

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Speaker Martinez called the Senate meeting to order at 5:31 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 Martinez and Senators Alvarez, Aziz, Burton, Clemons, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Loveland, Mata, McKinney, Merkley, Rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, Wilday, and Yeghiayan were present.

Senators Amaya and Rogers were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from April 18th, 2018
- b. The minutes from April 25th, 2018

The minutes from April 18th and April 25th, 2018 were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Hamma, former ASUN President. Mr. Hamma said the College of Massachusetts, a women's college, announced that they can't use the word "woman" anymore because some women who claim to be bisexual find that offensive. Also, men who identify as men will not be admitted, but those who identify as women will be admitted. He frankly hoped that one of the pseudo women rapes one of the girls and she sued them. America is the land of opportunity, but America-haters find that offensive. He was a senior citizen who didn't have obesity, but there was a sign on campusreform.org that they might find interesting.

Dr. Gerry Marczynski, Associate Vice President for Student Life Services. He wanted to welcome them and introduce himself; he had met some of them but not all of them. He also wanted to talk about what he does; he is responsible for and talk about what he does in the Student Union building and the Fitness Center. The senators sometimes weren't sure how to affect change. He could help them navigate the building. Sometimes they spend a lot of time doing something and then find out that it's already being done. They are finalizing candidates for the director of the center. Their goal was to have them on campus by the end of next week by graduation. They didn't have the exact times yet, but would have them by Friday. This would give them the opportunity to have them see the candidates and have the candidates see them. It would be an open forum with question and answers.

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

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There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

President Jackson said: I am currently working on coordinating our first Presidents Cabinet meeting, as well as a training for the entire Executive Board on May 12th. The goal of this training is to make sure that everyone is prepared to fulfil their job duties, even in the summer months. We also had our monthly meeting with President Johnson and Dr. Ellis this week. We spoke more about the Board of Regents proposed Tuition and Fee Increase. President Johnson and Dr. Ellis will be coming in next week to explain this and give more context in public comment. I had the opportunity to sit on the Core Board. I learned how the Silver Core aligns with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Interstate Passport. Also, the interstate passports learning outcomes encompass nine knowledge and skill areas: oral communication, natural sciences, teamwork and value systems, and how other institutions implement this into their Student Learning Objectives. I attended the RHA Banquet. I presented budget to Budget and Finance, which will hopefully go through Senate next weekend. I met with Kerry Durmick, the Regional Representative from Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto's office. I showed her how our government works and talked about student loans and financial aid on the federal level. Finally, I am preparing for the Board of Regents Special Meeting.

Senator Merkley asked if she could clarify what the core board was.

President Jackson said it was for academics; the board met to discuss the silver core curriculum.

There were no further questions for President Jackson.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley

VP Bradley said she was working with President Jackson in last week and most of what President Jackson has done, she tagged along for. She assisted Directors Lenach and Bittar in interviews by sitting in. She met with Athletics on Thursday. She's met with them twice before and they are working on setting a vision on how to incorporate students into Athletics. She said they needed to support student athletes more, and not necessarily attending games. It was important to attend games but they also need to help student athletes feel at home as well. The AMPS release party is tomorrow from 6 pm – 8pm at the Blind Onion. If they didn't know, AMPS stood for: Art, Music, Poetry, and Spoken Words.

There were no questions for Vice President Bradley.

c. Chief Justice

d. Chief of Staff

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar

Director Bittar thanked Senator Hughes for her active approach with her club outreach. Clubs were receptive to it and he hoped Senators were too. He held his commissioner interviews this past weekend and submitted his nominees. His nominees will go through Oversight on Monday. He had many great interviews but only so many spots. The annual Clubs and Orgs BBQ was in front of the KC yesterday and they better turnout. The current Commission is finishing up their projects and creating legacy binders for any unfinished projects. He will work on setting the funding hearing dates. The last Department meeting with the current commission will be May 8th. This will be the last chance clubs have to request funds until the summer funding hearing in mid-July.

There were no questions for Director Bittar.

f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

Director Lensch said: I have been busy this past week laying down the ground work and getting prepared for the upcoming year. I attended the Wolf Pack Welcome meeting held by the Assistant Dean of New Student Initiatives this past week to share what ASUN was planning to do. All of our events will be marketed through the Wolf Pack Welcome booklet to all new students during the welcome ceremonies. I have reserved all spaces for Welcome Week 2018, BLF, and other events that will follow throughout the year. Our Department will be hosting Paint the N, Taste of Reno, the Wolf It Down Pancake Feed, and at least one to two other events during Welcome Week. I will get a finalized Welcome Week schedule to you all once our Department has had the chance to meet and select the other event(s). I met with Gaby Ortiz Flores to learn more about the Programming budget, explain our expectations for each other within the next year, and I shared my goals for the department with her. I hosted interviews this past weekend and sent my nominations to Speaker Martinez. Oversight will be reviewing my nominations on Monday and hopefully you will all get the chance to review them next Senate meeting. I am very excited to (hopefully) have a full board within a week! I will be working on putting together our mandatory training this weekend and making sure everything that is needed is included. As President Jackson mentioned, our training will be Saturday, May 12th from 9-5 depending on Senate's approval of my nominees following the executive board's training. I will be asking for a lot of help this summer with our three Summer BBQs. The BBQs will be held on May 31st, June 21st, and July 26th. Keep a look out for more information on the Facebook page as the dates get closer. I am meeting with Learning 365 next Monday to finalize the details for these BBQs. I will let you all know as the dates get closer, so you can volunteer. The Spring Concert is this Friday!!! The event will feature three different artists. The concert will be from 6:30pm-10:00pm in front of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Students can pick up a FREE ticket from the ASUN Center for Student Engagement front desk by displaying their Wolf Card. ID, ticket, and wolf card needed to enter. Doors will open at 6:00pm and students must bring both their Wolf Card and ticket to enter. I hope to see all of you out there!

Senator Aziz asked him to repeat the dates for the summer BBQs.

Director Lensch said May 31st, June 21st, and July 26th. The BBQs usually run from 10 am - 2 pm with setup and cleanup.

There were no further questions for Director Lensch.

- g. Director of Legislative Affairs
- h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion
- i. Director of Sustainability
- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations
- k. Director of Campus Wellness

l. Attorney General, Omar Moore

Attorney General Moore said his report today was more of a precautionary note. There have already been some committee meetings that were canceled due to noncompliance. He wanted to take the opportunity to enforce the rules now as the session starts. Upon starting his position, he met with Director Rodriguez and she showed him a compelling part of the Board of Regents handbook that applies to them all. He wanted to extend that to them. It said: "The office of every student government official found to have engaged in conduct in violation of this section shall become vacant upon a final determination being made under Chapter 10 of the NSHE Code that such violation has occurred." That is much further down the road but there are serious implications with

overlooking small things. Small things senators can do: try not to publish meetings at 8:59 PM when they are due three days prior, try to avoid double posting the same meeting twice, and try to avoid changing any information last minute. This week, the spotlight Senator McKinney did all three things but didn't break a single rule. If anyone needed clarifications or had questions, let him know.

Senator Burton asked Attorney General Moore to repeat the section number.

Attorney General Moore said the Board of Regents' handbook stipulated a regulation for NSHE student governments. It was section 3, part 5f. It was the part that talks about student government meetings.

There were no further questions for Attorney General Moore.

m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez

Speaker Martinez said if they had not turned in their ID's to Central Station, they need to do so as soon as possible. Otherwise, they will not be considered employed.

Dr. Beattie wanted to reiterate Speaker Martinez's statement. Central Station asked for that almost a month ago. They need to hire have all officers hired to cover them for worker's comp.

Senator Hughes asked if they were good if they already turned in their ID's at beginning were they good.

Dr. Beattie said yes.

Senator Grant said he spoke to Central Station today and they told him they don't need a physical copy of their social security cards. He asked Dr. Beattie if that was right.

Dr. Beattie said federal law requires original documents.

Senator Hudson said she knew several officers that had already turned in their ID's but got asked to do it again.

Dr. Beattie said that shouldn't have happened.

Senator Wilday said she recalled that they can't keep the information so they shredded it

Speaker Martinez suggested they talk to Central Station. Like Senator Wilday said, Central Station may have had issues or complications.

Senator Yeghiayan said with the Social Security Card, she got a scan of it from her parents, and they were able to use that.

Speaker Martinez said he sent out a link to order business cards. They must have the information turned in within the next week so that all orders can be processed at once. If they don't submit using the link, they will not get business cards. If they needed the link, let him know. Business cards were very important for outreach hours. He knew they all had questions about outreach hours. He sent out an email that broke down the hours. If they had more questions, let him know. Secretary Godoy brought binder to Senate today. They will turn in office hours every two weeks. Outreach hours will be collected Wednesday, May 9th at 4 pm. It will be the same process every two weeks. He sent out a new sheet for outreach hours certification. Instead of having clubs sign off on

meetings, senators will write down what they discussed with clubs and what plans senators will make.

Senator Hudson left the room at 5:55 pm.

Speaker Martinez said the outreach hours form will be turned in for him. The hours must also be logged in the binder as well. With that, he hoped they will create the idea of accountability with the sheets. He will use the sheets to discuss plans and meetings and ask what happened with plans. This will help him hold them accountable and be consistent. If they had questions, see him in his office.

Senator Feil asked how outreach hours will work over the summer.

Speaker Martinez said at the next meeting, they will suspend the Senate Rules so that there won't be outreach hours, but they should still reach out to students.

Senator Yeghiayan will he need one of those sheets

Speaker Martinez said yes.

Senator Burton asked if speaking to faculty is okay for outreach hours.

Speaker Martinez said after deliberation he decided that yes, it was okay. If the meetings were habitual, like monthly meetings with deans, those will not count since the Senate Rules said they must have those. They can refer to the Senate Rules for what outreach is defined as and what is civic engagement.

Director Bittar said they can also reach out to him for the contact info of clubs. Clubs are going through the renewal process right now until May 15. If they are using the orgs website, it may not be completely accurate. He asked they reach out to him if something doesn't make sense.

Speaker Martinez commended Hughes did great job defernite clubs and orgs and senators. When going to clubs will ask about club funding or what they can do as senators. Their jobs were to better the college they were in. If they had questions for club funding they had to contact their club commissioners.

Senator Hughes said she sat in the engineering lounge and introduced self to students. When she talked to clubs, it was hard to explain what they can do as Senators and what Clubs and Orgs can do. She suggested they sit down with Director Bittar to find out the commissioner for the clubs in their college.

Senator Amaya entered the room at 5:59 pm.

Speaker Martinez reminded the senators that they have clubs and orgs to contact. He had high standards and this was something he wanted to be clear and consistent about. This was something new so he wanted input.

Senator Hughes said she recommended contacting Luke Bittar so that they could give clubs the commissioner contact information.

Director Bittar said he was more than happy to let them know. It was all on the website. Email him.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if he had a list of clubs.

Director Bittar said yes but with club renewals and transitions happening now, the list was changing. He will get a more up-to-date list of clubs, officers, and members.

Senator Hudson entered the room at 6:02 pm.

Speaker Martinez asked Senators let him know if they will be here over the summer. If not, he needed to know how they will be calling in so he can request computers and phones. They still needed to make quorum over the summer.

Senator Aziz asked what the commitment is for Senate over the summer. He will be working full time and while they are flexible, he didn't want to push it.

Vice President Bradley said she was in the process of developing their role in orientation. She would send out an email. At most it would be tabling. They were trying to outreach to all officers. She would like to outreach that out to commissioners, programmers, and legislative affairs. Orientation wasn't every day.

Speaker Martinez said he encouraged them to be active but attending senate meetings was vital.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins

Senator Collins said her committee had its first meeting this past week. They elected Senator Sewell as Vice Chair and discussed goals. Their next meeting will be next Friday at 1 pm. If they wanted to review the goals, they can come to the meeting or look at the agenda with the tentative list of goals. Other than that, the upcoming meeting will be for establishing liaison positions.

There were no questions for Senator Collins.

b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant

Senator Grant said at the first meeting, they elected Senator Burton as Vice Chair and reviewed goals. If they wanted to see the minutes, they can review the minutes. The committee tabled recommending a budget until Thursday. If they had questions about the budget, he suggested they talk to him or President Jackson since the budget will be approved by Senate at their next Senate meeting.

There were no questions for Senator Grant.

c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil

Senator Feil said the committee elected Senator Amaya as Vice Chair and reviewed goals and plans. She was super excited. They also talked about the Mount Rose event. It will be all day and the event is on Give Pulse. If they can't do the whole day, 11 am – 12 pm is when they will be doing the mini session with the 4th graders and that is when she will need the most people.

Senator Burton asked for the date.

Senator Feil said it was tomorrow. She asked who was available to go.

Senators Grant, Mata, Collins Loveland, and Wilday volunteered.

Senator Feil asked they come 10 minutes early so she can explain what they will be doing.

There were no further questions for Senator Feil.

- d.** Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
Senator McKinney said the committee had its first meeting last week. They elected Senator Green as Vice Chair and reviewed committee goals. Their next meeting will be in the Senate Chambers to discuss the legislation from the last meeting. He invited previous senator Nicole Flangas. They were going to assign liaison positions and they would create passion plans for their goals.

Senator Hudson asked what room the meeting will be in.

Senator McKinney said in the Senate Chambers; the same room they are in now.

Senator Feil asked for the date and time.

Senator McKinney said tomorrow at 1:30 pm.

There were no further questions for Senator McKinney.

- e.** Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
Senator Alvarez said the committee elected Senator Rogers as the Vice Chair and reviewed committee goals.

There were no questions for Senator Alvarez.

- f.** Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
Senator Mata said the committee had its first committee meeting today. It went well; the committee reviewed basic goals. All the goals revolved around outreach, sustainability, and creating faculty connections with Senate. They also established liaison positions. University Affairs is in charge of a lot of liaisons so each senator will be in charge of at least two or three. The committee had a lot of work started and asked committee members to contact each other if struggling.
- g.** Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
Senator Hughes said some people were talking about writing legislation. They needed to start using the legacy box for projects. It was all in Nevada Box. She modified the ASUN project proposal for everyone working on a project. Whichever committee, the chairs needed to oversee that and bring it to Oversight for discussion.

There were no questions for Senator Hughes.

- h.** Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez
Speaker Martinez said Three candidates came through Oversight and they all got great feedback. He wanted to remind them that they were all new to ASUN at one point. When these candidates come before them, they all have advisors and teachers. When asking questions, remember there is a way to be respectful. It's all in your tone, posture, the way you say, and the way you format it. If these directors are approved, they will work with them, and they are all students. If their questions are long, write them down.

There were no questions for Speaker Martinez.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There are no appointments to be fast-tracked at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

a. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on April 22nd, 2018:**

i. **NOMINATION OF AREZO AMERZADA TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Senator Hughes moved to approve the nomination of Arezo Amerzada to the Office of Director of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Merkley seconded.

President Jackson said: Arezo is a third-year student studying Human Development and Family Studies with a passion for empowering those around her. First, I want to address the fact that Arezo does not have any previous ASUN experience. She may not know all of the ins and outs of our organization yet, but she is a quick and eager learner. I think that her experiences within other organizations on campus makes her more than qualified for this position. Arezo has served as Director of Expansion and President of the Lambda Phi Xi Multicultural Sorority, Director of Recruitment and Marketing for the Multicultural Greek Council and will be starting her second term of being an Orientation Leadership Intern for New Student Initiatives. These experiences have given Arezo a better perspective on what students on our campus are feeling. As you can see in her resume, Arezo has proved that she can effectively lead individuals towards a common goal. The one thing that really stood out to me about Arezo was her vision for the Department and her outlook on diversity, equity, and inclusion. As you will see in her portfolio, her vision for the Department is incredibly insightful and intentional. She hopes to work towards the mission of developing an inclusive campus that creates civic leaders while embracing diversity. We need to stop viewing Diversity as a problem to be managed, but a beautiful and wonderful vision for the future that we should learn to celebrate. I have confidence that Arezo will not only be an incredible leader for this department, and I am also incredibly excited for the positive changes that her leadership will bring to our organization.

Ms. Amerzada said she experienced culture shock on campus. Being white was a minority coming from the Bay Area but she found people on campus that allowed her to embrace who she was. Some people aren't as lucky to find their place. Tonight she would go over her four goals and themes. Her overall goal was to move towards a campus that is intolerant of hate and injustice while pushing for appreciate for culture and backgrounds to flip the script from the negative to showcasing resilience and embody diversity and beauty. Another event or campaign is body positivity, and not confusing image with being healthy; everyone can be healthy at any size. Her next goal was to provide students an opportunity to learn from others in a safe way. This is important because many students are ignorant. These events include "Cultural Appropriation vs Appreciation" and an event about microaggressions to have safe discussions. Her next event was to ensure the voices of students were being heard throughout the year. This is where the advisory board would come into play to allow students to be able to advocate for their own lived experiences, because she did not have all of those lived experiences nor did she wish to imposter their identities. Another idea was to listen to students before acting or reacting. Another goal was to incorporate and include diversity training across the board. Again, she wanted to develop diversity training for ASUN leaders. Lastly, she wanted to emphasize that diversity is

something for everyone; everyone has some kind of diversity with them so everyone should focus on it. Everyone should focus on it. The university should support all underrepresented groups throughout the school year, not only when they need underrepresented groups on fliers or for personal gain of the administrators. Another goal is giving students a sense of belonging. She mentioned the BBQ to let students know they want them to be here and they have a right to be here. This is where she introduced a logo and attaching that logo to different cultural celebrations throughout the year to make them feel like they belong and have something to identify.

Senator Mata left the room at 6:18 pm.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Wilday asked Ms. Amerzada what diversity meant to her.

Ms. Amerzada said diversity is not something that can be defined. In its literal sense, it meant variety, but it depended the context and who and what was involved. For the student population it could mean race, religion, political affiliation, size, sexuality, gender, etc... Where they come from, languages, major. They can't constrain it to one thing.

Senator Merkley asked what Ms. Amerzada thought the biggest problem on campus was.

Ms. Amerzada said students don't feel like their voices are being heard. She didn't want to sound redundant, but she knew there had been some initiatives for students to come forward and speak on what they saw or felt. But those spaces are not always safe and can be intimidating. She wanted to have office hours for students to come and talk to her. She also wanted upper administration to come so they can understand the points of views of students. For her, her job was to be a liaison between administration and students.

Senator Merkley asked what Ms. Amerzada thought the biggest stride the University had made.

Ms. Amerzada knew that in the face of recent events, the University increased the budgets for The Center and was making sure university policies are more inclusive and introducing new positions. There were some things she may not agree with, but she understood the intent.

Senator Hughes asked Ms. Amerzada to elaborate on the national disability awareness month

Ms. Amerzada said people don't think of disability with diversity. When people do think of disability, they think of ADA access. That's important, but people need to realize that there are other components to disability, such as mental disability. She wanted to be more mindful.

Senator Collins asked Ms. Amerzada what experiences prepared her for this position besides being in a multicultural sorority.

Ms. Amerzada said aside from her sorority, working with the multicultural Greek council and working with those people, as well as being an orientation leadership intern and hiring a diverse staff to represent things they don't always think about or see.

Senator Mata entered the room at 6:29 pm.

Senator Alvarez asked how Ms. Amerzada planned on fulfilling the mission of the Department as outlined in the SAS.

Ms. Amerzada said by working with the Commissioner on Social Justice and Policy, University Affairs, and Legislative Affairs to better track data from the local, national, and university levels.

Senator Feil asked how she would increase diversity in clubs that aren't part of Greek Life.

Ms. Amerzada said she would work with Clubs and Orgs to make policy changes from the 85th session to encourage diversity within the organizations. She wanted to make it a point that the clubs are doing good work and emphasize the small clubs and help them succeed.

Senator Amaya asked if Ms. Amerzada attended the Diversity Summit.

Ms. Amerzada said she was unable to attend. Her sorority performed and she knew a speaker.

Senator Amaya asked Ms. Amerzada what events she attended on campus that practiced diversity since she was unable to attend the Diversity Summit.

Ms. Amerzada said she had attended tons of events that clubs and orgs have done. She has been to forums, step shows, and attended several conferences and work shops on diversity and inclusion.

Senator Yeghiayan said Ms. Amerzada mentioned there were different categories of diversity. She asked how Ms. Amerzada applied that in her sorority.

Ms. Amerzada said that wasn't necessarily something she needed to implement. In the orientation process, she worked heavily with hiring and intertwining diversity.

Senator Wilcox said President Jackson had mentioned Ms. Amerzada's participation in a multicultural sorority.

Ms. Amerzada said she is the current president and is continuously learning. She will continue to learn throughout the next semester on better managing a board, working with different personalities, accountability, and working with others. Running a board and being on a board is two different things.

Senator Merkley asked Ms. Amerzada what she learned and how that can be applied to this position.

Ms. Amerzada said she was continuing to learn within her sorority and her position.

Senator Merkley asked what Ms. Amerzada had in mind to implement better policies.

Ms. Amerzada said she wanted to work with the hiring polices to better outreach to clubs and orgs and to students to get more representation in all ASUN departments. Other than that, she wanted to work with Senate and her commission.

There were no further questions at this time; the body moved to discussion.
Ms. Amerzada left the room.

Senator Hudson wanted to say that Ms. Amerzada was phenomenal. Looking beyond the lack of ASUN experiences, many of them at the table didn't have ASUN experience either. Ms. Amerzada brought up body positivity as part of diversity. That is something Senator Hudson hadn't thought of but it showed that diversity had different elements. Ms. Amerzada was passionate, had the experience, and wanted to educate them all.

Senator Aziz said the fact that she didn't have ASUN experience was a strength. She saw the effect of ASUN on campus and could bring about change in a better way rather than what was being done.

Senator Hughes left the room at 6:37 pm.

Senator Amaya said she had some concerns about the lack of experience because she was the president of her sorority so she wanted to make sure that she was going to find the time to learn about how to balance a budget. Why would she start off as a department head and not as an assistant director.

Senator Burton said having worked with Ms. Amerzada this past summer as an orientation guide, he knew she had good time management skills. While he saw the concern since the role was demanding, he believed she had the time to dedicate to the position.

Senator Feil asked President Jackson what made the candidate stand out.

President Jackson said to address the lack of ASUN experience, she would agree with Senator Aziz that it was actually a strength. She thought they were all well-intentioned people. For this position, it was important to have someone from outside the organization hearing what students feel and hearing about these policies. The outside perspective was valuable. Her outside perspective is what struck her. She has a vibrant outlook to make students feel included and creating a culture of inclusion for the future. Everything in her portfolio is intentional and well thought out.

Senator Hughes entered the room at 6:40 pm.

Senator Burton said it was excellent to bring in those outside ideas.

Senator McKinney said she didn't know what she wanted to do yet but she had the passion to do it and to thrive. She already had the mindset. Their job was to learn and grow together.

Senator Merkley said the fruit of being a part of ASUN was being outside of ASUN. When you are in ASUN, people get this vision of you within this department. But when you are outside, people give you the stuff and when you get the stuff, people give you increased knowledge. They will give her the tools.

Senator Wilday said that besides Senator Mata, she hadn't met anyone else who was so invested in diversity. She included even personality in what diversity means to her.

Senator Wilcox admired how she has been in that position before and not always felt how she belonged.

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

Motion carried.

Ms. Amerzada was sworn in as the Director of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

ii. **NOMINATION OF KATIE WORRALL TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Senators McKinney and Clemons left the room at 6:44 pm.

Senator Burton moved to approve the nomination of Katie Worrall to the Office of Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Aziz seconded.

President Jackson said: Katie Worrall is a third-year student studying Political Science and International Affairs. Katie is actually newer to this University, as she is a transfer student from CalPoly, where she studied Environmental Engineering. Katie lives and breathes advocacy and empowerment. I always say that Katie is someone that doesn't just talk the talk, but she walks the walk. Katie has an incredible breadth of experience that makes her extremely qualified to be the Director of this Department. Katie is a leader not only on campus, but in the community, in the state, and on a national level. Katie has served as the Vice President and Treasurer of the UNR Young Democrats, Founder and Treasurer of the Model UN Club, Assembly Leadership Democratic Caucus Intern, Vice Chair of the Young Democrats of America International Affairs Committee, and the Founder and Lead Organizer of March for Our Lives Reno - which if you did not see, was an incredible community event that engaged and inspired students of all ages.

Senator Feil left the room at 6:45 pm.

President Jackson said: Her skill and expertise within the political system, relationships with elected officials, and proven ability to work with members of our community will be essential come the Midterm Election and Legislative Session in the Spring. Katie has gained much of her experience through working on causes she is personally passionate about, but in this position, she has a thorough understanding and dedication to her role as a representative of the 18,000 Undergraduate students - her vision centers around amplifying all student voices, and empowering students to make the change that they want to see. She has also gotten a holistic view of the Department of Legislative Affairs. Katie has served as an intern under the Projects Coordinator, where she helped to engage students on relevant issues, and this year worked as Policy Analyst where she began working on the Youth Houselessness bill, which she hopes to continue in this position. Overall, Carissa and I's vision of "learn together, lead together" still holds true, and I can't think of anyone that better exemplifies that vision than Katie Worrall.

Senator McKinney entered the room at 6:47 pm.

Ms. Worrall said she applied for the position to see the Department flourish and transform to what it can be. She wanted to get more students involved in the legislative process. In the past, the Department went to council meetings and to the Legislature with only a few select

students. She wanted to see more students testify. She also applied because of the disconnect between students and politics, especially in the last year. She wanted to start a conversation to change that, to make comprises, and to have open dialogues. Everyone should be involved in the process. It might seem like a small amount of people are in control but there is power in numbers.

Senator Feil entered the room at 6:49 pm.

Ms. Worrall said her first goal was to change the positions in the department. There was not a clear role for each department leader. She wanted to give them a more dignified position, so they can all contribute and be integral to how the Department functions. The Policy Director, Policy Analyst and Projects Director would keep the same responsibilities but they will be clearly outlined. She wanted to work with Senate to change the Projects Coordinator to an Outreach Director. She hoped the Department will be able to interact with students with this new position. Student interaction is something that had been missing in the past. This new position would have integral role in monthly student town halls and would attend club meetings and events to involve them in the political processes. Another thing hoped to change was making the Department more diverse. This was something that wouldn't be in her time but more so in the future. Diversity has been missing in past years. She has heard student concerns that ASUN, and at the national level of government, the people in power don't represent the country's demographics. Specifically, there are not enough women, queer, or people of color in positions. She saw that as problem and wanted to emphasize that. She thought this has also been a flaw of the Department and hoped to change that. The legislation the Department has focused on in the past hadn't focused on issues of underrepresented students and hadn't reached out to those students in the past. By doing so, they can have a more diverse ASUN and a more diverse Department. Her next overarching goal was to start open dialogues to understand divisive political issues by sitting down one-on-one to understand all perspectives. This will start to cause empathy and compromising in government. This position was nonpartisan. While she had a background with a major political party, she wanted to fulfill the role effectively as outlined in the SAS. She hoped to make sure all perspectives are accounted for by hiring a diverse set of department leaders with various perspectives to keep checks on each other and represent all students. She also wanted to implement a more thorough public deliberative initiative, like the one spearheaded by Baylor last semester. She wanted to have one where they choose an issue and compromise between all sides. Sometimes people forget there are other sides besides the two major views. She also wants to have an event where the end goal is to report the views of students to the Legislature. That way, the Legislature can comprehend the views of students and see what students care about. She had some goals for projects but hoped that her appointments will work with her on them and hoped they will have their own ideas as well. She wanted to strive for monthly student town halls instead of surveys or tabling as a way to hear students. Students should know that someone is fighting for them in the legislative bodies. In addition to town halls, she will table outside of the Joe or KC biweekly to inform students about bills in the Legislature and gauge who wanted to go testify. Or, if students are unable to attend, they can write their testimony. Also, with midterm elections this year, she wanted to have candidate forums where students speak to candidates once elections are and be able to meet their new representatives. Lastly, she hoped to host a university-wide conference partnered with community organizations and clubs. This would give students the chance to talk about issues.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Merkley asked Ms. Worrall what the biggest thing was she learned during her internship in ASUN.

Ms. Worrall said to be inclusive and listen to all students and listen to those who she is working with. She had minimal experience compared to others since she didn't have the same connections and was not given direction or information on how ASUN works. She did learn that she wanted every person that works with her to feel appreciated and like they are contributing integral work.

Senator Green asked how Ms. Worrall would go about better educating students about issues that affect them.

Ms. Worrall said through tabling and bringing relevant agendas. She also wanted to leave part of that up to the discretion of the Policy Director and Policy Analyst as their roles focused on finding legislation. She also wanted to work with the various Senate Subcommittees.

Senator Hughes asked how Ms. Worrall would ensure her personal biases don't influence her work in the Department.

Ms. Worrall reiterated she wanted to hire department leaders with different backgrounds. By doing so, they will serve as a check on her biases. She wanted to premise that she planned to reach out to students with different beliefs from hers. She viewed this position as a way to help her evolve her beliefs and was not rigid in her perspectives.

Senator Merkley asked what she believed the University can do better to listen to students.

Ms. Worrall asked if Senator Merkley meant at the University level.

Senator Merkley said in general and at the ASUN level as well.

Ms. Worrall said for ASUN, tabling weekly and using the monthly town hall meetings. She wanted to hold more events that focused on specific issues and addressed all sides and surveying students to see how they felt after.

Senator Grant asked what she would do personally to promote nonpartisanship besides appointing diverse officers.

Ms. Worrall said as an individual, she would make sure to be informed in all decisions being made. She would read the news as well as diverse news sources and books. She was not rigid in her thinking and could stay nonpartisan. Since they were doing political work, it was important to hire department leaders who had different opinions. Everyone would have a bias. It was her duty to represent all perspectives.

Senator Hudson said did she feel as if she had strong connections with people in opposing parties to ask them for their point of view.

Ms. Worrall said she liked to think she was approachable and not creating divisions. When she worked with the Department last year, everyone in the Department had different beliefs but they got along well. In her role as part of the Young Dems, she reached out to to put

on events together. She thought she had a good relationship with people of different ways of thinking.

Senator Sewell asked, how would she get into more controversial topics without offending anyone?

Ms. Worrall said by controversial, she meant things like internships or tuition, or environmental issues and youth homelessness. She had other issues in her portfolio. These are issues that were less neutral, not necessarily controversial.

Senator Feil said in the SAS, the duty was to be a director. Did she feel confident working with faculty members.

Ms. Worrall said yes, she had worked with faculty members in the past to work on projects. She could go into office hours and she had worked with legislators. She worked with executive board members of the state democratic board members.

Senator Hughes said why weren't her previous two terms as long as others

Ms. Worrall said her internship in 2016 ended because she got another internship. This year her internship as analyst was promoted and opened up. She kind of knew a little bit about ASUN.

Senator Hughes said did she leave her internship

Ms. Worrall said yes

Senator McKinney said he revoked his question

Senator Merkley when tabling, the loudest voices would be the farthest voices. How would she listen without ignoring them.

Ms. Worrall said she goes up to every person walking by, even if they don't come up to her. Maybe that wouldn't be such a problem. She wanted to get every voice involved and she wanted to work on that.

Speaker Martinez said their ten minutes for questions and answers had concluded.

The body moved to discussion at this time.

Ms. Worrall left the room.

Senator Hudson asked President Jackson what she can contribute to civic engagement

President Jackson said civic engagement encapsulates so much. It's anything that you do to contribute to your community. Being engaged democratically is a huge part of that. Katie's experience is a huge part of that. She engages students and teaches them and empowers them to be a part of that process. She knows how to educate people and give them tools to make a difference. Her being in this position will make a sustainable change for the university and provide that opportunity for other people. More and more leaders will come up like her.

Senator Sewell asked President Jackson if she was confident in Ms. Worrall's ability to be nonpartisan despite political affiliations.

President Jackson said she was very confident, she was clear on her intentions to hire a diverse staff. She got to see her work across party lines. She was a shier person which gives her the ability to see how people communicate. She was a listener. She can listen to perspectives and work with others.

Senator Feil wanted to say that she would be a great asset to engage everyone.

Senator Alvarez based on the issues Ms. Worrall listed on her portfolio, the issues are nonpartisan. Things like that are what they need to consider. She is willing to listen to all points of views.

Senator Aziz left the room at 7:14 pm.

Senator Hughes said the biggest red flag for was that Ms. Worrall left the Department's internship.

President Jackson said to clarify, Ms. Worrall started the year as an intern for Legislative Affairs and resigned to do an internship with the legislature, and applied for the position when it was vacant.

Senator Amaya asked how the position was marketed.

Speaker Martinez said the job application was posted on Workday and social media posts were made advertising it. There was also outreach done to club leaders.

Senator Amaya saw the concern, but it sounded like it was a better opportunity, not necessarily a reflection of commitment.

Senator Hudson said the first red flag was when she was in conversation with senator Grant, she said it was hard to stay away from biases. She said she wanted to hire a more diverse group of people, which sounds like hiring two extremes. That sounds beneficial, but when being in a room with two extreme people, nothing gets done and it's an argument. What she wanted to hear was that she would look for two nonpartisan people who would listen to what others had to say so that.

Senator Aziz entered the room at 7:17 pm.

Senator McKinney said the director can relinquish their bias and come in with a moderate way of thinking.

Senator Yeghiayan left the room at 7:18 pm.

Senator Sewell agreed with Senator Feil that legislation was important to consider. Agreed that legislation was important, but said that she said she wanted to table. A lot of people don't want to come up to you or talk to you. She agreed with McKinney. A lot of her issues were nonpartisan but she wished gun rights were on there because that was more conservative. Her last thing was that she agreed with Senator Hudson, but it worried her that if she hired someone because they were diverse they may not be qualified.

Senator Feil brought up that they should be debating if the nominee is able to carry out the duties in the SAS.

President Jackson appreciated the body's commentary but pointed out that nominees are also going through the hiring process. The portfolio presented is a blueprint or vision that shows that nominees had plans. The plans can change and the directors understand that. If they had feedback, the nominees would appreciate if that feedback was given to them. She asked they remember that Ms. Worrall's portfolio was a living document.

Senator Sewell said the SAS said the director shall be nonpartisan

Senator Green said he wanted to say that as a member of Young Dem, he worked with Katie for a few months and knew about her work ethic and ability to be non partisan. He thought that she could come into this position with a bias and still know how to listen to all sides through town halls, outreach coordinators, and tabling. She wants to listen to the students and be nonpartisan.

Senator Yeghiayan entered the room at 7:22 pm.

Senator Alvarez said in regard to diverse groups and mindsets, Director Lensch and Bittar said that. She was trying to keep herself accountable. She won't be alone in the hiring process. Vice President Bradley and President Jackson will keep her accountable. She has recognized other parties, such as libertarian and green parties. She has said she is willing to approach people.

Senator Merkley thought it was great Ms. Worrall was able to find other opportunities that prompted her to leave the internship. At the same time, what would happen if Ms. Worrall was appointed now and later found a better opportunity.

President Jackson said while that is a valid point, she wanted to clarify all interns are hired on a volunteer basis. Internships were meant to be an educational experience for interns to come and learn about ASUN and its departments. It wasn't a job.

Senator Burton said from a professional standpoint, Ms. Worrall was nervous since it was nerve-racking to talk to them all. However, what worried him was Ms. Worrall's ability to confidently engage students and faculty members. That ability was not seen in Ms. Worrall's ability to answer questions. She beat around the bush with some of their questions he didn't see any concrete plans.

Senator Mata pointed out that in everything Ms. Worrall presented, she never had biases, had ideas that were nonpartisan, and had plans to work with parties. Ms. Worrall's vision is to engage the student body, not to engage with only the Democrat party or anyone else. It was also up to Senate to hold her accountable.

Speaker Martinez said to try not to keep the conversation going in circles because they want to see if the candidate applies to the SAS.

Senator Wilday said within the SAS it talks about the candidate working with the president. She also thought they were being really picky with her. She was really impressive. They need someone who is politically affiliated and passionate.

Senator Hudson agreed with Senator Burton. She could be a great contribution but not as a director. The director must attend all public affairs meetings. This a very social job and she didn't get a vibe of confidence. She didn't think she would be able to do that.

Senator Burton left the room at 7:30 pm.

Senator Hughes said to Senator Green that within Young Democrats she was nonpartisan, asked if he could elaborate on that.

Senator Green said within his conversations with her, she was open to listening to all opinions and advocating for all opinions.

Senator Loveland said that she seemed nervous. He got nervous when a job was on the line. She could excel. Everyone was imagining her locking herself in her room. They were ASUN and they were elected to represent their constituents. They had the ability to talk to her about issues. If President Jackson has belief in her, they should consider that. In regards to tabling, they say she doesn't seem like she can approach people. To senator Green, did he think she could table well.

Senator Burton entered the room at 7:32 pm.

Senator Green said absolutely. Her speaking just now, she was more nervous than he has ever seen her. Her questions and answers were really tough. Seeing her interact, she was very outgoing.

Senator Sewell said the SAS talked about advancing student interests. President Jackson said she was shy. That worries her about going to town halls and talking to students. Maybe her voice won't be heard and then the student voices won't be heard. If she was nervous to talk to people

Senator Alvarez said she meets the qualifications in the SAS. She was a different type of person and a different type of leader who could bring something else to ASUN, which was so essential; it was important to bring an introvert into the department. They were being really picky just because she was an introvert. She was nervous because it was a job. They were being so critical. Within her issues and campaigns, she has listened to so many meetings and campaigns. Gun control is important but that's not something she saw initially. Just because she was an introvert does not mean she is less of a leader.

Senator Hughes said the problem they were seeing was her talk about going to the legislature and voicing that. She is a quiet individual. She was afraid she would not be able to go to the legislature and the voices of constituents would not be voiced as they should be.

President Jackson said she wanted to clarify the rules. The president is the face of the association. She would be the one to go to the government. Her team would present the information to her and she would present it.

Senator Amaya said Ms. Worrall met all the qualifications. She added that in the senator trainings, they learned about different leadership styles and how ASUN is a classroom. Expecting Ms. Worrall to come in perfect was unreasonable. MS. Worrall was willing to learn and showed potential, even though she wasn't sure of everything.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Collins, Feil, Green, Loveland, Mata, Wilcox, Wilday, Yeghiyan

Nay: Burton, Grant, Hudson, Hughes, McKinney, Merkely, Sewell

Abstentions:

Motion carried 11-7.

Ms. Worrall was sworn in as the Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senators Loveland, Wilcox, Alvarez, Green, and Merkley left the room at 7:40 pm.

Speaker Martinez reiterated that if they are absent for the presentation they are encouraged to abstain from voting.

iii. NOMINATION OF MATTHEW DUTCHER TO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE

Senator Feil moved to approve the nomination of Matthew Dutcher to the Office of Chief Presidential Aide.

Senator McKinney seconded.

President Jackson said: Matt Dutcher is a third-year student studying Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in Women's Studies. He has been an incredibly involved leader both on campus and in the greater community. On campus, he has served as Vice President of Philanthropy and Academics, President, and Chaplain of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Off campus, Matt dedicates much of his time to working for causes he cares deeply about, such as working with Going Places and United Cerebral Palsy, where he supports adults with intellectual disabilities. This past year, Matt has served as an Event Programmer for ASUN, where he was a reliable teammate, but also exceeded most every expectation of the role. In the Department he was able to plan six large scale events. Along with Family Weekend, Undie Run, and March from the Arch, much of his focus relied on working with other ASUN Departments. He played an integral role in planning 10 Days of Health and the Club Fair. He also served as the Direct Liaison to the Senate, which, first of all, I have to mention that Matt sat through the ENTIRETY of every senate meeting this year - and through this position, he worked with department members to facilitate Service Palooza and the Veteran's Breakfast. His work this year lead him to be recognized by the Association as Programming Liaison of the Year and Programmer of the Year. Matt brings many great strengths to the role of Chief of Staff, but the ones that are incredibly strong to me are his incredible work ethic and his ability to transcend boundaries within organizations - effectively supporting, with at the same time challenging, each member of the team. Matt is a wonderful leader and is incredibly invested in the success of this organization, and I can't wait for him to share his vision with you.

Senator Loveland entered the room at 7:42 pm.

Senators Alvarez, Green, and Merkley entered the room at 7:44 pm.

Senator Wilcox entered the room at 7:45 pm.

Mr. Dutcher said his portfolio was split into ten goals. His internal objectives include supporting the president and vice president. A lot of his other goals go into this. If appointed, this involves maintaining professional relationships, filling in for them, and being accountable. This was one of the downfalls of the last executive board. This needs to come from him. His belief is if you plan to hold someone accountable is to create plans with them.

He included a director check up form in his portfolio to be aware of director goals to report that back to the president. He can evaluate and report that back to the president to understand what resources they have and need for him. As president of his fraternity he had to do a lot of follow up. The third point was implementation of the internship program for programming. He loved mentoring and providing guidance. They used to market and rely on orientation; they won't be able to use that the same way this year so they will reach out to RHA and Nevada Fit. They would be looking to start hiring and reaching out to 100 level classes. The second point of programming is to help directors develop their curriculum. The programming department had a vigorous and hands on experience. The third point is the implementation of the executive internship program. He has a first semester syllabus for everything he would like to cover. The internship program allows them a great opportunity for retention. The more students they hire that already have experience, the better. Planning the retreat and banquet is something he is confident in. His vision is to create an introduction to the association and departments as well as professional staff. Fundraising has changed so he wanted to create infrastructure that can be productive through community partnerships, maybe a pack game day. The external objectives include supporting the president and vice president through their campaign platform through equity and inclusion, including people with disabilities and accessibilities by talking with the DRC and creating a conversation about being a student with a disability. There is an organization on campus called NV Cares. Point three is about civic engagement and social impact. The iLead program is put on by clubs and orgs. He wanted to bring legislative affairs in on that. Clubs and orgs is a good place to start. Point four is professional development, and they can do that by having a forum within their majors. HDFS will complete 78 hours with children. He doesn't want to work with children, but that's something that his major provides him that he can put on a resume. The final point is fiscal transparency and accountability. He would hope that during executive meetings, people would say on public record how much money they spend on where they spend it for the students who are interested.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Yeghiayan asked Mr. Dutcher why he stood out for the position.

Mr. Dutcher said he didn't know who the other candidates were, but he was confident in his ability because he had vast knowledge of ASUN. There was still a lot he needed to learn but he was eager to do so. This role was structured to be more managerial and that is what ASUN needed internally. In his résumé, he listed experience working with people individually and was confident he would be able to accomplish what his portfolio said.

Senator Merkley said he mentioned providing resources. What might that look like?

Mr. Dutcher said as a hypothetical scenario, say Clubs and Orgs wants to put on a fall club rush but they don't know how. There were a lot of forms they had to fill out and they went to him for help. He would facilitate a connection with Programming by putting the Programming liaison assigned to Clubs and Orgs in touch with Clubs and Orgs. He would do little things like that. The department directors are being hired for their departments and know them better than him, but he can bring an outsider's perspective.

Senator Feil said three of his duties in the SAS are data, technology, and data assessment strategies. How would he accomplish those?

Vice President Bradley said to clarify, those aren't the actual job duties. The secretaries are updating those. Anything with data or iLead aren't the duties. It's assisting the president and vice president.

Speaker Martinez said to add on, there was a mix-up with the transition of secretaries and some things got lost. If they downloaded the SAS within the last week, they needed to go back to the website and download it again since the SAS was just updated. The new SAS online should reflect all the changes.

Senator Alvarez said under the goal of health and safety, why was he focusing on the clinic?

Mr. Dutcher said that that was the resource he heard about the most. It was a great resource for students and the only downfall he ever heard was that they were so packed.

Senator Merkley asked what kind of infrastructure he was planning

Mr. Dutcher said that was just one idea he was thinking of. Infrastructure in general was trying to find one fundraiser that they could say worked so that in the future presidential aids had something reliable.

Senator Merkley asked Mr. Dutcher how he would work to ensure equity and inclusion for students with disabilities.

Mr. Dutcher said they had a whole department focused on that. He thought it was important not to step on anyone's toes. He was thinking more along the lines of making sure that what he accomplishes internally and externally is equitable. He was also challenging himself to talk to those that are better versed than him. He wants to check himself and make sure he is in line. Disabilities was something he was passionate about. It wasn't necessarily something the SAS listed as part of his duties. It was more so something he wanted to focus on personally.

Senator Merkley asked Mr. Dutcher how he would help Senators understand what their colleges do well and what can be improved.

Mr. Dutcher said by working with all Senators, opening up dialogues to all students, and advertising students go over their majors. He is an HDFS major and part of that was have 78 hours of experience. That was something part of his college that can be taken to other colleges. Having a conversation was important. He didn't have any grand ideas and this also wasn't in the SAS but was an idea he could accomplish to get the conversation started.

Senator Merkley asked if Senators would be self-identifying what their colleges don't do well.

Mr. Dutcher yes. For him, coming into the HDFS major, he didn't know it had a 78-hour requirement for gradation. He wanted to share that information for colleges.

Speaker Martinez said the body should ask questions regarding the duties in the SAS.

There were no further questions at this time; the body moved to discussion.
Mr. Dutcher left the room.

Senator Collins said Mr. Dutcher was a good nominee. His first duty in the SAS would be to assist the president and vice president. Mr. Dutcher will do that by keeping the directors accountable through meetings.

Senator Wilday thought Mr. Dutcher reflected great knowledge in how ASUN works and will be a good, viable resource. That was valuable.

Senator Sewell agreed. In the SAS, it said that the Chief of Staff was supposed to be right-hand-man of the president and vice president. Mr. Dutcher dips his toes into every pool but also went above and beyond what was required with his external goals. This made him an exemplary candidate for the position.

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

Motion carried; Senator Wilcox abstained.

Mr. Dutcher was sworn in as the Chief of Staff.

Senator Sewell left the room at 8:05 pm.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are 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 to be read now.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no motions to fast-track 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 was no legislation to be read now.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

There were no committee changes at this time.

b. Senator Reports

Speaker Martinez asked if there were three or four senators willing to volunteer to share their connections assignments.

Senators McKinney, Mata, Merkley, and Aziz volunteered.

Senator Merkley met with the Assistant Dean of Students in the Office of Student Conduct. He was amazing and had great energy. He introduced himself, why he was there, and talked about why administration allowed Student Conduct to have intimate conversations in cubical spaces. She

talked about being in the same building as administration as a good thing because they could walk across the hall to ask questions that students had. He wasn't sure if she wanted immediate action but he was working on her with that. She talked about how a student drew a diagram and called it the five fingers of fun. A student was using alcohol, acid, shrooms, lsd, and cocaine, and how occasionally he used those substances, and then a year later that student came back to her and reduced it to one and a half. She credits that to students staying with the university when they use the office as a resource. They also provide substance abuse counseling as well. They do a lot with student conduct but they also connect people to certain services. They all get lost in the weeds of resources and are connecting people to things. If there are two things that define them: a fire extinguisher and a whistle because they put out fires and direct traffic. She is going to become the dean of students. She is stoked. She talked a lot about programming in that office. It's not an enemy; people are always fearful but there is a huge process that goes into student hearings. The office also works as a buffer between the city and the student. Sometimes that will happen with students who aren't protected underneath the university. Those campus police are going to them instead. Sometimes people will call directly to student conduct instead of police. She talked about a project called NV DOPE, and she wanted to go through BLF and have a student speak at BLF, because that's a way to outreach to students. She also talked about a new program called "meet me in the quad" and he told her they called it the south side of campus. It's a campaign for students to meet her in the quad to talk to her about issues they are having.

*Senator Sewell entered the room at 8:08 pm.
Senator Hudson left the room at 8:12 pm.*

Senator Aziz met with Associate Coordinator Jarratt Damato. Senator Aziz met with Associate Coordinator Damato when he applied to be a club commissioner. It was odd to see someone so young to be a faculty, but he was temporary and he was a transition. His number one thing was to help clubs and orgs survive this period. He didn't have a lot to tell him, except that clubs and orgs ignore a lot of resources. Things can be answered pretty quickly if they just google it online. It's on the website somewhere.

Senator Mata met with the Director of the Police Department, Adam Garcia. He wants to bring in many of the same goals of ASUN and offered to have outreach events with ASUN. Director Garcia wants to do outreach to tell students what resources UNR PD. He gave Senator Mata a link that explains the app they created. Not many students know about the app. It had a button that gave students the closet location of blue phones and sent their location by text to people on their safety list. They also have a radio station for emergencies and they are working on a website. They have a system of speakers on top of the KC, Ansari, and Frandsen. If people are stuck, they can broadcast emergency information to the campus. They spoke about certain problems with the police department and racism. He said he was doing his best to listen to everyone. He vetted out the officers who had done those public things. He fired them and had mandatory week long diversity training for the police department. He did it himself and it was an amazing experience. They talked about privilege, race, and how the police will encounter all of these things. He wants to do his best and listen to student voices. They have an entire department; they have detectives, evidence locker rooms, etc. University affairs is in charge of police.

Senator Hudson entered the room at 8:16 pm.

Senator McKinney met with Dr. Marczynski who was a super awesome dude. He was the associate vice president. His responsibilities were dining and general. He started off by getting to know him personally. He started as an RA and worked his way up. This school was changing and growing fast. Twelve years ago this half of campus wasn't here. He said to create ideas and not be resistant

to passing ideas on to other organizations and groups and passing them on to others who can do it better. Other groups may be able to do it better. He said to keep priority on academics because that can get lost a lot as senators. Don't be selfish, make sure to work together with senators.

Speaker Martinez highlighted working as team. Everyone had great ideas and wanted to do similar legislation, he expected them to work together for success as a session.

There were no further reports at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Burton said to remember when making a motion, speak in the affirmative. He wanted to meet up with the committee chairs to guide them to some things about running a meeting and what motions were debatable to make meetings more smooth. He might do small groups and will contact them.

Speaker Martinez said if they were having trouble with Robert's Rules ask Senator Burton.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Jackson knew the conversation got heated today; she wanted to say that the best thing about Legislative Affairs is that they are the executive members that work most with Senate. With everything that the department does and every policy or issue, they will have an active part in that. She was looking forward to that collaboration.

Speaker Martinez said they had great discussion. He encouraged them to do same thing with the next candidates. Even though it got heated, he hoped they will still be cordial with one another as they all need to work together.

Ms. Worrall said she didn't know what was discussed earlier but wanted to say that if she didn't answer any of their questions or if they still had reservations, she would love to have a one-on-one meeting. This was a high-pressure environment for her and it was a challenge but if she didn't fully address anything, she encouraged them to reach out to her and to work with her Department. She didn't want to leave any bad vibes.

Dr. Beattie said he will rarely not have public comment. First, he thanked all the candidates that presented. It can be intimidating seat with 23 people looking at them and asking questions. He liked and appreciated the discussion, especially because they weren't experiencing group think. Giving up personal bias is hard but it's not impossible; everyone will probably have to do it at some point because it's a legislative year. Campus carry will come back to the table this year. It will pass or fail and come back to the table. A couple years ago were gender inclusive bathrooms. He is hoping they get to experience a senate session like that and that they are open minded enough to allowed their opinions to be swayed.

Speaker Martinez said outreach hours are due May 9th by 4 pm.

Dr. Beattie said the business cards, it's their decision if they want to put their cell phone on it.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.