

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, March 28th, 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 Senate meeting to order at 5:36 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Senator Lippi was absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from February 7th, 2018
The minutes from February 7th, 2018 have already been approved.
- b. The minutes from February 14th, 2018
Senator Martinez moved to approve the minutes from February 14th, 2018 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.
- c. The minutes from February 21st, 2018
Senator Ca. Lee moved to approve the minutes from February 21st, 2018 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.
- d. The minutes from February 28th, 2018
Senator S. Smith moved to approve the minutes from February 8th, 2018 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.
- e. The minutes from March 7th, 2018
Senator Cy. Lee moved to approve the minutes from March 7th, 2018 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.
- f. The minutes from March 14th, 2018
The minutes from March 14th, 2018 were unavailable at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING

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Colin Treanor, Director of Growth for Phi Gamma Delta, also known as Fiji. They are a new fraternity that will be coming in the fall. He has spent the last couple of days speaking to Speaker Jackson and a few other student leaders along with faculty and administration. He was really excited to have a chapter join the campus and the community. A little bit about their fraternity. They were founded originally in 1848 at a small school in West Pennsylvania. Since then they have spread out to over 158 campuses in the US and Canada. They are one of the older and larger fraternities in the country but have never had a chapter at the University. This is a campus they have had their eyes on for a while. They are looking at fall 2018 is the best time and are really excited. They will have 7 staff members on campus starting in the fall to look for men on camps that are in leadership positions or looking for those opportunities. Even women in the audience that knew men, he would love to talk to. They are looking at men to help support the greater Reno community as well as helping men develop into leaders.

Dr. Beattie asked the body if they had any outreach ideas they could suggest to Mr. Treanor since that was a big thing Mr. Treanor wanted to do. He told Mr. Treanor about club fair.

Senator Mall said referrals are huge; he suggested Mr. Treanor reach out to all the sororities and fraternities.

Mr. Treanor said they will reach out to all student organizations possible to present and tell them about the new fraternity.

Senator Cook said the dorms are big. Even though most of the students will be out by fall 2018, Mr. Treanor should still focus efforts there.

President Teixeira suggested Mr. Treanor can go to bigger employers on campus, like the Joe and the gym to find some guys looking to join.

Mr. Treanor said if any of the males wanted to learn more or if anyone knew of someone that would be interested, his organization can be reached at nevadafiji@gmail.com.

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 he and Speaker Jackson, and Directors Walberg and Gbenjo, Senator Martinez, Chief of Staff Bradley and VP Atienza had a meeting with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto yesterday about issues facing the campus. She helped them get in touch with the chancellor to talk about different efforts. He will also have a conversation with the mayor to have a discussion about what students need in the city to feel safe. He had a meeting with Chief of Staff Bradley to discuss any outstanding charges they might have and to wrap up the session and transition for the next session. If they wanted to meet with him, he would love to sit down and provide context and discuss any ideas.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza

VP Atienza said to reiterate, the ASUN banquet was great. The conversation with Senator Masto was great, she had a very different idea of what diversity is and how they should address it. For the Pack Internship Grant Program Reception, they are still looking at possible dates, either April 30th or May 1st. Chief of Staff Bradley hates the idea of the Discovery Museum as a venue, so they are looking at other places. For catering they are considering The Laughing Planet or Sup. As soon as that is finalized, he will let the body know. He will be meeting with Budget and Finance to review New Student Initiatives Account. There are no change so they will discuss topics regarding the

presentation they usually do and promotional ideas for next year. The student wellness advisory group is recruiting mentors and applications are due April 13th if they are interested. The body acceptance workshop will be April 3 in KC 402. Director Henderson asked him to remind the body about 10 Days of Health starting this Monday with the Good for You BBQ. She will post on the Facebook page with dates and the help she needs. She really wants them to promote the speakers coming.

- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
Associate Justice Slotterback said she nothing new; they are working on SAS changes and they will be done this weekend.

- d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley
Chief of Staff Bradley thanked those that came to the ASUN banquet, attendance was amazing. She gave a shout out to Senators Flangas and Kuykendall for helping with setup. She apologized for being gone and for the late start but was happy with how it turned out. She is working on ordering more stoles since the SAS says they must have 40 at all times but they only have 15 right now. She sent out that order and it should be coming in soon. She split the cost between the Executive and Senate accounts, like the SAS states. She worked with Senator Thummel and Director Walberg to make the PR changes. That directorship has needed changes for some time. She began planning retreat to get a head start on dates and locations so the next person in the roll has enough time. She is helping to plan the Pack Internship Grant Program reception with VP Atienza and Elizabeth Lowden. They are going back and forth with two venues right now. Elizabeth is reaching to the Discovery Museum to get a reduced cost, which would be a great way to partner with the local community.

Speaker Jackson asked for a date.

Chief of Staff Bradley said when she had the date, she will send it out on social media. This year, there were so many students that got internships. They will do a poster symposium, so students can explain what they learned and what they did. She encouraged the body to go if they could since ASUN contributed to it.

Speaker Jackson said it was great to see the effects that the money has provided.

Chief of Staff Bradley said the students come to the Career Studio all the time thanking them for the opportunities.

- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero
Senator Becker left the room at 5:48 pm.

Speaker Jackson read the report into the record:

I apologize for not attending this Senate meeting as my Department had to reschedule our Department meeting to now because of the End of the Year Banquet yesterday. Thankfully, I have a short report for you all today. During my Student Union Advisory Board meeting earlier today, we discussed JCSU assessment strategies and event management reservation improvements. I suggested featuring club events happening in the Joe on their social media and they were receptive to the idea. Clubs and Orgs Awards nominations are now open on the club listserve. Please send the link to your constituents and individual clubs and orgs you are involved with if you are interested. Commissioner Hickman can send that to you. Assistant Director Bittar will be conducting a cash analysis for Spring II in a few weeks. Right now, our Department account is strong and is at around \$100,000 before all of the p-card requests that

hit in March. The Club Support Funding Policy Manual will be on next week's Gov Ops agenda. Thank you all for your hard work during this session!"

- f. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel
Assistant Director Lensch said thanked those that attended the drag show. It was a great event and students had fun. It was cool to see it all come together. The next event the department had coming up was family weekend on April 20-22nd. This is for students to come with their families and to show them what Nevada was about and what ASUN does. He asked they pay attention for opportunities to help out since it was a lot of work. The sign-up link to participate in family weekend is online; he will post it on the Facebook page. You can choose the events you want to come to and the link lays out all the info. The department is working on a spring concert; there will be more information at a later date.

Senator Becker entered the room at 5:52 pm.

- g. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason
- h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz
Projects Coordinator Nelson said Director Shultz was very sorry he couldn't be here today because he wasn't feel very well. Director Shultz sent his well wishes and hoped they all had fun at the banquet last night. The department had three major updates for them. First, April 10th at 6 pm will be a lecture from a guest speaker; that event is being put on by the College of Liberal Arts. It was titles will Climate Change Lead to More Wars in DMS 110. Second, on April 12th, will be the next Make Your Mark event in the KC foyer. Third, May 1st will be Meet Your Legislator event. They are finalizing the budget and writing a list of people that are declaring or planning on declaring for a major state office and local offices. If there were any questions, he would be happy to take them or send them to Director Shultz.
- i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo
- j. Director of Sustainability, Brita Romans
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg
Speaker Jackson read the report into the record:
"I apologize for not being in attendance, but I want to thank Senator Thummel and Gov Ops for helping Chief of Staff Bradley and I make amendments to my SAS duties! Also - be on the lookout in the upcoming days for a blog post from Director Henderson and I on the 10 Days of Health! It should be great!"
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson
- m. Attorney General, Cameron Harris
- n. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella
- o. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson
Speaker Jackson wanted to recognize the body for their hard work. Every year, senators receive a special coin that they get to keep that commemorates their time in ASUN and all their effort. She will honor them name individually.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Ca. Lee said: Our committee will be having a meeting next Monday at 1:30pm to sort through all the data from elections for Faculty of the Year we will getting from Raul. We will be

seeing legislation about amending the NSURJ documents in the SAS just to keep everything accurate and updated. My vice chair, Senator Cynthia Lee is working on a resolution to implement a financial literacy course with Director Desamero and we will be seeing this resolution during our following committee meeting. For the NURA volunteers, packets will be distributed on Thursday according to Scott. Some of you still haven't replied to scott's email so please do if you haven't done so already. He needs to confirm your major and if the email provided is a reliable one.

- b.** Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Justin Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said the committee will conduct reviews for Insight, Judicial, Brushfire, and Campus Escort. Like VP Atienza mentioned, they will be reviewing the program as whole and see how to better. He noticed some senator-elects in attendance, he encouraged any senator-elects that wanted to committee chairs to come to committee meetings. He would love it if they came out.
- c.** Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas
Senator Flangas said she is working on the legacy binder and getting it put together this week. Thursday, April 12th from 12-1 pm, they will be doing Reading Week at Libby Booth. If they sign up to attend, they must fill out the volunteer form she sent out. There will be transportation provided but they can drive themselves if they want. She needed ASUN volunteers from all departments and from incoming senators. Natchez is still getting back to her.

Senator Thummel asked if they had to fill out the forms again if they filled them out for the K-12 outreach.

Senator Flangas said the form only needs to be filled out once per year so if they filled it out for the K-12 outreach, they are already good.

- d.** Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel
Two pieces so flag on the table from his committee Friday before break. Both from Flangas meeting on Friday with three leg. first changes to PR position. Other two are for Kuykendall about office hours to change them other is from Martinez about election commission. . will have one more meeting after with legislation from clubs and orgs.
- e.** Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker
Becker said will meet this Friday to finish up project proposals. Will dinlziae verbiage for senate rule changes for committee to include k-12 outreach. Talked to Thummel already. If they had leg they wanted to put through let him know happy to help.
- f.** Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman
Senator Bussman said he is having a committee meeting on Friday at 2 pm. Of the two things left, he wanted to push legislation for office hours into something called engagement hours. That would focus more on senators spending time in a public place, engaging with the community and with ASUN events. This way, senators aren't asked to be involved in ASUN but expected to. Other than that, he is changing duties for the speaker pro tempore to be in charge of the legacy box. He had a conference call with director Denny from Berkley and two other admin. Because of the new sponsor from the Rockefeller foundation, the sponsor will work with Berkeley to expand the program to other universities, including providing funding. They will generate an RFP and send it to Berkeley as a campus that is interested. He felt the University has a good footing in being chosen. If chosen as one of the US campuses, it would extend their infrastructure for the competition and also would give them \$60,000-\$100,000 for outreach and marketing plus \$300,000 in award money. It would be an important step for the campus if they got the money.

Speaker Jackson suggested Senators Kuykendall and Bussman should collaborate on changing office hours since they seemed to be on the same trend.

- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez
Senator Martinez said on April 28th, NASC will hold a conference in Winnemucca. He needed two more volunteers to go with him and Senator Flangas to talk to high school students. He will confirm the time, but they will talk about activism and getting involved with student government.

Speaker Jackson said

Senator S. Smith asked for the timeframe.

Senator Martinez said he was looking to confirm the time. He will email the school again but it was looking like around the afternoon.

Speaker Jackson said it will probably be an all-day thing since it was a long commute there and back. She asked if anyone wanted to volunteer.

Senators Bussman and S. Smith volunteered.

- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson
Speaker Jackson asked that the Oversight committee members stay after the Senate meeting; she needed to talk about a couple of things.

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

The following bills and resolutions received their second reading and were considered:

- a. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Becker

Senator Becker moved to approve S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Becker by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

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

Senator Bussman moved to approve S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Bussman.

Senator Tralmer seconded.

Senator Bussman said he had four points for not turning in office hours. He wanted to say that he didn't have anything else to do but Senate. He is always here but didn't always turn in the hours. He spent all his time in ASUN and didn't want to get censured.

Senator Flangas thought that Senator Bussman was always in office and the bare minimum a senator had to do was attend two committee meetings, attend Senate, and do office hours. He always attends his own committee meetings and Senate. Sometimes he doesn't attend Civic Engagement, but she was okay with that. She knew he did his office hours. A censure means you aren't doing your job as senator but Senator Bussman is doing his job. If he would just send her a text when he doesn't attend Civic Engagement, she would be much happier. She will be voting to not censure.

Senator Tralmer asked if they can choose to not censure.

Speaker Jackson said they may, but that decision should be based on points from meetings, office hours, etc. She reminded the body that if they do vote to censure, Senator Bussman can write that he did his hours but just forgot to write them.

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

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Billman, Ca. Lee, Cook, Cy. Lee, Compton, Kuykendall, Martinez, Thummel, Tool

Nays: Becker, Bussman, Flangas, Mah, Mall, Paningbatan, S. Smith, J. Smith, Tralmer

Abstentions: none

There was a tie; Speaker Jackson voted aye.

Motion carried.

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

Senator Ca. Lee moved to approve S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Censure Senator Tool.

Senator Mah seconded.

Senator Tool apologized. The points came from missing Senate meetings because of cheer. He had to leave early or would be unable to attend at all. The absences were not excused even though he let Speaker Jackson know in advance. He was out of town for three weeks traveling for the basketball program. He had a letter for professors that excused his absences, but it wasn't good for Senate.

Speaker Jackson wanted to say the main job duty of a senator is to make senate meetings with the occasional exception of sickness or traveling. When the absence is consistent, regardless of a job or other responsibility, she couldn't excuse it.

Motion carried.

Speaker Jackson said they must send a letter to the *Sagebrush's* news editor within one week. She will copy them on the email.

- d. S.B. 85 – An Act to Remove the Department of Blue Crew and Reallocate Responsibilities
Senator Billman moved to approve
Senator Thummel seconded

Senator Flangas said basically, Blue Crew was a new department. They used to have the Department of Traditions that handled what Blue Crew does now along with March from the Arch and Paint the N. However, Blue Crew evolved to be something else. The definition of what Blue Crew is supposed to do doesn't match what Blue Crew actually does. They are supposed to have tailgates and pep rallies. There were fitness related pep rallies done by the Joe and Wiegand. There were some giveaways, but the department hasn't lived up to its mission. She wanted to keep the Beat UNLV events/week and incorporate it into Programming. One main thing is that they support athletics but Programming knows how to plan and execute events. Programming will have the freedom to choose to do multiple events or not and their funding will be increased. She still wanted to know what athletics is doing so the vice president will be a liaison to athletics to update senate and maintain a connection. The legislation cuts the positions they had and adds the responsibilities to the vice president and Programming. They had six programmers now but the department could hire up to eight to help execute the events.

Senator Cook asked where the funds will go.

Senator Flangas said it will be up to the next president to allocate the funds to the Department. They might not allocate the full \$50,000 but it was up to the president.

Speaker Jackson said this won't take effect until the next session when the new budget is set.

Senator Mall said at the Budget and Finance meetings, Blue Crew always had money left over. This wasn't the first year. Like Senator Kuykendall said, they should use the funds to give back to students and this was best way to use those funds correctly.

Senator Kuykendall said for the record, athletics will still reach out to the students. He would rather use the money to create more internships.

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

Motion carried.

- e. S.B. 85 – An Act to Create the Department of Campus Wellness and the Sustainability and Wellness Initiative Fund
Senator Flangas moved to table S.B. 85 – An Act to Create the Department of Campus Wellness and the Sustainability Initiative Fund.

Senator Flangas said the addendums attached to the agenda are the old ones; there are serious changes to the new addendums and she didn't realize the agenda had the wrong ones.

Chief of Staff Bradley said they can amend by substitution.

Speaker Jackson said the documents are written but not available right now.

Chief of Staff Bradley said they can print the addendums and bring them to the meeting; as long as the addendums are here, they can amend.

Speaker Jackson said the addendums aren't printed right now.

Dr. Beattie said the body wouldn't have the ability to review the documents beforehand.

President Teixeira said it was up to the speaker to decide.

Speaker Jackson thought the body and the students should have access to the documents before making a change like this.

Senator Thummel seconded.

Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. **Senate Committee Changes**

There were no committee changes at this time.

b. **Senator Reports**

Senator Stopka said in terms of Director Henderson's event for 10 Days of Health, he will contact any professors that might be interested in offering extra credit or who would be willing to advertise it. He reached out to his CH professors already.

Senator Billman said CABNR had its first advisory board meeting today and it went well.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Finkler, College of Education. As an intern this past semester, he wanted to say elections just ended. It didn't work out for him but whatever. He wanted to thank the body for the advice and guidance they gave him and the other candidates. They beat the record of turnout with a 28% turnout. A lot of that was because of the body. He made many personal connections with them and he will be grateful for that. He was happy to sit at Senate meetings and see what they do. It was inspirational and wanted the body to know there were people that cared. He thanked them for helping him through his first year. It filled him with inspiration and he wanted to do stuff. They are passionate and care about the University and sometimes, that is not seen. He wished the body good luck with whatever they do after Senate.

Chief of Staff Bradley knew most of them had meetings on Fridays, but the student tech fee advisory meeting was this Friday at 1 pm. She couldn't make it but wanted to open up the opportunity to them.

No senators could attend.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm.