

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 16th, 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 5:32 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, Amaya, Burton, Clemons, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Loveland, Mata, McKinney, Merkley, Rogers, Sewell, Wilday, and Wilcox were present.

Senator Aziz was tardy excused.

Senator Yeghiayan was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from April 18th, 2018
- b. The minutes from April 25th, 2018
- c. The minutes from May 2nd, 2018
- d. The minutes from May 9th, 2018

The minutes from April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, and May 9th were unavailable at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Segawa, Interim Dean of Students. Dean Segawa thanked the body for their time. One thing as Dean of Students that he had the pleasure of doing was the responsibility of distributing emergency funds and emergency tuition funds that ASUN budgeted for him. In the way of emergency tuition funds, over \$50,000 was allocated yearly by ASUN and \$7,000 for emergencies. ASUN also authorized him to distribute the funds to students experiencing great emergencies. The circumstance that get students to his office are amazing. They showed the resilience and strength of students and he was privileged to serve them.

Senator Aziz entered the room at 5:36 pm.

Dean Segawa said he had over 35 years of experience. Many institutions often have a small pot of financial aid that can be distributed but it doesn't go far. Through this program that ASUN had, they were able to

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serve almost 50 students. They could cover something as simple as a car repair for students who live in an area with no mass transit; no car means no class. For \$350, a student gets to come to class. It could be that a family situation changed dramatically, and a student's parents can't support them so the student is struggling to make ends meet. He is consistently talking to students with some type of food insecurity where Pack Provisions is only one part of the answer. He was privileged to hear the stories from students. He said that almost all students that went to him at first didn't want to be there because it is hard to ask for help. In the end, they wished they had come sooner as they had been struggling for a long time. It was hard to ask about food. A student might say they didn't eat today but they did eat yesterday. He wanted to give the body numbers and answer questions. The biggest takeaway of the presentation was his appreciation for the allocations. ASUN allocates roughly \$7500 for the emergency funds. This was used for things like car repair, rent assistance, or food assistant. 21 students came to him for funds and received allocations ranging from \$70-\$800. The total amount allocated was about \$10,700. Funds carry forward from the previous year since they don't spend it all. The Tuition fund was larger. Annually, ASUN contributes \$50,000-\$53,000. 21 students received aid ranging from \$375-\$5000. The total amount distributed was about \$55,000. There was a third fund that was for books but ASUN didn't allocate funds. Instead, it was coordinated with the Wolf Shop. For that fund, 7 students were allocated funds ranging from \$100-\$450. That fund saw relatively small numbers, usually less than 50 students but it had a tremendous impact. The demographics of students was predominantly seniors or first year students. For a lack of \$350, a student may not be able to graduate. The ability to help a senior graduate who had gotten this far but couldn't cross the finish line was an amazing impact. His office is still crunching numbers for success rates; they had data for the last 4-5 years. He hoped his successor, Kim Thomas, can share how the students did. In terms of students' GPA, they ranged from 3.9-below 2.5, but the majority are in the middle. Students were of mixed race/ethnicity and most came from Reno, closely followed by Las Vegas, then other Nevada and California cities. Overall, it was a terrific program.

Senator Merkley asked what Dean Segawa's next roll will be coming out as Interim Dean of Students.

Dean Segawa said he came to the University as the interim dean for the year. His home base was the Puget Sound area in Washington. He served as the Vice President of Student Affairs for the last 13 years up there. He said he will return home and figure out his next step then. He and his wife needed to decide between a job in in Northern or Southern California.

Senator Alvarez thanked Dean Segawa for working as the dean and for the great impact he had made. She wanted to know how students that came to his office found out about the emergency funds.

Dean Segawa said that might be something that should be taken a look at. It wasn't advertised on a website or anything. Usually it was through word of mouth. Many of the offices on campus where a student might end up knew of the funds and often referred students. It was mainly a referral process. He has asked some of the students that came to his office for funds and they said word of mouth. Another student said that his friend had been helped and that friend referred him. The student that was referred to him by another student he saw in September. Dean Segawa asked him to come back and the student did. Dean Segawa said he doesn't have the opportunity to talk to students after they receive help. It was nice to be able to follow up.

Senator Burton said Dean Segawa mentioned that \$55,000 was allocated for tuition. Senator Burton asked if it carried over

Dean Segawa said yes

Senator Hudson asked if students were ever turned away because of a lack of funding

Dean Segawa said no, not yet, but he thought they might be close. ASUN hadn't transferred money in for that year. He took a look again at the spreadsheet and realized why it was so tight. Director Rodriguez took care of it quickly. They hadn't turned down any students because all of the stories were compelling and reflected an emergency. In each case, the student did everything they could before getting there. No student was turned down. He will say that in a handful of occasions, students would only ask for the rent for one month only. But when a student struggles like that, he will follow-up with a question about food. If a student can't pay for rent, then they probably have trouble paying for other things. He asks about food insecurity because if a student can't eat or sleep properly, then they won't be able to succeed. There had been many times when he increased the amount a student received by \$100. It brought tears to students' eyes. On so many levels, his favorite part was that he could help students, but was saddened that he met students that way. It was inspiring.

Senator Rogers asked if Dean Segawa's office had any goals or initiatives that Senate can assist with.

Dean Segawa said not at the moment but he did want to pose the question of whether the emergency funds should be marketed. It begs the question of how much marketing is needed. He was afraid of the answer. Right now, it was manageable. He believed that students with the most dire needs would get to his office as long as someone on campus had heard of the funds. They should talk about how extensive the need is and then decide if there is a more thorough way to give the program visibility. Right now, colleagues and staff did great job of getting students him. Dean of student's office. He brought in Carin Lindloff into this as well since she sees many students as well.

Senator Merkley asked how soon students can get into his office upon request. Senator Merkley asked if students email him to set up appointments.

Dean Segawa said within 24-48 hours. Students often have challenging schedules with classes, working, and family. Often students don't have a lot of time. Generally, it was only a couple of days at most. Occasionally, he will ask students to do some homework about financial aid options to so he had confirmation that students didn't have other options. Sometimes, students don't know the exact figure they needed because they weren't anticipating assistance. Once they decide on a number, students get funds that can be accessed within 24 hours because they use electronic transfers. He also had colleagues in Financial aid that are prepared to process requests quickly.

Speaker Martinez said Dean Segawa was here until June 14th if anyone in Senate wanted to meet with him before leaving.

Director Rodriguez said she was there out of respect for a nonprofit organization they had a relationship with. She wanted it to be clear it was not her agenda. Clauzel is a board member for the RISE initiative for shelter. There is a dilemma with historic homes on 9th street. There are members in the community who got upset when the university thought about tearing them down. They have tremendous history. The university is willing to pay someone to relocate these homes. There is an organization called Evans Parks who are very creative and want to preserve these parks. She was submitting these documents on public record. They want them to show up to city council on the 23rd. At their leisure, look at these documents and share commentary at city council. In 2016 they did a campus wide survey for civic engagement and this year they did it again. Right now, the office of student assistance research is going through the data. This year, the president made sure to include questions on housing and security, not just food. Look forward to the data.

Senator Merkley asked if she meant March 23rd or May 23rd.

Director Rodriguez said the meeting will be May 23rd.

Speaker Martinez said the secretaries will scan and send out the documents tonight.

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

a. Resignation of Sam Bruketta, Chief Justice

Speaker Martinez read the resignation into the record:

“Dear Speaker Martinez:

Please accept the following letter as my resignation as Chief Justice of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno effective May 17, 2018.

I wish the association the best of luck in continuing to serve the students of the association in a transparent and engaging manner. This is only achieved when the executive, legislative, and judicial branch all bear this responsibility.

With that, I challenge you guys to make sure you that you are not only holding yourselves responsible but also supporting your colleagues and peers. I regret to inform you that has not occurred with the judicial council in the recent past. With the resignation of my department and myself this will provide you guys the opportunity to start fresh and change the perception of the council and the role it serves its constituents. Of course, this will only be done through the people you choose. One of the most important things I looked for when I hired associate justices was not their knowledge of the Statutes of the Associated Students; rather, their drive and imagination to want to enact change. Text can be taught passion cannot. I hope you look for candidates that want to enact change and not just want to pat their resume and be a passerby.

I have laid the groundwork for improvement to the judicial council and new roles that the judicial council can serve to be a more active participant in the association. I challenge you to change the status quo of this department and use it as a resource, not a shadow. It is now in your hands to decide how to proceed.

Omnia Pro Patria,
Sam Bruketta”

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

President Jackson said this week consisted of interviews for the vacant positions for Director of Sustainability, Director of Wellness, and Judicial. Tomorrow will be the training for all directors thanks to Chief of Staff Dutcher for planning it. She wanted to yield the rest of her time to discuss the tuition and fee increase from last week. She asked if the body had feedback she can use when crafting her statement for the Board of Regents meeting in June.

Senator Hughes said she asked President Johnson if scholarship matrix would increase as well and Dr. Ellis said no. She thought it would make sense for that to increase as well.

President Jackson said that was an important conversation to have but the June meeting is to approve the percentage. The allocations will be made after that.

Senator Burton asked how much power ASUN had historically on past tuition increases.

President Jackson said from her understanding, whatever the committee proposed is what the Board approves. This year, there were a bunch of proposals meaning that public comment will be powerful.

Senator Amaya asked how often the increase occurs.

President Jackson said it occurred every two years on a biennium to be submitted to the Legislature. Four years ago, they decided they would increase tuition 4% for the next four years and promised not to increase tuition that drastically for a while. This increase is for the next two years.

Speaker Martinez asked the body contribute comments as they are vital to formatting a statement for the Board of Regents.

Senator Hughes asked what the fee increase should be based on.

President Jackson said

Speaker Martinez asked if the 3.7% increase was lumped with the 4%.

President Jackson said yes from her understanding but didn't know if they would consider 3.7%. It was something they had talked about because the HEPI index was at 3.7%. The committee recommendation is based on HEPI.

Senator McKinney asked if the rate had to be above or below the HEPI index.

President Jackson said it cannot be below the index but the Board can do whatever it chooses; the committee just makes its recommendation.

Senator Hudson asked what the negative effects would be if they picked a 0% increase.

President Jackson said the money for all the things they pay for has to come from somewhere, so some services might be cut or reduced.

Senator Merkley asked if students will see a frequent increase in fees if student enrollment decreases.

President Jackson said she thought it was based on enrollment originally but it was actually based on a rate per student. Enrollment wasn't a big factor.

Senator Mata thought the Senate and President should get this information out to students in an easily understandable manner. The information was confusing during the presentation last week. Senator understood why the rate needed to increase but didn't know if students saw that.

President Jackson said if they worked together to create a way to creatively communicate the information that would be great. She was struggling with how to communicate the information clearly and concisely.

Senator McKinney asked when President Jackson will be writing her opinion.

President Jackson wanted to take the feedback from this meeting to draft a statement and then present the statement at their next Senate meeting. They can sit on it again and do more research and then submit corrections while she drafts something up now.

Senator McKinney said if 3.7% was option then they should bump it up to 4%.

Senator Burton asked if the Board hinted at what else they would allocate extra revenue towards, other than general operations.

President Jackson said in the documents sent to the body, there was some proposed allocations.

Senator Collins asked if a 1.8% increase would cover inflation but a 3.7%-4% give the University more power plus cover inflation.

President Jackson said when the committee met originally, 1.8% was the inflation rate. Now the HEPI index is at 3.7% so 1.8% wouldn't cover inflation fully.

Senator Hughes asked if the rate will go up more later on.

President Jackson said no. The rate comes out once a year at a certain time. The committee happens to meet before the new rate is announced each year.

Senator Sewell asked if the main difference between a 3.7% and 4% increase was finishing the access goal two years early.

President Jackson yes, if they did some rounding by a couple of cents. What she got from it was that the difference between 3.7% and 4% was not large.

Senator Sewell asked if the reason the committee was not proposing 3.7% because they had already recommended 1.8%.

President Jackson said yes; the committee already went through its recommendation process.

Senator Amaya said in the discussion materials President Johnson and Dr. Ellis presented last week, they specified they would increase the amount of faculty and TA's. She asked President Jackson what the numbers are for that.

President Jackson didn't have the information on that but can try getting it.

Speaker Martinez said Senate will have a meeting on May 30th. He hoped they had a finalized statement by then.

Senator Hughes agreed with the 3.7% increase if that is the current recommendation. She wanted to see faculty reaching out to students and informing them.

President Jackson agreed but reminded the body that was their job too as representatives. They should work together to make sure the word gets out to students.

Senator Aziz asked if they can tally the opinions of the body for what they wanted to make as the recommendation.

Speaker Martinez didn't think the body was comfortable deciding that right now since there was so much variability with the numbers.

President Jackson said the only issue is that the agenda for the meeting was not out yet so she was not certain on which fee will be proposed. She wanted their feedback, thoughts, and questions. It wasn't so much of a vote but more of public comment.

Speaker Martinez encouraged them to come up with possible questions.

Senator Wilcox left the room at 6:11 pm.

President Jackson knew this was a lot to take in at once. She would love to sit down and talk with them one-on-one.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley

Vice President Bradley said she was working on orientation this week. She had the final design for the water bottles and had about \$4000 to spend. It was a cute little design about reducing their footprint. ASUN provides so many services that when they present on them all, it was hard for freshmen to process it all. She was developing a top 5 list for tabling that it would be so easy for students to understand. Some of the things will be Campus Escort, Programming, Clubs and Orgs, and civic engagement/democratic engagement. She didn't want to discredit other services but it was easier to do it this way. She was also developing training for those that will be here to give tours. She learned the most about ASUN by doing orientation because she had to talk about each department. It makes them better officers. They had a month out until orientation and she would do it closer to then. She would be meeting with athletics about potential things for the fall, and she would bring the department of programming to that meeting. She reached out about Jordan Brown. She was working with Assistant Director Amy Koeckes and Inkblot for social media. Today, she met with Reno FC 1868. It was really fun and they were interested in becoming a Pack Friendly Business. And they already had a discount for students. She talked about making it a summer option for Programming but they still needed to discuss it.

Senator Wilcox entered the room at 6:13 pm.

Senator Amaya asked if senators can reach out to businesses.

Vice President Bradley said yes. If they know of a business that offered discounts or would be willing to, they can reach out to them and he. She also had templates they can use when emailing businesses.

Senator Amaya asked how they would know if they were hitting up a business Vice President Bradley had already tried.

Vice President Bradley asked they reach out to her first. Managing Pack Friendly Businesses was under the duties of the Director of Campus PR but now it was under her duties. She was still learning the program and getting access to the Box. There was a list on the Box of businesses that had been reached out to and said no. They can go from there.

Senator Sewell asked what partnership existed between the University and the businesses.

Vice President Bradley said any business that offered a student discount. They got to advertise their business with the University and they got a sticker on their storefront. Students should be aware of the sticker and can help push that sticker as well.

c. Chief Justice

d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher

Chief of Staff Dutcher said he has spent time over the past couple of weeks working on the executive board training tomorrow. He wanted to create a more collaborative space for overall more collaboration. He is focusing on what to do for the executive internship to make sure he had a good idea of what it entails and how the meetings should look. He will set a meeting with Dr. Beattie to execute it. He will have more developments in the coming weeks after reaching out to directors to discuss their goals, timelines, and budgets. He sat in on the interview for the new director of The Center Every Student Every Story. It was a meeting for both staff and students. He thought it was critical that ASUN and The Center collaborate. In the past, it hadn't happened even though they are right next to each other. He meet over the summer with them to see how they can collaborate and work together.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar

Director Bittar said his Department had its training on Saturday; Senator Burton did a workshop on Robert's Rules. He also assigned coalitions to the commissioners:

- Commissioner Raquel – Science and Engineering
- Commissioner Fullmer – Campus Life
- Commissioner Megan – Greek Life
- Commissioner Seton – Sports and Rec
- Commissioner Keegan – Outreach
- Commissioner Young – Preprofessional, Arts, Business, and Education

Finally, club renewal is going great. They had 306 clubs total with 262 in the renewal process. He hoped to have 250 by early fall. He thanked them for reaching out to clubs.

f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

Director Lensch said this past Saturday, his Department had its training. All the programmers and assistant directors are driver certified and ready to plan events. The day was beneficial for the board because they also approved the budget for BLF 2018. They can now start planning that; he will be tackling that soon. He will sit down with the assistant directors and Associate Coordinator Gaby Flores no how to delegate jobs. Their first event is coming up: the summer BBQ on May 31st. Last week, some senators volunteered and he wanted to confirm: Senators Clemons, Sewell, Mata, Loveland, Green, Hudson, rogers, Alvarez all volunteered.

Senator Merkley volunteered.

Senator Clemons said he will not be here.

Senator Amaya said she can help.

Director Lensch said everyone that volunteered will hear from Assistant Director Lew soon about what that day will look like and where to meet up. Next up, he had a meeting with Vice President Bradley and Athletics about how to collaborate and their visions. He will also meet with the Alumni Association about homecoming soon.

- g.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall
Director Worrall said she got to meet with Director Rodriguez over the past week to talk about the Department and ASUN. She decided to will extend the applications for Policy Analyst and Projects Coordinator until May 21st to get a more representative pool of applicants. She will meet with Eliot Malin, a former ASUN Vice President and current organizer for Dean Heller’s campaign to find someone with a more conservative point of view to join the Department. She was excited for them to hear her nominees tonight. They are all wonderful. She was interested in working with the Committee on Government Operations about revising some of the language and grammar of SAS for her Department. She also wanted to have one-on-ones with senators before summer.
- h.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada
Director Amerzada said she met with Associate Coordinator Gaby Flores, and set series of meetings, to learn more about the Department and ASUN so they can get work started. Her staff met informally last week. She was excited and honored to introduce the body to her staff.
- i.** Director of Sustainability
- j.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
Speaker Martinez read the report into record:
“I was unable to make tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment made a month ago. I was looking forward to meetings in the future. During this last week, I have been busy getting acclimated to ASUN and all the departments I will be working with. I met with Amy with Associate Director of the Center for Student Engagement and Adrianna, the Director of Inkblot Marketing. We discussed goals and plans to start thinking of ideas to work on this summer. We are also planning for at least one more meeting before I head home to Maui in 2 weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at mandrade@nevada.unr.edu.”
- k.** Director of Campus Wellness
- l.** Attorney General, Omar Moore
Attorney General Moore said this was the first week he could report that no meetings were cancelled. Granted, there were no meetings to cancel but it was still rewarding. As established, he and Mr. Dutcher vetted possible candidates for The Center. The candidate that spoke seemed to be competent but there were still more candidates to hear. He was in the process of organizing and consolidating all processes and information for Judicial. Lastly, he is currently scheduling parliamentary training with Senator Burton for tomorrow at 3 pm. It will be a brief workshop of parliamentary procedures and Robert’s Rules. In the past, some departments had issues with following them. If anyone from the body was interested, they were more than welcome to join him and Senator Burton.

Senator Feil asked where they will be meeting

Attorney General Moore said they will meet in his office and move to the conference room depending on how many people show up.
- m.** Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez
Speaker Martinez said he was emailed individuals. Mark Johnson would be coming in August. Other individuals would be attending senate meetings as well. He would like to congratulate James Beattie and Luke Bittar for earning awards. Dr. Beattie’s award is huge. It’s a huge success. Tonight they will not have reports on committees.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez

There were no committee reports at this time.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 8th, 2018:

- a. Nomination of Jenny Purdue to the Office of Assistant Director for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion
- b. Nomination of Meseret Ambachew to the Office of Commissioner of Projects and Events to the Department of Diversity and Inclusion
- c. Nomination of Ayanna Releford to the Office of Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy to the Department of Diversity and Inclusion

Senators Feil and Amaya left the room at 6:28 pm.

Senator Hughes moved to fast-track the nominations of Jenny Purdue, Meseret Ambachew, and Ayanna Releford by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on April 28th, 2018:

- a. Nomination of Alex Chau to the office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary
- b. Nomination of Ashley Hogan to the Office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary
- c. Nomination of Jamie Ssegundo to the Office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary
- d. Nomination of Elijah Valory to the Office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary

Senator Burton moved to fast-track the nominations of Alex Chau, Ashley Hogan, Jamie Ssegundo, and Elijah Valory by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 10th, 2018:

- a. Nomination of Olivia Komanduri to the office of Assistant Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs
- b. Nomination of Joko Cailles to the office of Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs
- c. Nomination of Nicholas Wolfram to the Office of Projects Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs

Senator Burton moved to fast-track the nominations of Oliva Komanduri, Joko Cailles, and Nicholas Wolfram by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 8th, 2018:

Speaker Martinez said Five minutes presentation and question and answer of assistant director and 2 min presentation and 5 minutes to question and answer for other points. Relevant and to the sas.

a. NOMINATION OF JENNY PURDUE TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Senator Burton moved to approve the nomination of Jenny Purdue to the Office of Assistant Director for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Alvarez seconded.

Director Amerzada said: I am so excited to introduce you all to my nominee for the Assistant Director of the Department of Diversity and inclusion, Jenny Purdue. Jenny is a sophomore here at the University pursuing a degree in Biology. Jenny brings many aspects to my team that I find so valuable. For starters, she openly says that when you look at her you may not see a diverse individual. However, regardless of what diversity she may carry within herself, she is an ally to all of our underrepresented groups on campus. She brings this perspective to my team that we may not have, but does reflect a lot of our student body. She also took the liberty to tackle the internship program for the department, which is a key role for the assistant director. She has a strong skill set that could be applicable to many departments, but I am lucky to welcome her to mine.

Senators Feil and Amaya entered the room at 6:33 pm.

Ms. Purdue said: Good evening, Senators. My name is Jenny Purdue and I am looking to be the next Assistant Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada. To me, diversity is recognizing that each person on this campus is unique, while inclusion is understanding and celebrating those individual differences. While this may encompass the physical aspects of a person you may see, for example race, age, or physical ability, there are many aspects of a person that you cannot see that make us different from one another, such as beliefs, experiences, and mental abilities. While you may look at me and think I do not fit the definition of diversity, I implore you to look past the color of my skin or the gender and orientation by which I identify, and see me as an ally to every student at this university and a believer in their ability to equally contribute to the well-being of our campus. As the Assistant Director, my main duty, as stated in SAS, is planning, organizing, and executing an internship program for the department. Here, my general goals are to give the interns a meaningful introduction to ASUN as a whole, to use their experience to contribute to the goals and missions of the department, and to help integrate the department more into ASUN. First, I will interview and appoint interns with a passion for diversity and equity. The interns will then attend a meet and greet with the Director, Assistant Director, and Commissioners in order to see who in the department they match well with and may work the closest with. This is an experience I got as a legislative intern that I think really enhanced my experience as an ASUN intern. The interns will then be faced with a syllabus similar to one that Director Lensch created for the programming interns last term. This will outline the meetings, objectives, and projects expected of the interns. Each meeting the interns will hear from a member of the campus or ASUN community in order to discuss the ways that our university and our student government are working towards a more inclusive campus. Proposed speakers include Jodi Lykes to talk about the mission and purpose of The Center, Blane Harding to give a workshop about diversity within the workplace, President Jackson to discuss the how ASUN is working toward more diverse initiatives, Director Lensch to brainstorm how to increase diversity in programming, and many along the same lines. At weekly meetings, the interns will also

discuss an issue they choose to focus for the duration of their internship and is applicable to the department, research policy on the issue, and create a theoretical event that could promote this inclusion on campus. In order to help integrate the Diversity department with the other branches of ASUN, I will work with Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes to combine meetings where the diversity interns can recommend to the Senate interns how to make legislation with diversity initiatives in mind. By starting this collaboration with the newest members of the Associated Students, we can ensure the longevity of a cooperative environment, because inclusion should be a goal for all branches, not just one department. I thank you all for your time tonight and look forward to collaborating with you all to make our University a better place for every student.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Wilday asked Ms. Purdue how her background has helped her understand what she wants to do.

Ms. Purdue asked if Senator Wilday meant within ASUN or as person.

Senator Wilday said both.

Ms. Purdue said as person and a woman, she saw things that they needed to work on. She won't pretend to have faced adversity that she hasn't. She believed that she has seen it in these aspects and that it exists in so many others. There should be equity in a university. Within ASUN, she enjoyed learning about ASUN and meeting people who are passionate.

Senator Green asked what Ms. Purdue took away from her experience as a Senate intern that can be transferred to the curriculum for the Leg. Affairs internship.

Ms. Purdue said the mentor-mentee relationship was great. ASUN is overwhelming and having someone that was more experienced and could help guide them through ASUN was great. The experience of being an intern means you don't always have a big voice. She wanted to incorporate as many people as possible to learn that and have that experience.

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

Senator Grant thought that because Ms. Purdue went through the process, it will help her craft the internship.

Senator Clemons said Ms. Purdue ran for Senate for the College of Science. During the debates, she spoke about diversity and how to include underrepresented groups in ASUN. He thought she will be a good fit for the position.

Senator Aziz liked how Ms. Purdue acknowledged that she didn't face any adversity in all aspects but understood it existed for others and was willing to work with them.

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

Motion carried; Senators Amaya and Feil abstained because they were in the bathroom for part of Ms. Purdue's speech.

Ms. Purdue was sworn in as the Assistant Director for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

b. NOMINATION OF MESERET AMBACHEW TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PROJECTS AND EVENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Senator Alvarez moved to approve the nomination of Meseret Ambachew to the Office of Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Director Amerzada said: For the commissioner on social justice and policy, I am so excited to introduce Ayanna. Ayanna is going into her third year at the university and is pursuing multiple degrees in information systems and Spanish literature and culture. Her minor in Cybersecurity has given her experience working closely to policy and her passion for diversity is shown through everything that she does. These two aspects combined make her the perfect candidate for this position. Ayanna actually held a position within the department last year, which gives her so much valuable experience. She got to first handedly see what worked and what didn't, she worked closely with the budget and with the previous director. All in all, she will be an asset to our team.

Ms. Ambachew said when she first came to the campus and saw the lack of diversity firsthand, she began to look for a place that had people that looked like her. She wanted to make this whole campus comfortable rather than just one spot. She found diversity beautiful and wanted to celebrate and educate people on it. People should be educated on different issues and cultures. She had experience studying abroad and being thrown into an environment that you are uncomfortable with. She has also planned a week of events in her sorority like Afro Beads and raising money. She hoped the body found her adequate for the position.

Senator Merkley asked what ideas she had to coordinate and organize events and initiatives for diverse topics to educate students.

Ms. Ambachew said she would educate people on microaggressions. That was often overlooked. People who do them don't know what it was and might think that just because they don't overtly say something it wasn't a microaggression. She wanted to make a panel with people like Blaine Harding or Jody, or the newly appointed director for The Center. Another event would be a diversity week where they had an event every day to do something to celebrate underrepresented groups and connect students to multicultural orgs and clubs.

Senator Burton asked if Ms. Ambachew had ideas on how to attract students of non-underrepresented groups to the events.

Ms. Ambachew said ASUN had a powerful platform. She wanted to use social media and planning in advance to attract people. There was no such thing as advertising too much and with advertising, they will get people there. By showing people that ASUN does care. that will get non-underrepresented groups to attend.

Senator Feil asked if Ms. Ambachew thought she would be able to bridge the gap between ASUN and The Center.

Ms. Ambachew said she had plans for that. She liked that Chief of Staff Dutcher mentioned that there was a lack of collaboration between ASUN and The Center. She wanted to build a relationship with the offices since they are right next to each other. She didn't realize she could run for position until later in her junior year. She wanted to change that.

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

Senator Feil said Ms. Ambachew had experience with diversity and event programming. She will be a good commissioner and had passion.

Senator Clemons said the way Ms. Ambachew presented herself made him unsure. She was not prepared and didn't project herself in way as seriously as needed.

Senator Feil thought it as nerve wracking come to be here.

Senator Amaya agreed with Senator Clemson as far as statement about not going into details.

Speaker Martinez asked that the body remember Ms. Ambachew only had two minutes to present.

Senator Burton liked Ms. Ambachew's response to questions. She had great intentions. He had a slight concern about how she would attract more people that are not underrepresented to attend events or The Center. He thought they needed to find ways to incentivize more students to come.

Senator Alvarez said going back to the presentation, it was nerve-racking. It doesn't mean she is less qualified, her resume shows she is qualified. She doesn't have ASUN experience, but she didn't even realize she could go for it, so she was happy she took the initiative. It isn't her job to bridge the gap between them and the Center. She is at the Center often, and they are frustrated there aren't more senators there more often, because it's meant to be inclusive. She was just nervous to speak in front of 22 people.

Senator Merkley wanted to ask Director Amerzada to work with her on ideas and driving those non-diverse backgrounds, people, and ideas to those events. Of course senators will go to those events, but will drive other populations to those events.

Senator McKinney asked Senator Merkley what he meant about the director working with Ms. Ambachew to get more people.

Senator Merkley said people who may not find it necessary to go to diversity events.

Director Amerzada said that in speaking with Ms. Ambachew, she was nervous because she hadn't done ASUN before. She also only had two minutes to talk about something Ms. Ambachew was so passionate about. Ms. Ambachew stood out because of her passion and because she made people feel included. She wanted to reach to more groups to let them know they can be a part of ASUN. In terms of getting more students to attend, she found it interesting that when she came up to present, she mentioned she didn't have experience in ASUN and was appointed. Director Amerzada said she was willing to work with Ms. Ambachew on everything. Ms. Ambachew needed to learn more on programming events. Ms. Ambachew mentioned working with department heads and offering extra credit if applicable to attend events. Ms. Ambachew was dedicated and eager to learn.

Speaker Martinez wanted the body to note this position was similar to the commissioner/programmer positions.

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

Motion carried.

Ms. Ambachew was sworn in as Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

c. NOMINATION OF AYANNA RELEFORD TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSONER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POLICY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Senator Merkley moved to approve the nomination of Ayanna Releford to the Office of Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Director Amerzada said: for the commissioner on social justice and policy, I am so excited to introduce Ayanna. Ayanna is going into her third year at the university and is pursuing multiple degrees in information systems and Spanish literature and culture. Her minor in Cybersecurity has given her experience working closely to policy and her passion for diversity is shown through everything that she does. These two aspects combined make her the perfect candidate for this position. Ayanna actually held a position within the department last year, which gives her so much valuable experience. She got to first handedly see what worked and what didn't, she worked closely with the budget and with the previous director. All in all, she will be an asset to our team.

Ms. Releford said she had been asked the question "what does diversity mean to her", but you can't really say diverse without representation. A lot of people think of the numbers, but not what is being done for those people. With her previous experience in the department, she was aware of how they could improve. Her major in information system and minor in cyber security helped her understand ways they could improve. She was the secretary and president of Nevada Cyber Club and participated in cyber competitions to better understand policy. She was a member of Able Women and was a commissioner for the Diversity Department where she worked with the Diversity Director. She wanted to have Columbus Day change to Indigenous People's day in Reno. She would go to the Reno Sparks Colony to discuss that change. She hoped to work closely together rather than a single department, by working with programming and as a whole association.

Senator Wilcox asked Ms. Releford to elaborate on the improvements they made

Ms. Releford said last year they were a small department with a lot of pressure on them. Something they should improve on were working with other departments and improving the intern program.

Senator Amaya said how does she stay up to date with policy that affects students

Ms. Releford said she came from a diverse background and she was affected by a lot of policy. She reads current news. There are always new updates to cyber security that she had to be aware of.

Senator Merkley said how would she research diverse and inclusive initiatives.

Ms. Releford said one of her duties in the SAS was to research how other institutions do that. She will contact other student governments to see what they had done research on and what they had planned.

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

Senator Hughes appreciated how Ms. Releford brought up that Las Vegas changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. It was a bold initiative that Ms. Releford had already researched. Senator Hughes liked that Ms. Releford brought it to their attention.

Senator Feil said Ms. Releford fit the duties perfectly, along with her majors and minors. Ms. Releford's previous clubs and orgs experience made her a perfect candidate.

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

Motion carried.

Ms. Releford was sworn in as the Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 10th, 2018:

a. NOMINATION OF OLIVIA KOMANDURI TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Senator McKinney moved to approve the nomination of Olivia Komanduri to the Office of Assistant Director for three Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Burton seconded.

Senator Clemons left the room at 7:05 pm.

Director Worrall said: I am really excited to introduce to you all my nomination for Assistant Director, Olivia Komanduri. Olivia is in her third year triple majoring in Philosophy, Political Science, and International Affairs. Empowering students and encouraging them to use their own voices is the goal for the department this year, and Olivia is someone who strives to do these things every day. From working political campaigns to leading groups of high school students to volunteering in Ghana with children, Olivia's passion truly lies in helping others and engaging others to be involved as well. Her kindness and compassion fills up the room, and her approachable nature makes her a perfect fit to lead the internship program for our department. Her experience outside of ASUN makes her a valuable asset to the team to help us better understand the department's weaknesses in the past. She has some great ideas on how to better reach out to the student population and recruit more interns and I hope you all enjoy them .

Ms. Komanduri said: I am so excited to share with you my vision for this department. I originally began my work in politics because I wanted to improve my community through political means, and I wish to serve as the Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs to I can foster this same social responsibility in others, as well as represent the voices of my fellow students. And with that I would like to move into some of my goals. I essentially have three main goals. First, to intensify and expand lobbying efforts. I believe that the department should expand its lobbying efforts to more than just the legislature, and within the legislature, it should intensify these efforts. These efforts can include attending city council meetings, contacting our congressional representatives and calling for town halls, and attending county commissioners meetings. Within the legislature, the department should make an effort to attend meetings and speak on behalf of the students on at least a bi-weekly. I would also like to see greater collaboration among Nevada student governments, to work as a united front when lobbying. Second, I want to empower students to take an active role in political affairs. An issue I see with the department is that it mainly allows students to take passive roles within politics, as opposed to active roles. Although lecture-based events can be useful for educating students, the department should create avenues for students

outside of ASUN to be involved in our politics. These can include recruiting students to accompany us in lobbying for causes that most directly affect them, creating a social media campaign to encourage voting in the midterms, and holding more discussion-based events. My third goal is to revitalize the department's internship program. Many internships within ASUN are seen as first steps for students to move up within ASUN, but not work experience useful for political work outside of the university.

Senator Clemons entered the room at 7:10 pm.

Ms. Komanduri said: This should not be the case for an internship within this department, as any politically based internship should allow interns to make important connections and gain powerful experience to be used outside of the department. Have regular meetings with the interns to foster a team spirit among them and ensure that they feel they belong in the program. I would also like to have one-on-one meetings with the interns to ensure they feel they are getting useful experience out of the internship, as well as provide useful feedback. Currently, the internship functions in a shadowing way, in which interns are assigned a mentor who assigns them projects. Although I am not opposed to using a similar mentor structure, I would like for interns to be assigned certain tasks from the beginning, so they will always feel they are having an impact on the program. These tasks can include being in charge of social media or booking weekly tables for voter registration. This would also allow the department to take on more interns. I have a goal for recruiting at least 10 interns. Send interns on meetings with organizations they may desire to work with. This is based off of my current internship with the U.S. Senator, in which they often send us to meetings with people who have jobs similar to ones we desire. I have met with the public defender, the alternate public defender, and will soon meet with a judge. Many students within the department already have connections to politically or civically based organizations. I have found that many of these staff people are often enthusiastic about the idea of a student wanting to learn more about their field and are willing to set up this meeting. These meetings would allow interns to better conceptualize their work outside of the department.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Burton said Ms. Komanduri touched on intensifying lobbying at all levels. He asked how she planned to collect student voices and make sure all voices are represented.

Ms. Komanduri said one idea she had was to have more discussion-based events to hear student voices. She also interested to put out surveys to find better ways to reach out to students. Right now, the Department relies on tabling. It was a great way to voice opinions and it allowed interns to work with students, but she thought the Department needed to do more. She wanted to use the club email lists to reach out to politically-based clubs. Face-to-face interactions with clubs are important.

Senator Hughes asked how her experience with Next Gen America would benefit her

Ms. Komanduri said it allowed her to engage with students every day. She registered people to vote and heard the issues they cared about the most while getting students involved. She got to see how to get them involved because they are relatively uninterested and was able to take politics and apply it to college students.

Senator Amaya said Ms. Komanduri's resume mentioned working on projects with Catherine Cortez Masto. She asked Ms. Komanduri to elaborate.

Ms. Komanduri said that constituents often come to their about issues and the senators' offices ask them to do research. She has done research with the fire department regarding their hiring practices so they could hire more women. They also researched an on campus issue and did projects on the issues students faced that dealt with racism. Some of the projects are smaller and more community-based, like people having issues with an area that had been blocked off for a to be built park but the park was never created.

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

Senator Hughes said as far as the SAS goes, Ms. Komanduri expressed a thorough understanding of the duties and goals and had ample experience in almost all parts. That was notable.

Senator Hudson seconded everything Senator Hughes said.

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

Motion carried.

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

Senator Hughes left the room at 7:16 pm.

Senator Rogers left the room at 7:17 pm.

b. NOMINATION OF JOKO CAILLES TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Senator Burton moved to approve the nomination of Joko Cailles to the Office of Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Director Worrall said: Joko is in his first year studying Political Science and International Affairs, and has already started taking upper level coursework on energy policy and US foreign policy. He served as an intern for the Department of Leg Affairs this last year, and was awarded Intern of the Year for his work. He was a representative on the Washoe County School District Safe and Health Schools Commission where he helped write policy to help students in poverty and make our schools safer for all. Policy is his passion, and he has spent a lot of time researching policy in Washoe County and in Nevada. As you will see, his passion for the democratic process and political engagement is unsurmountable, and I am excited for him to speak to you all about his ideas as Policy Director.

Senators Hudson and Rogers entered the room at 7:19 pm.

Senator Burton left the room at 7:18 pm.

Mr. Cailles said do you smell that smell in the air? It's the smell of democracy and it smells amazing. It's an honor to be here today. The most important question is how to serve the students. A way to do that is through the legislative affairs department. When speaking to legislatures, tools of persuasion, statistics, and data, are used. Legislative affairs convince lawmakers that they are serious. Beyond this, the duties of the policy director include keepings tabs on initiatives and using analysis. He has dealt with municipal county governments and developing governmental policies. He would be willing to reach out to whoever he needed regardless of politics. His door would always be open for people to talk about moving the campus forward.

Senator Burton entered the room at 7:20 pm.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Green said under Chapter 208, Section 5 stated: “The Policy Director shall develop strategic short-term and long-term policies for appropriate bodies to consider. The Policy Director of Media and Policy Analysis shall keep the Director of Legislative Affairs apprised of Local, State and Federal policy as instructed by the Director of Legislative Affairs. The Policy Analyst shall research and analyze policy and provide data for the Policy Director and the Department of Legislative Affairs.: Senator Green asked what policy goals Mr. Cailles had.

Mr. Cailles said some policies related to equity. They saw a presentation at the beginning of the meeting from Dean Segawa about food and housing insecurity. When students faced these obstacles that are beyond their control, it limits their equal opportunity to participate academically.

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

Senator Merkley said wow! What a fun guy. He made him want to be engaged. He would be great.

Senator Alvarez reiterated what Senator Merkley said. For a moment, she was overwhelmed with emotion for policy because of Mr. Cailles’ presentation.

Senator Green said that as Intern of Year for the Department last year and with his experience with policy on all levels, Mr. Cailles was qualified. Senator Green knew Mr. Cailles personally and he was the type of person to pull out a pocket constitution to reference articles during discussions. Senator didn’t know anyone more qualified.

Senator Burton saw Mr. Cailles talk about economics firsthand at a club meeting. He has a way with words and knows what he’s talking about.

Senator Loveland liked that Mr. Cailles was well-spoken; he knew what he wanted and how to accomplish it.

Senator Wilday said Mr. Cailles had a firm understanding of government and what that means to be a citizen.

Senator McKinney said it was that Mr. Cailles was a great speaker, but he wanted to note that they should be appointing people based on qualifications.

Speaker Martinez said this was important to note but the body shouldn’t get caught on it.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Cailles was sworn in as the Policy Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

c. NOMINATION OF NICHOLAS WOLFRAM TO THE OFFICE OF PROJECTS DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Senator Clemons moved to approve Nicholas Wolfram to the Office of Projects Director of the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Rogers seconded.

Director Worrall said: Nick is in his second year of the honors program studying Political Science and minoring in Sociology. Nick really stood out in his interview for his passion for getting students involved in the political process, and being extremely knowledgeable about voting patterns for students. Being a midterm election, his ideas to get every student registered to vote and encourage them to vote are really valuable and effective. He has had experience with civic engagement in various capacities being the New Member coordinator for his fraternity, volunteering his time with refugees in Reno, and tutoring students at the university. His dedication to serving students and representing all their perspectives in future projects and events so that our departments stays true to its mission makes him a great fit for Projects Director.

Senator Mata left the room at 7:28 pm.

Mr. Wolfram said when he was looking at the SAS, what stood out to him was the terms “educate and empower students”. He took that as informing and mobilizing students to let students know what is going on around them. An important way to do that is through the groups they get involved in. If they do it through a group like fraternities or sororities, or groups representing green energy, it gives them a group. He also wanted to train lobbyists. He wanted to mobilize at the community and state level. Getting students informed as lobbyists will help them communicate. Having diligent students with clipboards to vote will increase the participate at the state and city level also.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Hughes asked if there were any grassroots events Mr. Wolfram wanted to see organized.

Mr. Wolfram said he was involved in some events leading up to this. He thought they were important. Voter registration drives were important. Phone banks were impactful. There were a lot of people who didn’t know how simple it was.

Senator Feil asked Mr. Wolfram to expand on lobbyist training.

Mr. Wolfram said lobbying is going to officials and committee meetings to say what you wanted from them and how. They aren’t just officials but also the bureaucrats. His colleagues at the department have a firm grip on this process. If they reach out it wouldn’t be a partisan thing, it would help them communicate.

Senator Merkley asked what would motivate students to want to come to lobby and participate. Senator Merkley also asked how he proposed to drive students to the Capital.

Mr. Wolfram said he has been talking to President Jackson about it. He wanted to get buses to buss people but they could also use Campus Escort during day.

There were no further questions at this time; the body moved to discussion.

Mr. Wolfram left the room.

Senator Merkley said it was apparent that Mr. Wolfram's background fit the description of the SAS, despite how brief the description was. He thought having ideas about implementing grassroots projects was thinking into the future. Getting students to the Capital was important in general. Senator Merkley thought Mr. Wolfram was a great candidate.

Senator Hudson liked that Mr. Wolfram had taken initiative to talk to Vice President Bradley and President Jackson. It showed he was serious and had ideas.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfram was sworn in as the Projects Coordinator for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senators Green and McKinney left the room at 7:35 pm.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on April 28th, 2018:

a. NOMINATION OF ALEX CHAU TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

Speaker Martinez reminded them that when approving nominees, keep in head they were all new and didn't have a lot of information so put themselves in those shoes and what you know and have been trained on ASUN. In addition, know that college has had no senator since 85 been empty. If the candidate can be trained and is willing to be trained.

Mr. Chau said: Hello, my name is Alex Chau and I am a candidate for the senate seat for the college of interdisciplinary programs. I am finishing up my junior year this semester as a neuroscience major and I hope one day to go the medical school here in Reno. I have held many leadership positions both and on and off campus that I believe have helped shape me to be a leader on campus. I am the founding scholarship director of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and the founding treasurer of the Reno Rubik's Cube club here on campus. I am also involved in many other extracurriculars on campus such as being a research assistant in the speech pathology and audiology lab. Along with this, I am a hospice volunteer at Renown and a Domino's Delivery driver and manager on the weekends. I believe the senate seat is something that should be treated with respect and dignity which I believe I can provide. If appointed senator I will try to be as unbiased as possible and I will make sure that we are pushing this university in the right direction. In doing this I will be as open as possible to everyone's ideas and I will make sure to bring the best ideas forward to the senate. I will also not be afraid to voice my own ideas and opinions on ideas even if they are in disagreement with fellow senators. I believe there should be a sense of transparency between the public and the senators on campus, and I believe I can work towards this goal by being open and honest. Thank you and I hope that we can work together in the future for the betterment of the university.

The Body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Wilcox asked why Mr. Chau wanted the position.

Mr. Chau said he always wanted to be in student government but he was always a quiet person. He that he could do this position better now that he had been in other leadership positions.

Senator Green asked if he had met with any potential constituents to gauge their concerns on issues.

Mr. Chau said he only talked to neuroscience people and they felt like they actually fell into the College of Science; that was a big problem. In general, Interdisciplinary covers 31 majors from Basque Studies to Neuroscience. He didn't talk to others but the biggest problem is students don't know they are in Interdisciplinary Programs or who to talk to.

Senator Aziz asked what other goals Mr. Chau wanted to enact as senator.

Mr. Chau said outreach and letting people know they are in Interdisciplinary.

Senator Burton asked what the biggest problem within his college beside what was he mentioned.

Mr. Chau said he didn't know much about his college yet.

Senator Wilday said the Senate's word was integrity. She asked how he can bring integrity.

Mr. Chau said by being as honest as possible. He knows there were many people with different opinions and will be as faithful to himself as possible.

Senator Amaya asked how he planned to encourage people to run seeing as how his college had both seats vacant.

Mr. Chau said that would go along with making people realize they are in Interdisciplinary. He felt they needed to open it up to everyone to realize they can run.

Senator Alvarez asked what integrity meant to Mr. Chau.

Mr. Chau said it was trying to stand up for his values but also being open to other opinions.

Senator Wilcox said Mr. Chau talked about keeping to his values, but when it came to being a voice of the university, would he be able to represent the students

Mr. Chau said yes. He didn't know the specifics yet so his goals might change.

Senator Merkley said Mr. Chau touched on outreach. He wasn't sure if there was a specific place for Interdisciplinary students to congregate or if there were any clubs they were part of. Senator Merkley asked Mr. Chau what outreach would look like for him.

Mr. Chau knew other colleges had buildings. Cain was the closest to what students used but need he felt they need to open up a place, so students could express their ideas. He knew he had to do four hours every week and he wanted to let people know that was an open space.

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

Senator Amaya said Mr. Chau was eager to learn. She appreciated his honesty when he didn't know something.

Senator Collins said many of them were concerned about representing constituents. She wanted to note that they were all in that position too at first. He was unsure right now but after training, he will be able to establish himself.

Senator McKinney asked if the other candidates present after they vote on Mr. Chau.

Speaker Martinez said all the nominees that didn't show up would have to re-apply again. He will submit a letter to *The Sagebrush* about advertising the vacant seat.

Senator Hudson said he had passion and it spoke volumes that he was an introvert and still wants to be a voice for his college. He admits he has lots to learn.

Senator Rogers said she agreed with Senator Hudson. It's cool he chose to better himself through bettering others.

Senator McKinney left the room at 7:46 pm.

Senator Wilcox said to piggy back off everyone else, when he was first running, he was very strong-headed and wanted to do only what he had in mind. Now he sees that isn't always possible and his goals have changed.

Senator Burton said the issue that was lingering was that Mr. Chau didn't have concrete plans for what to do with his college. Senator Burton said that when he was running, he talked to faculty of where the college is going and how it was panning out. That general idea would be desirable.

Senator Merkley agreed that many of the things Mr. Chau mentioned were vague, especially regarding his answers and being able to provide evidence for his college. But, Senator Merkley thought Interdisciplinary was a tough situation to be in. The fact there was no real place made it difficult. For CABNR, knew where to go and what clubs were in his college. He had no idea what to do for Interdisciplinary.

Senator McKinney entered the room at 7:48 pm.

Senator Sewell wanted to agree with Senator Burton. She understood where he is coming from but Interdisciplinary was broad. Personally, when she ran her goals were also very broad and didn't reflect her college.

Senator Clemons said he understood the concern but Mr. Chau was the only person who showed up, expressed interest, and he was a leader in his club. Speaking to 20 people was intimidating and that alone showed a lot about his character.

Senator Feil asked why no Interdisciplinary students ran.

Speaker Martinez said it was up to students and colleges to run. It just happens that interdisciplinary seats went vacant.

Senator Feil said so no one ran

Speaker Martinez said no one was eligible

Dr. Beattie said the constitution states you have to have a 2.75 GPA and have a certain number of credits. Last year no one ran for journalism. Sometimes with certain programs, the word doesn't get out or people are intimidated. Last year they ran uncontested. Every year it varies.

Senator Merkley said that representation is more important than no representation at all.

Senator Alvarez said she couldn't name more than neuroscience and this college had 31 programs, but she could name all the engineering programs. He was trying to go forward and understand. In terms of not having concrete goals, goals can change the more you learn. Her goals have definitely developed since she has been here. He has that leadership experience and is involved.

Senator Burton agreed with Senator Merkley about some representation is better than none. From Mr. Chau's presentation, he didn't see even one issue and Mr. Chau had no starting point. It was easy to put someone in the position but hard to remove them if something came up.

Senator Aziz said the discussion had become roundabout. The important part was that they were not a college but group of different majors. Neuroscience was a project of different departments. A lot of those programs were recent and exist as separate interdisciplinary. None of their colleges have 31 majors. They are throwing them under the bus. There is no way to talk to 31 different majors.

Senator Amaya said as far as why he doesn't have concrete plans, they knew they were going to campaign and develop ideas. He did identify some issues like not having a place to congregate.

Senator Clemons said that representation is better than none and he would be that. He would be that for the college of interdisciplinary. Last session there was only one person half way through. Even if he makes little progress, it's something.

Roll call vote to appoint:

Aye: Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Clemons, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Loveland, McKinney, Merkley, Rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, Wilday

Nay: Burton

Oye:

Senator Sewell asked if only one seat would be open if the other candidates show up next week.

Dr. Beattie said that is not how it works. The other people didn't call and didn't show up. The seat is closed and needs to be reopened. Those people need to reapply.

Speaker Martinez said

Senator Alvarez moved to approve Alex Chau to the Office of Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs.

Senator Feil seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Senators McKinney and Aziz left the room at 8:00 pm.

b. NOMINATION OF ASHLEY HOGAN TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

Ms. Hogan withdrew her application.

c. NOMINATION OF JAMIE SESGUNDO TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

d. NOMINATION OF ELIJAH VALORY TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

Mr. Sesgundo and Mr. Valory did not show up.

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

The following bills received their first reading and were considered under agenda item 16:

- a. S.B. 86-An Act to Move Funds Within Insight Magazine

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. **S.B. 86-An Act to Move Funds Within Insight Magazine**

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. 86- An Act to Move Funds Within Insight Magazine

The legislation was not heard at this time as it needed to be revised.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. **Senate Committee Changes**

There were no committee changes at this time.

- b. **Senator Reports**

There were no senator reports at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said thanks for giving time to candidates. They are almost through. After this, meetings will be around legislation. Summer is here. They still meet for the students because students are still paying into the association. Meeting times will change for building hours.

Senator Collins said earlier when Ayana talked about Indigenous People's day, didn't they do that

Dr. Beattie said they started to do that last session, but they stopped because the governor named Indigenous People's day, but it wasn't a replacement for Columbus Day. Columbus Day is still there. This would change it as a replacement.

Speaker Martinez said their next meeting will be May 30th. He asked they let him know if they can't make it. He needed at least a 24-hour notice.

Senator Hudson asked if they will reschedule the meeting if they don't make quorum.

Speaker Martinez said they will keep having meetings and it will have to be rescheduled

Senator Feil asked if he will email the senators that will be calling in.

Speaker Martinez yes; it should be simple to call in.

Dr. Beattie said when looking at agendas, there are still officers going through. It used to be they had to print in the Sagebrush twice, so it doesn't have to run in the Sagebrush over summer if they are not printing.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.