

# 85<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

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

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Martinez called the Senate meeting to order at 5:32 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ROLL CALL

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

Speaker Jackson and Senators Billman, Compton, and Flangas were absent excused.

Senator Tool absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Thummel moved to approve  
There was no dissent; motion carried.
- b. The minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- c. The minutes from February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- d. The minutes from February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, were unavailable at this time.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jahahi Mazariieg said she was the Social Services Coordinator for The Center. She wanted to introduce herself and say thank you for giving her the resources to create UndocuWeek. She was the organizer of the events. Many students met with her afterwards and they all told her they felt represented. It makes a difference when ASUN made an effort to reach out to students that aren't normally reached out to.

Dr. Beattie reminded the body that elections are next week. He urged them to talk to constituents to get them to vote. They had a record year with turnout last year. He hoped they can get 25% turnout this year to beat last year's 22%. The highest turnout before last year was two years ago at 19%. Last year, engineering and interdisciplinary had the lowest turnout. This year, there are many engineering candidates; Dr. Beattie hoped that would increase engineering turnout. He was overall excited for elections, but he was also excited for about 9:00 pm next week when elections are over.

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

There were no petitions to be read at this time

**7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. President of the Associated Students, Noah Teixeira

Senator Martinez read the report into the record:

“First, I would like to apologize for my absence tonight for I am at a meeting with the Vice President. Tonight, I would like to highlight our wonderful programming department for Mackey Week. I hope you all got out and took a polaroid, I know I forgot! Today the committee on the Paul and Judy Bible finished up their selection for the award. We will be announcing the winner in the coming weeks, we have discussed writing legislation to honor this professor. The award started this year but out of all teaching awards we would like to make this one the highest honor. We have run into a small budgeting issue for the Spring concert and Director of Event Programming Kinel and I have been working these details out. However, I do want to say that if you have heard of the date PLEASE DO NOT ANNOUNCE IT. For many reasons this would be very problematic. Last week the Board of Regents met and discussed the tuition increase that the institutions will be seeing. The discussion was relatively calm with two pieces of public comment. Keep in mind, President Johnson came to us and presented on why this happening and what it will look like for our students. Lastly, I am awaiting an email back from Speaker Jackson and I can move forward with some other projects.”

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

- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

- d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley

Senator Martinez read the report into the record:

“My apologies for my absence this evening, unfortunately I have had some family problems arise this week and I needed to be with them. My report is as follows for the past week. I had the amazing opportunity to speak at the Wolf Pack Smart Talk last night on a subject that I am extremely passionate about which is equitable representation in leadership. This has reaffirmed the notion that we need to expand our efforts in recruiting and empowering students to get involved with their government. I will be setting up a meeting with Amy when she returns from NASPA, to assess the logistics of expanding workshops like Elect Her in the future for ASUN. Just a reminder that Banquet will be the Tuesday after Spring Break at 6:00pm in Ballroom C. Thank you to everyone that has RSVP'd, we should have a great turn out for the night. I sent the necessary prints to Nevada Ink yesterday for the night and Inkblot is currently working on the End of the Year Review video that will be played that night. Again, the attire is semi-formal and directors are aware of their deadlines for submitting their award winners. I have also been working with Vice President Atienza to plan the Pack Internship Banquet at the end of the year. I have been researching possible venues at Pack Friendly Businesses to continue our goal of expanding into the city. I spoke with my bosses at the studio this week and they said that the students participating in the internships have had nothing but positive reviews! Speaking of the Career Studio, they are currently hiring mentors for the next academic year. If you are interested in a fun, on-campus job that includes one on one mentoring with students, I highly encourage you to apply! Internally, I have been working with Dr. Beattie about job duties and hiring timelines for the next session to ensure clear instructions for the prospective candidates applying. Please encourage your constituents to begin looking into positions within ASUN in the upcoming year. The positions will be posted

on Workday by the end of this week. Beyond that, I am working on setting up the framework for the Mackay Endowment Fund with SOHO Sushi. We have a meeting set up for next week. They have been having great success since their opening and have said that the Mackay has been doing very well in sales. If you have any questions regarding my report or related topics, please feel free to contact me!”

**e.** Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero

**f.** Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

Assistant Director Lensch said Mackay Week is going great. They finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> event today. Tomorrow, the department will be partnering with the Joe for their movie night. The department will pass out food and drinks. The Joe will be showing *Coco* at 6 pm and 9 pm. On Friday, they will be hosting Donut Give Up. They will hand out free donuts in the KC from 1-3 pm. For the drag show, it will be next week on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. Trixie Mattel will be hosting the show. If they didn’t know who that was, she is a famous drag queen. Tickets are free at the ASUN Front Desk. Students just need to show their Wolf Card to get one. To get into the show, students must have the ticket and their Wolf Card. They are also selling 50 community tickets at Central Station. All the proceeds will go to a scholarship with the Queer Student Union. He hoped Senate wasn’t that long next week so the Senators can enjoy the show.

Senator Kuykendall asked how attendance was this year compared to last year for Mackay Week.

Assistant Director Lensch said for the food events, they saw around 500 students on the first day and 350-400 students today. Food has increased attendance.

Senator Kuykendall said that he saw students complain on Instagram because they ran out of mac and cheese. Senator Kuykendall asked how long the chicken nuggets lasted.

Assistant Director Lensch said the nuggets didn’t last long either; they didn’t last more than 50 minutes today. Programming is used to barbequing their own events and those usually last 3 hours when the department does the cooking. For future events like this, they will market it by saying they will start at 11 am or whatever and go until food runs out instead of announcing an end time. They will also look at ordering more food, but still go until they run out. The department will work on that for future events so that students aren’t upset when they do run out of food.

**g.** Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason

**h.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz

**i.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo

Director Gbenjo said last week was UndocuWeek. She thanked those of them that went. She also thanked Jahahi Mazarieg for putting it on and for organizing the events. They had a BBQ today and it went well. They went over the original time because the department had food, so they decided to go until they ran out. The t-shirts were a hit had they had no more left. She apologized if they didn’t get one. They had a diversity committee meeting to talk about the day of the summit and go over the rundown. If interested, the complete rundown will be online; just search for 2018 diversity summit to view a breakdown of the session and workshops. The day before the summit on the 11<sup>th</sup>, will be the diversity and unity event by GSA at 6 pm in the ballrooms. Registration for the diversity summit is free and will run from 8-4 pm that day. They will need volunteers to help with it. She needed to receive the sign in sheet; she will send it to the body when she has it. March 27<sup>th</sup> is the speech competition. Students that submitted proposals and will give their speeches in front of judges and the winner gets to open the summit. That will be in room 420 of the Joe and

anyone can attend. The big part of the night is the speaker from Decoded. That will be at 7 pm in the ballrooms and it is an ASUN event. She asked them to please make it a priority to come, even if they can't attend the workshops. She was big, and the body don't want to miss it. The promotions will start shortly; she has a meeting with Inkblot to finalize it all.

- j. Director of Sustainability, Brita Romans
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson
- m. Attorney General, Cameron Harris
  
- n. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella

Senator Martinez read the report into the record:

“Greetings senators! I’m super pleased with how amazing the debates went. The candidates are knowledgeable and excited to continue the legacy that senate has already created. Next week is the Presidential and VP debate at 7:30pm in the JCSU Great Room. This debate will be more of a forum to get to know the candidates but I’m sure you guys know them pretty well \*wink\*. I still encourage you to come and get a better understanding of the candidates plans for the upcoming year. In addition, we have the Elections BBQ. The BBQ will take place in the Gateway Plaza from 11-1. If you are not running for an office next year and would like to volunteer your time to run the event, please let me know! Last but not least a reminder that the general election will open at 8am March 14th and close at 5pm on the 15th. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions! Thank you!”

- o. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

Senator Martinez read the report into the record:

“Good evening, everyone! Again, I apologize for not being present at tonight's meeting. I am currently traveling back from the NASPA conference. I can't wait to return to share everything that I have learned! Our Senator of the Week is someone who is skilled at facilitating substantive dialogue at the committee table. This senator is dedicated to ensuring that every piece of legislation that comes out of their committee is thorough, clear, and free of errors. This senator's persistence and attention to detail is an example to us all. Congratulations to our Senator of the Week, Senator Ryan Becker!”

## **8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee

Senator Ca. Lee said: My committee will be meeting tomorrow at 9am in the president's conference room. We will be discussing what we will be doing for the rest of the semester. The Nevada state undergraduate research award applications for the spring has opened, and Scott Mensing will be needing volunteers again to review the applications. He has sent me an email with the following suggestions on who he would like as reviewers:

- STEM (4-5): Connor Billman, Ian Tralmer, Cammie Lee, Armen Paningbatan, Michael Se
- Social Science (1-2): Derek Bussman, Sarah Smith
- Humanities (1): Dustin Tool
- Arts (1): Nicole Flangas

I had a meeting last week with the NSURJ committee and senators from CSUN. During spring break, I will start working on legislation to update the SAS as requested from the senior co-editors of NSURJ. We are working on updating the number of associate editors and some other things.

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

Senator Kuykendall said the committee will have a meeting at 1 pm on Friday as usual. The committee will review Sound and Lights, Inkblot, Legal Services, and the ASUN Center for

Student Engagement. He thanked everyone that attended the last committee meeting last week. A couple of things to point out: 1) When they reviewed Wolf Pack Radio, they met with the new manager. He felt Wolf Pack Radio was in great hands as the new manager had great ideas coming up for the year for the department. 2) In regard to Blue crew, there were some additional problems they ran into when writing the review summaries. The main problem was expending all their funds in their account balance. They will review how Blue Crew will responsibly spend those funds and if they don't, they will reconsider budget allocations for next year.

- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel  
Senator Thummel said tonight, the body will hear legislation from his committee. He will present on behalf of Senator Billman. The other legislation is from Senator J. Smith. This Friday, the committee will have another meeting. The committee will hear more legislation from Senator J. Smith. Senator Flangas and himself were doing one final project before they leave office. He will have more on that next week.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker  
Senator Becker said the committee didn't have a meeting last Friday; the committee will meet this Friday to discuss Senator Bussman's legacy box. He was stoked for it. That was all they had on the agenda for the next meeting. Senator Becker congratulated Senator Cook for being elected vice chair. The first K-12 outreach event was on Monday. He didn't attend but heard it went well. There was another one tomorrow at 10 am at Reed High School.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman  
Senator Bussman said the committee will meet this Friday at 2 pm. The committee will be bringing outlines for project summaries. They will start the discussion at the next Oversight about the legacy box. There will be many changes to the SAS. Those changes will go through Gov. Ops. One change is he was looking to restructure office hours because he felt office hours don't measure what they are supposed to. He will be at Reed tomorrow.  
  
Senator Becker asked if Senator Bussman just wanted the different proposals for events for the legacy box.  
  
Senator Bussman said anything that had been done in the session that can provide context for next year's session.  
  
Senator Becker asked if they can include legislation that failed and talk about why it didn't work.  
  
Senator Bussman said legislation is put in the committee legacy binders. If committees stay up to date with it, that's easy to include. This was for projects that go through committees, like programming events or initiatives, that aren't always on the public record. This puts both legislation and the initiatives they have done into a summarized form, so senators understand what they are doing.
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez  
Senator Martinez said he is holding down the fort until Speaker Jackson comes back. He encouraged discussion on the legislation they had tonight. He asked they read through it, so they can have good discussions.
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

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

There are no appointments to be considered at this time.

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

There were no appointments to be considered at this time.

**12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There were no veto messages at this time.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

**14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

**15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation to be fast tracked 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 received their second reading and were considered:

- a. S.R. 85 – A Resolution in Support of Condom Accessibility  
Senator Ca. lee moved to approve S.Res. 85 – A Resolution in Support of Condom Accessibility.  
Senator Tralmer seconded.

Senator Paningbatan said for background, during Wintermester he took a class and the big project was writing a research paper on how to prevent STD's in the community. He wrote about condom accessibility. They do have a vending machine that is run by the Wolf Shop, but the resolution was to reserve a spot for condoms for students to buy. This way, students have more condoms accessible to them since the Wolf Shop and the Health Center aren't open 24/7. They only have one vending machine right now; the resolution also included future vending machines having condoms. This was to show the community that the University cares about students' health and wants to protect the students.

Senator Ca. lee thought the vending machine Senator Paningbatan was talking about was the one on the first floor by the @One that had scantrons and pencils and blue books and other school supplies.

Senator Tralmer knew there were multiple locations with free condoms. He asked if students would need to pay for the condoms in the vending machines.

Senator Paningbatan said yes.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they contacted the director of the KC to get this across. He didn't see the resolution mention anyone that can actually make this happen.

Senator Paningbatan talked to Director Dubai and Director Dubai said they already had the condoms in the vending machine. The plan was to move the vending machine from the KC to the Joe. It was more feasible since more students pass through the Joe and will see it. As far as Senator Kuykendall's question, Senator Paningbatan didn't talk to anyone in the KC because he didn't think they will keep the vending machine in the KC.

Senator Becker the machines are owned by the Wolf Shop, not the KC.

Senator Paningbatan added that when he talked to Director Dubai, they came up with strategies to find other places to put vending machines. They thought about the dorms, but the funding isn't there and they don't have the time. The resolution was for future machines they decide to buy.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they can get a machine put in Great Basin.

Senator Paningbatan said they did talk about it but the hall won't be open 24/7. It was up for discussion still.

Senator Becker thought this was grounds for another resolution that they didn't want the machine to be near the Wolf Shop but rather near the dorms.

Senator Paningbatan said if they had time, they can write it before the term ends.

Senator Mall said his official title was Director of the Wolf Shop. He asked if that is a clerical error if they needed to make a motion.

Secretary Godoy said it was clerical.

Legislative Clerk Hansen said she can take care of that.

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

Motion carried.

- b. S.B.R 85 – A Binding Resolution Amending the 85<sup>th</sup> Session Rules of the Senate  
Senator Thummel moved to approve S.B. Resolution – A Binding Resolution Amending the 85<sup>th</sup> Session Rules of the Senate.  
Senator Tralmer seconded.

Senator J. Smith said these are small changes to the rules that Speaker Jackson wanted to reflect how Senate is working. The first was about office hours; rather than doing 2 hours per week, it was changed so that senators had to do 4 every two weeks. The next change took out office hours needing to take place at the senate table since they don't do that anymore. Next for reports, he took out the secretary needing to give a report since the secretary doesn't give one. The next change was for the formation of special committees. He took out by motion so that it now reads that it was up to the discretion of the speaker or by binding resolution. Next was so that the appointment notification has to be submitted to speaker, not the secretary. Rule 12 took out \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, the rule to suspend the senate rules would now be by binding resolution or motion and needed to pass by 2/3 vote.

Senator Ca. Lee asked if he can clarify what a special committee was.

Dr. Beattie said it was a temporary committee to try out or a committee that is created to handle something big that is happening. The body could create a special committee to take care of that and then disband the committee when the session ends.

Senator Tralmer asked if this made it so that special committees are created by the speaker.

Senator J. Smith said that before, it read that special committees can be created by motion, the discretion of the speaker, or by resolution. This changed it so that it was by binding resolution or at the discretion of the speaker.

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

Motion carried.

- c. S.B. 85 – An Act to Amend the Department of Event Programming

*Senator Stopka left the room at 6:04 pm.*

Senator Mah moved to approve S.B. 85 – An Act to Amend the Department of Event Programming.

Senator J. Smith seconded.

Senator Thummel said Senator Billman couldn't make it so he will be introducing the legislation on behalf of Senator Billman. Basically, Senator Billman met with Director Kinel and they discussed the changes together. There were three big ones. The first one was change to the mission statement. Currently, the mission statement in the SAS mentioned athletics; that is being taken out since it was more of a Blue Crew thing. Second, section 3, under Structure, it was worded so that instead of saying the department will consist of eight programmers it will now read up to eight programmers. Currently, the department only had six programmers. This wording allows the department the flexibility to work with its budget and at the discretion of the director should the director feel they don't need eight programmers. The last change was under section 4 where it listed their events. They took out Unity Week and replaced it with the monthly inclusivity events. This was to better reflect what the department currently does.

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

Motion carried; Senator Stopka was not present for the vote.

## **18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **a. Senate Committee Changes**

Senator J. Smith moved to add himself to the Committee on University Affairs by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

### **b. Senator Reports**

Senator Reports were not heard at this time.

## **19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Kuykendall said that he forgot to mention this in his report earlier. If they went [www.nevadaasun.com/budget/financial-review-summaries](http://www.nevadaasun.com/budget/financial-review-summaries), they will see the financial review summaries. He is still getting some summaries still and will submit them as they come in. The only issue right now is

that there is no direct link to access the review summaries, you must type in the actual link. They are working on adding a tab to the budget page soon.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Assistant Director Lensch said on behalf of Chair Kinsella, please help at the BBQ for elections. Programming will be there to help but they are also going to be setting up for the drag show and also running dress rehearsals. They can't be in two places at once so please help out anyone that is running for office this year since they are in the same shoes the body was in last year. He asked they look out for anything Chair Kinsella puts out next week about volunteering.

Dr. Beattie said there was one caveat with volunteering at the Elections BBQ, if they volunteer they are acting as ASUN officials so they cannot wear elections materials. Second, if they are running for office, don't volunteer since it would give them an unfair advantage over other candidates that are not currently in ASUN and they must keep a level playing field.

*Senator Stopka entered the room at 6:08 pm.*

Senator Ca. Lee asked if he had the times slots for volunteering.

Dr. Beattie said the BBQ will be from 11 am – 2 pm, if he remembered correctly but they will need people about an hour before for setup and an hour after for cleanup. He will check with Chair Kinsell to be sure.

Senator Ca. Lee asked if they should wear their polos.

Dr. Beattie said they can.

Senator Kuykendall noticed that Director Walberg didn't present on it but, the K-12 outreach went well and was great. He encouraged all the senators to go if they can. At Reno, they spoke to a leadership oriented high school class. He asked they show up since it would do a lot for the director and for the outreach program as a whole.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:09 pm.