

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, March 14th, 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 5:35 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers on the third floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Maddie Iroz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Senators Becker, Cynthia Lee were absent excused.

Senators Stopka, Tool, and Tralmer were absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from February 7th, 2018
- b. The minutes from February 14th, 2018
- c. The minutes from February 21st, 2018
- d. The minutes from February 28th, 2018
- e. The minutes from March 7th, 2018

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

General Manager Birchard said he wanted to talk to ASUN because he knows Wolf Pack Radio has been in the dark for quite some time. There have been a lot of cool changes and progressions that they made. He has tried to come to an ASUN meeting for over four weeks and he has finally made it. He wanted to give an update on what they are doing. He took over as the general manager in October. They had a little period of rebranding and restructuring. They had to come up with a new direction for the station. They spent most of the Fall Semester through Winter Break getting everything together so that they can have a strong start to the Spring Semester. They had to make some new purchases for equipment. They got a whole new web design by Willis. He made a really cool website that he wants to show them. They started emphasizing that they were switching from live broadcasts to prerecorded content which is why they needed the new equipment. This is important for quality because it gives them time to edit mistakes and curse words. That is the nature of their music content and they want to improve the overall quality of their shows. Now that they are doing prerecorded content, the stuff you hear on the show is not actually what is in the studio at the time. It has all been prerecorded and checked by their program director. They also emphasize Mixcloud which is like Soundcloud for dj mixes and radio shows. It is really friendly for a station like WPR. Anyone can listen even if they cannot listen live. You can always go back and listen to

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your favorite shows at your own convenience. He has a couple big points that he wanted to talk about. He will show the website to start. Wolfpackradio.org is where you can listen to the stream 24/7. They can also get to all of their social media pages and their Soundcloud. They revamped the blog and added some cool content. They now have music video, album, and show reviews. He also showed the schedule. They did an awesome job on the website. They take pride in showing the nice variety of music genres. That is a way for them to diversify their schedule. What he really wants to show is how in the fall semester it was about creating a vision on where they want to go as WPR. They wanted to get everything done before presenting it for ASUN and the students. They have everything all set including 39 quality radio shows. Everything is running really smoothly. The next step is pushing it out to the public. One area he wants to stress is PSAs and Underwriting. This is important to ASUN because they are a service of ASUN, they have to let all clubs know that if they have something to say about a club meeting or event, they can promote it between the show almost like a mini commercial. They are open to ideas. If they have any events that they want to promote, they can get in touch with them and air the event every hour. They have a new partnership with KWNK which is a community radio station on 97.7fm. They have sent them 10 hours of shows every week. In this contract with them, they get 20% of all underwriting. This is another way to expose themselves. This means all PSAs can be streamed not only to WPR but also out into the community. Everyone switching out. He knows he is coming in late to the game and that the session is almost over but he wanted to introduce ideas that he had with Senators Martinez, Flangas, and Thummel. They talked about a month ago and they were spit balling ideas for having some sort of Senator Talk. They do their own things so it would be cool to highlight them on WPR once a week and get a different senator in there to update everyone. It would be 30 minutes and they can play music. It would be a way to keep the university in the loop. They will be finishing up in a month so this would be a good time to do a trial run to work out the kinks. They can work on the name. He thought that would be something cool that they would be interested in. They can let their constituents know that they are up and running now. Those are the big points they wanted to touch on.

Speaker Jackson said that sounded like a great idea, not just for this Senate Session but others to come. She invited him to come back when the new senators are in and talk to them about this idea. They would love to get the ball rolling on that.

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

President Teixeira said there has been fake news about the budget that they are down a ton of money and they are not going to have any programming for the rest of the year. This is false and is the exact opposite of that. If they want to come to budget on Friday they can get the full estimate on the funds on the budget. They have decided that they are going to do the Givepulse two year contract. Normally they just do year to year but they get a 10% discount with the next year so they save about \$5000. Pack provisions was highlighted on Channel 2 and as it grows it looks like it may become one of the best food pantries on any college campus. He got to go to Washington DC this past week and a lot of college presidents were amazed to see they had that. He is happy to see what more they do with that in the future. He has a meeting with Catharine Cortez Masto on Friday to talk about diversity. She wasn't very detailed in what she wants to talk about. Speaker Jackson, Director Gbenjo's staff and him will be there. It was really cool to see students participate at the Walk Out today. There campus is politically involved. Elections started today so go out and vote for candidates.

- b.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza
Vice President Atienza said General Manager Birchard is a good guy. Senate actually has a DJ on the staff. He could be the first one to try that out. They had their ASUN campus dining forum today. There were six senators that came. He appreciated them for being there and they gave good feedback. They have three more interviews for counseling services so as the semester is coming to the end, they are almost done. Pack Intern Grant Program reception will be coming up. They will highlight recipients and that will be taking place at the end of April or May. They finally found the place. There will be a lot of Midtown food. The Amps party will be May 4th from 6-8pm at Blind Onion. He is pushing that so that they can support the publications as much as they can. Go vote.
- c.** Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
The Justices gave a short rundown of what they are doing. They will be working on the case and putting it in the syllabus in the SAS section. They are currently amending the SAS and right now it is a little unclear and a hard situation because they are not in contact with the chief justice. They can't really conduct any of their duties. They want to change the SAS so that they can get around that in the future. They have been working on the mediation program. She sent Chief Justice Bruketta an overview and a scope mission statement. Her next move is to contact UNLV's Law School but they do not have much more time. They at least want to get a contact. Whoever is behind they can at least pass that on.
- d.** Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley
Chief of Staff Bradley said she was inspired last night and she got everything done for banquet. She has her hour by hour done. She will send that out and be delegating setup for that day. She has also been working with Vice President Atienza on the Pack Internship Grant reception. They have the location which will be cheap and fun which they like.
- e.** Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero
Speaker Jackson said send the reports she got in email over the Listserve.
- f.** Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel
Director Kinel said the drag show is today at 7 pm. Tickets are still available at the front desk. They only have a few left so hopefully they already got them. She asked if Austin March told them that the March 31st is no longer a viable date for the concert because they decided that with the late winter they probably wouldn't get great weather. It is moved to May 4th.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore Martinez left the room at 5:50pm*
- g.** Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason
- h.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz
- 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 it has been a fun week for him because he has been setting up his Nevada Box. He has been going through different versions of drafts to try and compile the best notes that he can for the person after him. This includes email templates. This is what he would have loved to have had. He met with Chief of Staff Bradley and Senator Thummel right before Senate but they have also been talking for two weeks about SAS changes. He is excited because they can redefine the rule and giving it what it needed. Transparency is one of the main critiques. He wants the SAS to reflect what the constituents want.

- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson
- m. Attorney General, Cameron Harris
Attorney General Harris said Nevada Box still has a few issues. Only one senator candidate couldn't do deposit anything in so he emailed everything. It will work as it is supposed to next year. Overall, it worked very well and they saved a lot on paper. They will be tallying votes tomorrow at 5 pm for the results of the election.
- n. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella
- o. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson
Speaker Jackson said the only thing she has are those ballots that she passed out. She needs those completed and turned into her by the end of the meeting.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Cammie Lee need reviewer for NURA on March 26th. They will be emailing everyone who signs up on Tuesday after Spring Break.
Senators J Smith, Mah, Mall, Se, Panningbatan, Compton, S Smith, Bussman, Billman signed up.
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Justin Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said they will be having a meeting Friday and as President Teixeira said, they will be talking about the budget.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas
Senator Flangas said they will have a meeting on Friday. If you are interested in attending the Wolf Pack Reading event, it is on April 12th from 9-12 pm. Anyone can email her if they are interested. Before they attend, they need to be cleared by Washoe County. That will be easy though.
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel
Senator Thummel said they will be having a meeting this Friday where they will be having two big pieces of legislation coming up. One is on combining the positions of Director of Sustainability and the Director of Health and Wellness. They will then put two assistant director positions below the director. That is a big change to the Executive Board so please come if you have any thoughts. Public comment is always welcome. Their meeting is Friday at 3pm. The other piece of legislation is for Blue Crew. They will be talking about potentially getting rid of that department.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman
Senator Bussman said they are having a meeting this Friday. If anyone hasn't done the Doodle Poll yet, please do that because they don't have a whole lot of time left in their session. The topic he is most excited to bring up is New Innovations at Nevada. Director Denny reached out to him again and he said Big Ideas at Berkley is now sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. Part of the resources they now have is that they are expanding nationally and looking at Nevada as a potential campus affiliate. They will be talking to them next Wednesday at a conference call. That should be very interesting

Senator J Smith asked if he sent the Doodle Poll out by email.

Senator Bussman said yes.

- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez

- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson
Speaker Jackson said their meeting will be Friday at 4pm.

9. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

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

There were 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**

There were no bills or resolutions that needed to be considered at this time.

18. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

a. **Senate Committee Changes**

There were no committee changes at this time.

b. **Senator Reports**

There were no senator reports at this time.

19. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Beattie said thank you for those who helped with the Elections BBQ today. The Elections Commission is only two people so the fact that they came out is the only reason it was a success.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.