ASUN to leave a lasting impact. They shouldn't limit it to senators and instead push the spotlight on to the University.

Senator Becker agreed that they shouldn't limit it to senators. He asked if the purpose of recognizing senators with the certificate was to have a lasting impression for the legacy box.

Speaker Jackson said it was up to the speaker; there is nothing that says she had to do it.

Senator Kuykendall knew where Senator Becker was going. To leave a lasting impact, they should divert attention from senators and towards the achievements so that the achievements can be included in the box. This way they are incentivizing coming up with great ideas and not feeding narcissism.

Senator Bussmann thought some of it was a drastic oversimplification of how performance measurement and reinforcement work. Some people join ASUN for their resumes, that is a reality that won't change. This is more about understanding the different factors that reinforce people and using that to create a framework. Once they have that, the bottom line will be raised. Not everything in the framework will resonate with everyone, but they wanted to cover all their bases so that the bottom line motivates everyone in one way or another.

Senator Flangas asked if Senator Bussman was trying to remove the points system.

Senator Bussman answered no.

Senator Flangas just wanted to confirm.

Senator Bussman said they needed a base level of what to do and that includes what motivates senators to do more. Right now, what reinforces senator motivation is Senator of the Week, Senator of the Year, and social norms. That was all.

Speaker Jackson said they are talking about the carrot methodology and the stick methodology. In the carrot on pole methodology, you dangle a reward in front of some to motivate them. With the stick methodology, you punish negative behavior. Or, you could use neither of those with intrinsic motivation. Right now, they use a stick methodology with giving people points if they don't do office hours or go to meetings. This is trying to come up with ways to intrinsically motivate them and highlight everyone.

Senator Bussman said his committee talked about all of this but he didn't want to get into the specifics. He wanted to go before Senate and discuss all of this; then they will go from there.

Senator Beker asked what time.

Speaker Jackson recommended Senator Bussman sent out poll. She would recommend they talk after Senate on Wednesday since there wasn't much on the agenda but the drag show is that day and she wanted as many people to go. They are on a timeline since they wanted to communicate this all to the new senators. Trainings will be coming up right after spring break. The details don't all need to be worked out but they do need to be on the same page.

Senator Becker asked what the role of the current senators was in training newly elected senators.

Speaker Jackson said the speaker was responsible for planning the trainings. She had not planned anything yet but she had the dates. She wanted to involve the current senators, if they wanted to go and are not running. She thought it would be great for them to come in and talk about their experiences and provide information as committee chairs as well as lead workshops about the budget and legislation. She will also make a Google Doc for what they wish they had known when they first started, what should have been covered in Senate trainings, and they thought was missing during the retreats since. She also asked them to think about what was relevant to cover when you first enter and also think about what they learned on the job.

Senator Becker said having as many senators at the training was the most significant way to have a good carry over. They could have an interpersonal connection with upcoming senators and have difficult conversations with them.

Senator Kuykendall said they could even work with Dr. Beattie and Dr. Rodriguez to create a break out session for committees and do brainstorming different ideas. That way they are prepared to join the committee and the0079 have ideas.

Speaker Jackson said she could set up a different round-table style where people can switch and learn about the committees.

Senator Lee said they can do it after a senate meeting. Senator Martinez held a meeting for all the chairs to introduce themselves to the interns; they can do that again. They can invite all the elected senators to a Senate meeting.

Speaker Jackson said they will have more discussion on that later as the planning gets closer.

i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson

Speaker Jackson announced this and messaged them all about them having to have meeting next week. She apologized for having to have the meeting, but they needed to meet before spring break. The rules have never been suspended for spring break and she didn't about it until it was too late.

Senator Becker asked if they can have a phone conference over spring break for their committees.

Speaker Jackson said yes but someone must be able to post the agendas.

Senator Becker asked if he can he have a bunch of people on the phone.

Speaker Jackson said yes. Last session, they forgot to pass legislation to adjourn the session so the day before the 85th session convened, they had to have a meeting. At that meeting it was a line of people on the phone. She will give them a presentation on NASPA and tell them what she learned next week. For posting the boards, she talked to Associate Director Koeckes about the board by the @One. That board is not a public board so anything that is not ASUN related needs to be taken down. She cleaned it up last week. She also noticed how high it was and anyone in wheelchairs won't be able to look at agendas. She asked they start putting the agendas on the bottom so anyone on wheelchair can take it down. Also, if they see any postings, even if it has an ASUN stamp, they should take it down since it was not a public board.

Senator Becker asked if they take it down or to they need to call someone.

Speaker Jackson said they can take it down. She will also have signs made for the boards so that people know too. Also, the new director of Inkblot emailed her the sign for the Pennington posting board. She will be emailing facilities so they can hang it up and will let them know when it was up. When it is up, they will have to change the agenda templates and cover sheets.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Tool

Senator Becker moved to recommend favorably S. Res. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Tool.

Senator Thummel seconded.

Secretary Godoy said she talked with Hannah about what to do when a senator reaches ten points. Traditionally how it works was when they reach ten points the attorney general can step in and file charges or recommend that they resign. Senator Tool is up to 11 points, or 13 if you count Wednesday's absence.

Senator Kuykendall knew that Senator Tool was on the cheer squad. He asked if Senator Tool had not been informing Speaker Jackson of absences due to games.

Speaker Jackson said he has been informing her.

Senator Kuykendall said does he have 11 points even with those excuses.

Speaker Jackson said she was not excusing the points since Senator Tool couldn't make it to a majority of the meetings.

Senator Flangas asked if they are saying they had to seek the Attorney General.

Speaker Jackson said it was unclear in the SAS and the senate rules. It said at five points a censure, and upon the accumulation of other points, then articles of impeachments and filing charges to the attorney general is applicable.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they would be in a situation similar to Interdisciplinary having no representation in the event they file charges and hypothetically Senator Tool resigns.

Speaker Jackson said yes but that was the point of the position being open for two weeks. For Interdisciplinary, there was some miscommunication of when the position opened; that is why it was taking so long. Other than that, it was the two weeks required. Hiring a new College of Education Senator would depend on when the resignation comes in and when the job is opened. She will look into the process and ask the Attorney General.

Motion carried.

b. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Becker

Senator Becker moved to recommend favorably S.Res. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Becker.

Senator Martinez seconded.

Senator Becker said he had a little over 6 points. One main reason is scheduling committee meetings. He didn't have time to schedule for four weeks because of long weekends and missing one for being sick. He didn't know how many points not posting a committee meeting was.

Secretary Godoy said you get two points but she believed their excused the one when you were sick.

Senator Becker said he did get points for not planning for vacation and long weekends. He can see it coming up with spring break and will have a meeting over spring break. He had unexcused tardiness at committees; he tried his best by calling ahead to inform the chairs that he would be late but there were some meetings where he was overwhelmed with tasks and other activities. He hadn't had any tardies in a while because he cut down on the stuff he was doing. He also had points because there some committee meetings that were early in the morning and he didn't travel time into account. He hoped to not get more points.

Motion carried.

c. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Bussman

Senator Bussman moved recommend favorably S.Res. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Bussman.

Senator Becker seconded

Senator Bussman said most of the points came from office hours. He spends most of his time being in ASUN, thinking about ASUN, and doing ASUN but he didn't write it all down. For two the committees that showed up this past Friday, he had nothing to say other than that he slept

through his alarm; it was his fault. The points he got from last semester, were concentrated in the month that he was really sick. He thought the points were excused but apparently not.

Senator Becker thought it was ironic he had hard time documenting his own efforts but wanted to document all their efforts.

Senator Bussman didn't want to acknowledge the irony.

Motion carried; Senator Flangas dissented.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Secretary Godoy said she was pretty sure they excused the points from absences. They have an excel file that calculates the points and they periodically check by hand. If they ever want they can come by and check.

Senator Kuykendall wanted to commemorate Senators Becker and Bussman for the discussion during their committee reports. It led to effective communication and the meeting was most productive at the hands of them. They are great senators and the censures are not representative of who they are as senators.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.