

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez called the Senate Meeting to order at 5:33 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**

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

Speaker Jackson was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from March 14th, 2018
- b. The minutes from March 28th, 2018

The minutes from March 14th and March 28th, 2018 were unavailable.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Melisa Choroszy, VP of Enrollment of Services. Theo Meek was her righthand man and assistant. She brought handouts for them and granola bars. To begin, enrollment services takes care of: commencement, admissions and records, athletic eligibility, the DRC, financial aid/scholarships, First in the Pack, International Students, McNair Scholars, Prospective Students, TRiO Scholars, Upward Bound, and Veterans Services. Their vision is to be a campus leader in providing outstanding customer service, maximizing efficiency, serving a diverse population, and improving retention practices. The projected enrollment the University aspired to have was to have 20,000 undergrad students by 2025. They wanted steady growth to be projected in the next few years. It was looking like graduate enrollment may exceed undergrad in the next few years. This was very cyclical; they see large increases in one so that one exceeds the other, but they do level out eventually. What do their enrollment numbers look like right now. There were 3,643 freshmen. Of that number, 43% was first generation. The national average is around 33-35% so the University is much higher than the national average of first generation students. FTE was 18,077.0. The total number of undergrads was 17,930 and the total number of grad students was 3,025. They had 8,118 total students of color. If look at the headcount by ethnicity, there are: 153 American Indian/Alaskan students, 1,643 Asian American students, 693 Black Non-Hispanic students, 4,165 Hispanic students, 1,350 Multi-Ethnic students, 114 Pacific Islander students and 12,462 White students. The Multiethnic and Asian populations saw the largest growth. Freshmen by location is classified by Nevada residents and out of state. For Nevada Residents, there were 1143 Washoe students, 1,138 Clark County students, and 387 students

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from rural areas. Out of state students: 284 students on WUE. WUE was the Western Undergraduate Exchange where they come with reduced, nonresident tuition. There are 265 out of state students who are paying full tuition. As a side note, international students also pay full tuition. Part of the reason she was asked to come was to communicate their strategic plan. She brought the plan, which was based on the chancellor's goals.

Goal 1: Access – First, grow undergraduate enrollment consistent with the University's strategic goals. Second, increase participation in Academic Opportunity and Support Programs. This would include 6,000 pre-college students by 2025. Third, increase access for students with highest financial need including Pell Grant/Pack Advantage recipients and Institutional aid for DACA students.

Goal 2: Success – This means utilizing universally accessible electronic document submission to improve student-facing services, working cooperatively with Advisors by providing student data to the Student Success Collaborative software, and advising students on the availability of Summer Pell. That last part is an initiative from the New Department of Education.

Goal 3: Closing the Achievement Gap – This includes supporting universal access for all students, including increased numbers of students with disabilities, by ensuring universal information communications technology as well as promoting alternative remediation pathways for college-level placement and partnering to develop international and cross-cultural trainings.

Goal 4: Workforce – This goal encompassed aligning AOSP programming and advising with career fields experiencing rapid growth in Nevada, promoting Student employee development of soft and hard skills that are in-demand in today's workplace, and expanding financial literacy coaching to include awareness of employment markets.

Goal 5: Research – This goal aimed at promoting undergraduate research and civic learning, encouraging scholarly practitioners to produce research, and supporting staff to terminal degrees.

Dr. Choroszy asked if they had any questions on the information.

Senator Flangas asked if Dr. Choroszy could expand on creating programs of employment markets. She asked if it was to relay information.

Dr. Choroszy said a fundamental area of Enrollment Services was to help students coming into the institution through navigating the processes required to graduate. Through financial aid programs, they want to expand working with students so that when they sit down to figure out personal budgets, students understand the resources available and know how much they should take out in loans. Students should also understand the employment market they will be entering when they graduate and if there is a disconnect between the number of degrees and jobs. If a student's career path had a low employment rate, students should understand that when they go into debt. This was to produce an advisement perspective but was not specific guidance toward careers.

Senator Becker said Dr. Choroszy mentioned exposing students to placement tests. He asked if Enrollment Services reached out to orientation.

Dr. Choroszy said she has had many discussions with Orientation; the discussions will continue with them at a different level of intensity this summer.

Senator Kuykendall asked why the enrollment of undergrad freshmen has slowed down.

Associate VP Choroszy said there just aren't as many students out there anymore. The high school population has been steady for several years now nationwide. Nevada has had an upward trajectory for longer than the national rate of the country. The freshmen growth has been stalled around the country but continued to grow in Nevada. The stalling of freshmen growth has just caught up with Nevada. The state they are serving has leveled its growth. Unless a new population of students shows up, they won't see

growth. She didn't there will be more growth; they also need to keep in mind that the University's main responsibly was to the citizens of Nevada.

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 was tardy to Senate today because he was discussing legislation the body will see next week about a tuition fee increase. He and Director Shultz presented to the body a while back about the 1.8% increase. At the last Board of Regents' meeting, the fee increase discussion ranged from 1.8% all the way to 4% and the 4% increase was taken into serious consideration. He was asked by President Johnson to ask Senate to review a 4% increase. He will have more data and information after his meeting on Friday. He will meet with President Johnson and Dr. Ellis. Right now, he was bringing the body's attention to this, so they can have a discussion next week.

Senator Becker asked if President Teixeira can give President Johnson's insights when he presents the legislation next week.

President Teixeira said because this was a student fee, it was more important to focus on how students feel, not so much on the opinion of the president. The students should discuss if they think there is merit and support. He cautioned the body to stay away from the administration's point of view.

Senator Cy. Le asked when was the last time tuition increased.

Dr. Ellis said it has been going up for the last three years.

President Teixeira said that increase was done based on goals the institution had and on inflation numbers. This new 4% increase was based on other factors brought to the table at the meeting.

Senator Cy. Lee asked how much it had been going up this past three years.

President Teixeira said 4% every year for the last three years. He will have more information and data on the new 4% increase next week but just wanted the body to be aware of this possibility.

Dr. Ellis said this new increase would be for Fall 2019.

Senator Flangas asked if he can send out the information before the next senate meeting.

President Teixeira said yes but he will be deferring questions until he gets more information. Once they have all the information, they can distribute it to their constituents.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza

VP Atienza said to start off, over the last few weeks, he has been helping Chief of Staff Bradley with transitioning into the role of the Vice President. He has worked with her on the job duties and the responsibilities about publications. Brushfire did reach out to him to request a transfer of funds to finish out the year. For the Pack Internship Banquet, the date will be April 30th from 5-7 pm at The Basement. Catering will be coming from Butter and Salt and they will have some

delicious food. Other than that, the Committee on Budget and Finance gave him a lot of feedback about the orientation presentations, especially about the content and getting promotional materials. He thanked the committee for that feedback. This Friday, there will be the follow up leadership meeting at 8 am.

c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

Jackson read the report into the record:

“Sorry, I could not provide my report in person; however, I am currently on the road traveling to Las Vegas. I wanted to provide the outcome of the following cases:

Harris v. Hudson

Harris v. Hughes

Harris v. McKinney

Harris v. Schab

Harris v. Smith

The council found the respondent in each of these cases in violation of Statutes of the Associated Students Title 7, Chapter 702, Section 14, Subsection e.6 failure to participate in mandatory cleanup day. Each of the following respondents was assessed a \$12 fine to be withheld from their campaign deposits. If there are any questions, feel free to email me. Thank you.”

d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley

Chief of Staff Bradley said she was working with Speaker Jackson and Present Teixeira about the fee increase. For the Sweet 16 matchup, the Eldorado agreed to donate \$100 for every three-pointer scored. She worked on that over spring break; \$700 will be donated to the John Mackay Endowment Fund. That will come in over the next couple of weeks once they work through the hoops. She did a couple of interviews about the Harry Reined Speaker Series. The Pack Internship Grant Program Reception will be Monday, April 30th from 5 pm – 6:30 pm at The Basement. They will put in advertisement requests for ASUN and the Career Studio to advertise it through both channels. The Career Studio will also handle the logistics of everything except things like renting easels and catering; she and VP Atienza will those. The Basement offered to host it for free which was great and went great with the Campus to the City Initiative. Ben Carter, the owner of the Basement, was really passionate about getting more students into the community. She had been doing room reservations with Speaker Jackson for the next chief of staff so things like banquet, spring/fall retreat, and other important events are set with times, dates, and locations. This helped them get things like the ballrooms and avoid rushing last minute. She has also done a lot of things with orientation, like ordering hats and water bottles.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamero

Director Desamero said he will talk about the department procedures manual changes. By Chapter 202 of the SAS, the department must present on the changes. In addition, the department is working on the club award banquet and applications are due April 8th. If they were in any clubs, he asked they send out that information. His department is still working on many projects. The last department meeting will be May 8th, so they will continue to work into the 86th Session to tidy up projects. If they had anything they wanted to see the department do, let him know. Director Desamero moved presenting the changes. They knew about their manual for funding; that manual tells them how they the department can allocate funds. This procedures manual was a guide to how the department should run. This hasn't been updated since around 2014. He won't cover all the changes since most of them were small things like wording issues, but he did want to cover major changes. Starting with changes to the entire manual: they changed Club Support Funding Administrative Assistant to Assistant Director, corrected grammatical and wording errors, updated the names of coalitions, and updated general names like changing ASUN Accounting Office to

Central Station. This was to make everything consistent and reflect ASUN currently. Moving onto specific changes in the titles. For Title II, changes were made based on coalitions and specific functions of the department. They made iLead a mandatory leadership conference, required the department to host the annual ASUN Club Awards reception, removed officer training session as that has been replaced with mandatory WebCampus trainings, and updated the established coalitions to reflect existing coalition breakdowns.

Speaker Jackson entered the room at 5:57 pm.

Director Desamero said that in Title III, they updated the duties and powers by adding that the commission must conduct an audit of ASUN Center for Student Engagement club resources at least once every 2 years and conduct an audit of the Department Procedures Manual at least once per fiscal year as well as removing the requirement to hold at least one meeting during Winter Break. Under Titles IV and V, they removed: "Upon recognition of a new organization, the Director shall notify the Commission not later than the second meeting held after said approval" from the director because the Center for Student Engagement handles new clubs. For the assistant director, they added that the assistant director will be a liaison between the department, Central Station, and club leaders and removed "documentation of minutes". Under Title VII, they added that clubs must now register on Give Pulse rather than submit a member roster and the ASUN Club Engagement Assistant, not the Commission assigns coalitions and removed "Recognition by the Director shall not be granted until the organization meets with a Commissioner of its prospective coalition" as well as hearing new club requests because CSE handles new clubs. In Title VII, they added "pending for 1 year until renewed and after 1 year of pending status the organization will be deemed inactive" under the inactivation of clubs. Pending clubs will also be allowed to request funds, but not access them, until becoming active and clubs are also allowed to become active at any point in the year if they meet the requirements. Finally, the Commission now reserves the right to make final approval decisions regarding club recognition status for all clubs under their purview. In Title IX, they changed "Outstanding Club of the Year" to "nine outstanding club awards" to match each coalition. They also added: a provision to include possible club awards for outstanding non-university community members who have done excellent work in service of ASUN clubs and orgs under annual club awards. Title X, they added: "consequences include but are not limited to", "denial of access to club account and Club Support Funding", and violations can now be forwarded to ASUN Judicial Branch for further hearings. The last was Title XI. They added The Commissioner for the Service & Community Outreach coalition shall work to connect clubs and organizations in their coalition to Reno-Tahoe non-profit organizations through methods including but not limited to meetings, programming, and outreach. Under Sports and Recreation, the Commissioner will work with both Coordinator of Clubs and Orgs and Club Sports Advisor and refined the definition of club sports to better reflect encompassing recreation organizations and non-competition teams.

Speaker Pro Tempore passed the gavel to Speaker Jackson.
Speaker Jackson accepted.

Senator Becker asked what level of violation would justify that kinds of consequences he presented or if it was up to the department to decide.

Senator Cook left the room at 6:07 pm.

Director Desamero said that was for conduct hearings because they can't institute those kinds of consequences. A club would have to have very severe infraction, like travelling over 400 miles on multiple occasions without filling out the exception form. Travel paperwork was very sensitive

with Central Station; it was crucial for the safety of the students for the university's liability. They have never had anything as severe as that and conduct hearings are pretty rare. The Center for Student Engagement is good at advising them and providing guidance of when they need conduct hearings and when the punishment should be decided by the commission.

Speaker Jackson asked if he could give some context about the decision to include the Judicial Council within his department.

Director Desamero said in the old manual, it said it would be forwarded to the student judicial affairs board, which was a rough translation of the Judicial Council. The professional staff also felt that the Judicial Council would be a possible outlet.

Senator Cook entered the room at 6:09 pm.

Speaker Jackson wanted to make sure the SAS reflects this new addition in the Judicial Council's job duties. She asked the Committee on Government Operations review that at the next committee meeting.

f. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel

Director Kinel said Family Weekend will be April 20th-22nd and the theme this year is Camp-ada. They will have events like a hypnotist, a Coconut Bowl night, a brunch, a BBQ, smores, and a service component. For the service component, they will be making hygiene packs for the community. The deadline to sign up is April 13th. For more information on Family Weekend, they can click on the tab on the ASUN website. The spring concert will be May 4th from 6 pm – 10 pm in front of the Joe in Gateway plaza. There will be artists: a local artist, a supporting artist, and a headliner. All the artists will be EDM. They made the spring concert free for undergraduate students because Programming is collaborating with Blue Crew. They will be charging graduate students

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 the diversity summit is next week. The summit's main speaker will be at 6 pm in the ballrooms was free to all students, faculty, and staff. She hoped they can make it. They had meet and greet passes to meet the speaker so if they wanted one or if they knew of anyone that would want one, let her know. She thanked them for the opportunity to be in this position. She knew the department will be bigger and better in the next year.

j. Director of Sustainability, Brita Romans

Speaker Jackson read the report into the record:

Please forgive me in getting this to you late! I am at my internship in Stateline and due to the long commute will not be able to make it back for senate today (4/4). My report is as follows:

- I have been working on preparing a general calendar, contacts, duties (more in depth than on the SAS), event ideas, and areas to conduct further research and progress towards action on for the next Director. These include events for Earth week, ideas for collaborations between the Arboretum board and ASUN, etc. There wasn't a lot of structure coming into my position and I want to help out whoever takes over this role next year.
- Secondly, there is a survey put out by the Bicycle working group which I sit on, and they REALLY need student participation. ASUN tweeted the link, and I would greatly

appreciate it if everyone in this room filled it out! It is only 10 questions and it's specifically about biking in Reno- improvements, feedback on proposed changes, etc. And you get put into the running for some cool prizes if you fill it out!! Additionally, the link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V3RY7CZ>. Please send this to other students and friends who bike to school- or would in the future if we had better infrastructure!

- Thirdly, the President of the environmental club has been contacting me about trying to get on board with UNLV for a presentation with the board of regents in early June. It's for our dis-support of divesting financial holdings from fossil fuels, Hannah and I routed her to a Senator next term, but if any of you have strong opinions about this or trying to move it forward soon, please ask Hannah or me about getting her info!

Finally, if you know anyone who is interested in applying for my position send them my way if they have any questions!!! This position has so much potential and I would love to see people apply!!!”

k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg

Director Walberg said to piggy back off Director Roman's report, he tweeted the link too. It takes about 4 minutes to fill out the survey. They need the data to move forward so please answer it. In regard to the legislation for his department the only controversial part is removing the K-12 outreach or not. He was unbiased either way. If it does stay, he did give it structure but the plan is still unfeasible with how he did it this year. He wanted to see it become something that is done at the end of the summer or as a summit. He gave a shout out to Director Henderson for 10 Days of Health. He got the blog together on the website for 10 Days of Health. If they had questions for the dates, it was all on the blog section with all the information included. If they knew of anyone that was interested in the position or that had questions, send them to him. For context on the SAS changes, he wanted to change the position to be more internal. If they go back to the Real Nevada Campaign, there were talks of him promoting the happenings on campus regarding clubs. He had some issues with his duties being so broad and with the way his position reads in the SAS, it made creating transparency hard. .

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson

Speaker Pro Tempore Martinez said Director Henderson wanted him to hand out information for the 10 Days of Health.

Speaker Jackson reminded them they needed to support Director Henderson with these events.

m. Attorney General, Cameron Harris

Attorney General Harris said he recently wrote an opinion for Secretary Godoy. That will be uploaded to the website soon. He submitted five charges to the Judicial Council with no objections, so they will deduct the penalties and return deposits. This is their last chance to get their questions in to him so let him know if they had anything.

n. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella

o. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Jackson said Kids' University will be this Friday from 1 pm – 3:30 pm. The kids will be doing a mock senate meeting. If anyone can come, she asked they please do; she will need lots of senator volunteers. The kids will break out into different committees to write legislation and then come back as a Senate body. She gave a shout out to Senator Bussman, Assistant Director Lensch, and Senator-Elects Alvarez and McKinney for volunteering.

Senator Paningbatan asked for the time.

Speaker Jackson said this Friday from 1 pm – 3:30 pm. She put out the GivePulse link.

Senator Paningbatan volunteered.

Senator Tralmer asked if they can show up late.

Speaker Jackson said the event itself starts at 1:30 pm. She asked how late he would get there.

Senator Tralmer said he can get there at 2 pm.

Speaker Jackson said she will write down Senator Tralmer's name and contact him later.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
Senator Ca. Lee said: We had a meeting last Monday to talk about the amendments needed to be made about the NSURJ in the SAS. It'll be presented during our last senate meeting. Director Desamero emailed me a bunch of statistics from the university's Nevada Money Mentors program (the only university-run financial literacy mentoring program). Senator Cyn Lee and I are trying to squeeze in one last resolution to implement a financial literacy course before our session ends. Our last committee meeting will be next Monday, so we can choose the faculty of the year from the data Raul sent us from elections. For the NURA reviewer packets, some senators have told me that they couldn't open up the stuff sent through Nevada box. I emailed Scott Mensing about that and hopefully it will be fixed soon.
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Justin Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said the committee will have its last meeting this Friday. The committee will review Insight, Diversity and Inclusion, Elections, and Brushfire. Diversity and Inclusion is the most important since it is a new department. He will open the discussion up to deciding to move forward with it or not and what the budget should look like if they do keep the department. Additionally, shout out to Senator-Elect Grant for coming to his previous committee meeting. He suggested that anyone that was interested in chairing the committee come to this last meeting.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas
Senator Flangas said she was in communication with Libby Booth Elementary. She didn't think it was feasible to do Reading Week with the number of volunteers signed up. Reading Week will be pushed back about two weeks and she will work with the next officers, but the event will happen this semester. They were signed up to be at Libby Booth from 9 am – 1 pm, which was long time. The school was about 30 minutes away. She will figure out a narrower timeline that works with everyone. As a side note, there will be resolution next week on democracy plaza with the new design.
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel
Senator Thummel said the committee's final meeting will be this Friday. The committee will review 4 piece of legislation. The first two are for the SAS changes and policy manual changes that Clubs and Orgs asked for. The third piece was to add attending ULA as a duty to the vice president and speaker. clubs and orgs the changes in the SAS and the other was the policy manual changes. The last was depending on some legislation they will hear tonight; he will explain it more when they get to the legislation.

Speaker Jacksons asked if anyone will anyone take up adding a duty in the SAS to the Judicial Council regarding Clubs and Orgs.

Senator Flangas said she is.

- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker
Senator Becker said his committee will have their last committee meeting not this Friday but next Friday. It will be a super quick meeting unless anyone decides they want to bring legislation to the table. He is working with Senator Thummel to reword the committee’s description in the Senate Rules.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman
Senator Bussman said his committee met last Friday He will set up a meeting with the Office of Research and Innovations to talk about the Innovations @Nevada competition and how it would collaborate with ASUN. He will be out of office by the time Berkeley decides on which campuses it wants to expand to, but he will continue to work on the project as a normal student. He connected Ellen Purpus with Director Romans to offer things like mentoring for SNIF. As a side note, after the body voted to censure him, he submitted his letter to the *Sagebrush* and it has been published. It is his first piece literature that was published; he hoped they will go through and read it.
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson
Speaker Jackson said next week’s Senate meeting will be their last meeting. If anyone had legislation that needed to be fast-tracked, she needed it sent to her by 5 pm on Thursday. That applied to everyone that has legislation, not just chairs.

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 is 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.B. 85 – An Act to Create the Department of Campus Wellness and the Sustainability and Wellness Initiative Fund

Senator Martinez moved to approve S.B. 85 – An Act to Create the Department of Campus Wellness and the Sustainability and Wellness Initiative Fund.

Senator Billman seconded.

Senator Flangas said after talking with both Directors of Sustainability and Campus Wellness, and after being in communication with President Teixeira and Speaker Jackson, they came to decision that the independent directors could tackle their separate goals together. This will consist of two assistant directors that would function similar to how Directors Henderson and Romans function now and an overarching department director to coordinate events and make sure the department is functioning efficiently. The department will also have interns. Basically, what would happen is that the major duties would be housed under the director what the discretion to delegate to assistant directors. The assistant directors would assist the director with executing events and research. The main function of the department was to educate students about sustainability, wellness, and what students can do for the campus. They will also create an education outline for the year. both assistant directors will report to senate about any fees and expenses as well as what other universities doe. The next part was the Sustainable Wellness Initiative Fund, SWIF. This fund was Dr. Beattie's idea if she remembered correctly. Currently, SNIF has gone mostly unspent. The main concept was that the funds will be for initiatives that focus on wellness or sustainability. The selection committee for SWIF will be comprised of the director, the two assistant directors, and equal representation of sustainability and wellness people with the director's discretion to add people as necessary. This bill also puts a firm deadline of when SWIF recipients needs to be selected. The final breakdown is how the funds will be dispersed. The executive internship program will house the interns for the department; the department must have at least 2 but no more than 4 interns. The infrastructure for the internship already exists within the Executive Internship so it makes sense to keep them there rather than making the department develop its own internship program. She wanted the department to have interns to help out with large scale events and programs. There also won't be an assistant director to coordinate an internship program.

Chief of Staff Bradley thought the problem they have had with SNIF in the last years was infrastructure. She asked if this adds structure to the application process with SNIF.

Senator Flangas said the director will distribute funds. The idea is that the \$10,000 will be distributed for ideas that deal with wellness or sustainability. It was up to the director to decide how that split will occur between the two areas. Because applications are now due earlier, and they must give out funds earlier, the department can conduct checkups and make sure initiatives are being done.

Senator Kuykendall asked if the directors would be removed from the executive branch in the creation of the department.

Senator Flangas said yes.

Senator Kuykendall asked if there will be host or operating added to the department to coordinate and execute events since they will no longer be able to pull from exec's account.

Senator Flangas said there is someone that sits on the executive board and SWIF is reserved specifically for students to implement projects.

Speaker Jackson said because this change doesn't take place until the next session, it would be up to the president to set a budget for the department.

Senator Kuykendall wanted to clarify if the department would have its own budget.

Speaker Jackson said it will have its own budget.

President Teixeira wanted them to talk about the fact that they are including wellness and sustainability together in the one fund. He said they should consider how there is already a fee they pay for using the Fitness Center, so students already contribute to wellness. On top of that, the budget they had for sustainability is much lower. He wanted to caution them against it. Even though they are similar, the budgets for the two are mismatched. They are putting \$10,000 towards a wellness initiative fund and ignoring sustainability.

Senator Flangas felt that the next Senate body will approve the director and assistant directors and it was up to them to keep them accountable to uphold sustainability. This past session has seen much success with the current directors. She personally thought that there is validity with keeping one director and two assistant directors with individual focuses. She encouraged the next body to keep department accountable to funding both aspects.

President Teixeira said that was not what he was talking about; he was referring to the grant. The department structure is incredible and was a great idea. He felt the grant could be problematic because you would be giving money to something that already has a large budget.

Senator Becker agreed with President Teixeira's point. He felt the best compromise was to combine the departments but keep SNIF as SNIF. He felt that they can see sustainability getting neglected in some years and that would be out of their control.

Senator Kuykendall asked Senator Flangas how much of had been spent from SNIF.

Senator Flangas knew that in years prior, SNIF had gone unspent and this year, it was only partially spent. SNIF has a history of being underspent. If they open it up to include both, then it could be utilized to its fullest every year. After talking to both directors, they both felt that SNIF could change to incorporate both, but they did caution her against designating a certain amount to each.

Speaker Jackson appreciated the comments from public comment, but she wanted to limit discussion of the bill to the body.

Senator Martinez agreed with Senator Flangas. He didn't think it was a bad thing to combine them. If the next session does see a huge amount being spent on wellness, they can amend it back to SNIF or implement limits.

President Teixeira wanted to point out that ASUN had a big say in how much money Jim Fitzsimmons gets and what he does with that money. Jim sits on the SWAG committee and that committee focuses exclusively on wellness. A big piece of the department and the grant should be to coordinate with SWAG. SWAG talks about wellness on a weekly basis. They should make sure

money isn't being spent on something that is already well funded in another part of campus or that could be better handled by another part of campus. SNIF was supposed to be directly used for sustainability efforts since the campus is lacking sustainability components.

Senator Martinez thought that President Teixeira was right in that they should spend money on sustainability. But changing SNIF to SWIF will let students know about the fund. It can be changed back to SNIF once students know about it.

Senator Tralmer left the room at 6:49 pm.

Senator Bussman said if the main reason to expand the SNIF was because of underutilization, then they have a marketing problem. He didn't think they should expand it as a way to get the word out for the competition. They should examine the problem as it exists why now. If there is funding for wellness, then they shouldn't divert funding from sustainability especially when it already has a low budget. They can make the argument that the fund can be changed back to SWIF, but he knew they didn't really look back on previous sessions and make changes. If they make this change now, it would be a long-term change. He was already working on connecting Director Romans with the Office of Innovation and Research since this office had a lot of seed money to give. This could be a potential solution to the problems they are currently seeing with marketing the program.

Senator Kuykendall acknowledged President Teixeira's comments regarding the SWAG committee. However, they needed to remember that this was supposed to be funding for undergraduate students. He thought expanding the horizons for students to expand their ideas was not wrong. If SNIF hasn't been used to its potential already, he doubted they would run out of money. The committee is already split between wellness and sustainability. In the end, it was up to the committee to decide how to allocate the funds. He didn't think it was a bad idea to expand the opportunity for students to present their ideas.

Senator Tralmer entered the room at 6:51 pm.

Director Rodriguez thought there was a difference between wellness and fitness. She thought President Teixeira was talking about fitness; wellness is a broader concept that incorporates more than physical wellbeing but also mental, sexual, and sustainable wellbeing. Her understanding is that they are incorporating sustainability as a part of wellness.

Senator Billman asked if they had exact numbers of how much money was left from SNIF.

Beattie said the past two years, zero of the fund had been used and this year, only a partial amount had been given out.

Chief of Staff Bradley said she speaking as a CABNR student. She knew of multiple students that wanted to apply for SNIF but were too afraid of the bureaucracy. If they don't know, she sat on the selection committee last year. Applicants had to submit a 35-page outline with complete research. It was the same thing with Dr. Mencing not being able to give out all the money for international research. This campus has so many great things that students aren't using, not because of advertisement, but because students are unsure of how to undertake those projects. The 85th Session has wanted infrastructure; she thought this is one part they missed and hoped the 86th Session would catch it. She felt this campus doesn't do enough for sustainability and is ranked very low. She knew many students wanted to apply but won't unless the application process is streamlined. She agreed that wellness was well represented with the SWAG committee because the Counseling Center, the Health Center, the Fitness Center, and ASUN all collaborate and talk about

wellness together. She thought it was a valiant effort to expand it but, the topic of wellness already has so much. This campus is missing sustainability and she urged them to combine the department but not SNIF.

Senator Kuykendall said in light of that comment, if they don't include wellness in the fund then, it wouldn't be appropriate to create the department. It would not be a good environment for department as a whole if SNIF was funded but wellness had nothing. There was nothing to combine the two.

Senator Flangas said the motivation for the department was that both directors felt it was impossible to complete their jobs by themselves; a combined department could help execute that. When major events occur, both assistant directors can help while the main director implements projects. The department had merit. She that that integrating the fund to be SWIF would encourage students to apply and create initiatives. She felt that a provision can be created to designate a certain amount of money to sustainability.

President Teixeira said another way to look at this was that the budget was being put towards wellness so SNIF should be kept. He wasn't saying the funds should only go to sustainability, just keeping the name. The department has merit.

Senator Becker wanted to respond to Senator Kuykendall's comment. Senator Becker wanted to put money where it was needed rather than where they wanted. Sustainability was lacking right now and leaving it as SNIF in the department would allow them to push money to where it is needed. They can find other ways to allocate funding to wellness.

Senator Billman wanted to add that he was in support of changing it back to SNIF.

Senator Thummel said asked if they would have to table the legislation if they wanted to approve the department but leave SNIF as SNIF.

Speaker Jackson said they can amend the legislation.

Senator Flangas said the two were integrated together and it wouldn't work if they amended it. The legislation would have to die right now.

Senator Kuykendall thought it should be left as intended originally. If they had money left over, what would be the harm to opening the fund to include wellness. If someone came up to the table with a proposal to take all of the \$10,000 for sustainability or wellness, that is the committee's decision. It will be up to the committee. If they pigeonhole the department to only allocate money to one side, then they neglect the other.

Senator S. Smith what happened to money that isn't allocated.

President Teixeira said it rolls over; in the past, when the Senate approves the budget, that \$10,000 is rolled over.

Senator Flangas wanted comment on Chief of Staff Bradley's comment with the application process. She was not familiar with that process but asked if they had the discretion to change it so that it would not be so rigorous. Or, the director could do application workshops; she knew Director Romans did that this year. That process didn't need to be written into to SAS since it should be up to the director.

Dr. Beattie said the director could change it if they wished.

Senator Becker asked if a new bill would come to the table to create the department but not change SNIF if they voted to not approve this bill.

Speaker Jackson asked if he could clarify.

Senator Becker asked if a new bill would come to the table that would create the new department but not touch SNIF if this current bill failed right now.

Speaker Jackson said yes.

Senator Bussman said an idea is accepting both applications for but prioritizing sustainably. If there is money left after funds have been allocated sustainability, they can rollover the extra funds to wellness.

Senator Flangas thought that this was a great idea. The director can decide, and the body can write a resolution saying they want the director to prioritize sustainability. As it stands now the director and the committee, decide how to allocate funds. Both Directors Romans and Henderson cautioned her to not evenly split the fund between the two every time some initiatives might require \$500 and others \$2500 but that will vary year to year.

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

Motion carried; Senators Bussman, Becker, Compton, Ca. Lee, and Billman voted nay.

b. S.B. 85 – An Act to Amend the Department of Public and Campus Relations

Senator Tool left the room at 7:05 pm.

Senator Ca. Lee moved to approve S.B. 85 – An Act to Amend the Department of Public and Campus Relations.

Senator Thummel seconded.

Senator Thummel said because of agendaizing purposes, there were changes made at his committee meeting that are not present on this agenda. He will introduce the legislation and then introduce the changes.

Senator Cook left the room at 7:05 pm.

Senator Thummel said as an overview, these changes resulted from meetings with Director Wahlberg and Chief of Staff Bradley. They took out things related to ULA about the Director attending meetings with GSA, Faculty Senate, and ASUN since ULA brings them all together. It also cuts out the Pack Friendly Businesses; that used to be under the Director, but it will be moved to the Vice President to add more duties to that position. Some duties were added under #4. This was to make it more of an internal position so that the Director is updating the students about what Senate does. They expanded on what digital media is so that the Director can do whatever they want on how to release information. They decided to cut out the K-12 strategic plan and move those duties solely to the Committee on Public Affairs. However, his committee decided to put that back in.

Senator Cook entered the room at 7:08 pm.

Senator Thummel moved to amend Addendum A, Section 3, Subsection 2, to add Subsection xi to read: "To collaborate with the Committee on Public Affairs to establish and execute an annual strategic plan for outreach to the K-12 outreach system."

Senator Kuykendall seconded.

Speaker Jackson asked if someone from the committee could clarify the amendment.

Senator Kuykendall said before, it read to establish a plan but now was to collaborate with the committee.

Senator Flangas said during the committee meeting, they talked about the strategic plan being important to the position since K-12 outreach and how ASUN interacts with the school system affected how ASUN is viewed. There was still reason for the Director to be a part of the plan so that the best view of ASUN is presented and so that view is a consistent vision. The idea is that when the Committee on Public Affairs goes into schools, it delivers the same initiative and consistent mission. That is why they put it back in. Director Walberg was not opposed to adding it back in. It would be up to the next director to test out if setting an agenda was a great thing to do or not.

Senator Becker asked if there will be changes to the Senate Rules if this passed to update the duties for the Committee on Public Affairs.

Senator Thummel said he had legislation ready, it just depended on whether this passed or not. If this is passed, then the Committee on Government Operations will hear the legislation.

There was no further discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.
Amendment passed; Senator Cook abstained.

Senator Thummel said another thing that brought up was that the SAS still said Department instead of director because the Director used to have two assistant directors. This is a simple change that needed to be made that he forgot to make when rewriting the position.

Senator Thummel moved to amend Addendum A to change any mention of "Department" to "Director."

Senator Becker seconded.

There was no discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.
Amendment passed; Senator Flangas abstained.

Senator Martinez moved to amend page 2 by striking line 3.

Senator Flangas seconded.

There was no discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.
Amendment carried.

There was no further discussion on the bill as a whole; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried.

- c. S.B. 85 – An Act to Dissolve the Elections Commission and Move the Responsibilities Under the Center for Student Engagement
Senator Mah moved to approve S.B. 85 – An Act to Dissolve the Elections Commission and Move the Responsibilities Under the Center for Student Engagement.
Senator Mall seconded.

Senator Martinez said currently, the chair is appointed by the President. Say the President is a junior and they wanted to rerun, they could appoint their best friend and the Elections could be rigged. Moving elections over was to prevent bias within the commission and to ensure fair and unbiased elections happen. The commission will be placed within the Center for Student Engagement. The Center for Student Engagement has already been in conversation for how this would work, and they already do voter initiatives and reaching out to students to want to run.

Senator Billman liked this. Putting it under The Center for Student Engagement made it an hourly paid position and that puts more initiative on the position to work. There have been times where they saw less or more activity from the Elections Commission.

Senator Cy. Lee asked how the elections can be rigged.

Senator Martinez said the Elections Commission could receive emails from the President about rerunning and not disclose the information. This change was integrity-based to ensure integrity is shown. Keeping elections within The Center for Student Engagement keeps transparency.

There was no further discussion on the bill as a whole; the body move to a vote.

Motion carried.

- d. S.B.R 85 – A Binding Resolution to Revise the Senate Rules Office Hour Requirement
Senator Martinez moved to approve S.B.Res. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Revise the Senate Rules Office Hour Requirement.
Senator Tralmer seconded.

Senator Kuykendall said first thing that will happen is he will amend the addendum through substitution to put in the changes made at Government Operations. Afterwards, he will amend the legislation to properly give credit to the senators that participated and added to the discussion during the committee meeting and to Secretary Godoy who added to the spirit of it.

Senator Kuykendall moved to amend S.B.R 85 – A Binding Resolution to Revise the Senate Rules Office Hour Requirement by substitution by replacing Addendum 4A with Addendum X.
Senator Mall seconded.

Senator Kuykendall said there was some discussion about the addendum as a whole. There was an instance of where it said “pay period” that was changed to read “two-week period” to accurately reflect section 1. The big change is making outreach hours being done as civic engagement. There was no way to confirm this originally, so they added “confirmed by the Speaker of the Senate through a system approved by the Speaker.” It could be through GivePulse or a verbal system or whatever the Speaker saw fit. The Other amendment was to allow the Speaker to choose to increase/decrease the number of hours or days in a period. As Secretary Godoy pointed out, holidays interfere with the dates, so this allowed hours or days to be adjusted. The final change was to update the addendum to say “outreach hours” instead of “office hours” where he forgot.

There was no further discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.
Amendment carried.

Senator Kuykendall said if they go to the website and pull up the Senate Rules, they will see the old rules for office hours. Originally, they were only required to do two hours a week, he changed it so that it would be four hours within two weeks and the hours would be done through outreach. This was to make sure they utilize hours efficiently.

Senator J. Smith said during discussion, the committee talked about a form that was mentioned in subsection b. He asked if there was a form that will be created or has been created.

Senator Kuykendall said that form was thing before his changes, but a form didn't exist even then. That was up to Speaker and Secretary to create form because the from will be submitted at their discretion. The Speaker is confirming hours through a system of their choosing; if the Speaker decides a piece of lined paper with a signature is enough, that can serve as a form.

Senator Jackson much of the accountability for this was already into the Senate Rules. For example, if a senator wanted to do hours outside of the workroom, they are supposed to inform the Speaker and the Secretary.

Senator Kuykendall said another thing was that if they had a physical form, it wouldn't be an official document, but he can provide one.

Speaker Jackson said the next speaker can chose to put that on Nevada Box.

Senator Kuykendall moved to amend S.B.R. 85 – A Binding Resolution to Revise the Senate Rules Office Hour Requirement to include Senators Bussman, J. Smith, S. Smith Martinez, Mall, Flangas, and Billman and Secretary Godey on the authored by line.

Senator Thummel seconded.

There was no discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.
Amendment carried

There was no further discussion on the bill as a whole; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

There were no committee changes at this time.

b. Senator Reports

Speaker Jackson asked everyone reflect on their favorite parts or their biggest takeaways to share next week.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Flangas wanted to give a shout out to undocumented students. She wanted them to know that the Senate Body supports them and loves the efforts done to help undocumented students. She also gave a shout out to Director Gbenjo for UndocuWeek; it was a cool event.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.