

# 86<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 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 5:00 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Collins, Feil, Green, Loveland, Mata, McKinney, rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, Wilday, and Yeghiayan were present.

Senators Amaya, Clemons, Grant, Hudson, and Merkley were absent excused.

Senator Hughes was tardy excused.

Senator Chau was absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

Senator Green moved to approve agenda items a-d by unanimous consent.  
There was no dissent; motion carried.

- e. The minutes from May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
There was no meeting held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Hamma said he had another outrageous story. At a university in Kentucky, a student signed up for a class on the Vietnam War. He didn't need it for his degree and just wanted to learn more about the war. Because the student was in ROTC, he had to wear his uniform to class. The professor was a radical who hates everything American, except American money, and was going to give the student a failing grade but would not let the student drop the class. If this happened to them, they could attend Federation for Individual Rights in Education, or FIRE for short. They are in Philadelphia. If they go to [campusreform.org](http://campusreform.org), they can read more stories.

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**ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING**

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Dr. Beattie said as many of them know, they are seeing a resignation tonight. Senate was like any other job; senators resign for a number of reasons and if they do, senators don't need to bring the reasons up. They might see a resignation give the reason or not. They may be inclined to think that if a reason isn't given its because the senator was in trouble. That is not the case, it can be a personal reason. Many senators asked him questions and he wanted the body to know.

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

- a. Resignation of Alex Chau, Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary

Speaker Martinez read the letter into the record:

Dear Speaker Martinez,

I regret to inform you that I am resigning my position in Senate effective 6.13.2018. I wish Senate the best of luck moving forward and if you need anything further from me please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely, Alex Chau

**7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

President Jackson apologized for being tardy as she came straight from a meeting. She said she had a lot to report on since it had been a while since she had seen the body. She attended the Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (CLDE) conference. Per the SAS, it says she must report within the first two weeks of a Budget and Finance meeting after returning. She is working on that but wanted to review some of the projects and initiatives that were spurred by attending that conference. She will sprinkle them throughout. First, some students came to her to discuss concerns they have had throughout the past year and last couple of weeks. She has been in contact with Chief of Police Adam Garcia and Todd Renwick. They are working on ways to collaborate throughout this next year to build relationships and partnerships. If they are interested in that and want to help, let her know she would love their input. A great workshop she attended at CLDE was called Crafting a New Civic Story. They talked about civic engagement and getting people involved. Something she has struggled with is how to not make it seem like they are shoving it down people's throats and making them feel like it was part of the University's culture and part of daily life as well as how to highlight opportunities. This workshop talked about that. it was a process with different interviews, reviewing different stories, and looking at the history of institutions. Some stories have been told throughout the past and they have civic engagement roots. At the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, it took them a long time to get the construction projects done before the first day, including walkways. Students would trudge through the mud and the University ended up paving the walkways where students were always walking. The story was that the walkways were created by students and faculty and those that come to the campus every day. She was sure that Nevada also has similar stories that they can tell future students to make them see that civic engagement is part of the university. She had been talking to Patrick File from the Reynolds School of Journalism as well as Robert Felton and people from the History Department. There is also the Nevada Oral History Project that had been started as well as University Libraries to see some ideas they had for the project. This turned into the conversation they had been having with Democracy Plaza and how that was the intention with that space. It was bigger than the first amendment and freedom speech. She has been talking to David Hoffman who is the Student Affairs Professional at UMBC and Sarah Long who is the Program Coordinator for Social Justice at IUPUI. She has run ideas past them and gaining an understanding of the challenges they have faced and how to move past it. If they wanted to be a part of this conversation, let her know. She met a man named Vincent Pedone who was a Massachusetts State Legislator. They talked about a bill that was pushed through the Massachusetts State Legislature. The bill aims

to enhance and promote civic engagement and civic education through various initiatives. Nate MacKinnon, Chancellor for Community Colleges in Nevada, used to work in the Massachusetts State Legislature and was familiar with the legislation. He recommended to her that she talks to him about possibly exploring that idea. She will talk to Director Worrall and the rest of Legislative Affairs about it. She wanted to hopefully involve Public Affairs as well. In her meetings with Catherine Cortez Masto and her staff, they have shared a lot of the data collected over the years about food insecurity on this campus and campuses nationwide. HR-6112: The Campus Hunger Reduction Act of 2018 has been introduced to the House of Representatives. It revises current programs to allow them to expand to college campuses for food insecurity. After analyzing it, she would love for Legislative Affairs to bring it to Senate and the Nevada Student Alliance. One of the biggest things that CLDE focused on was hunger, homelessness, and food insecurity on college campuses. She would love for this information to also be forwarded to them as well. Another thing she did was sit on some search committees: the Assistant Dean of Student Conduct and Police Commander. She, Commissioner Ambachew and VP Bradley were on the Climate Study Working Group. She has been working with the incoming Faculty Senate Chair to see their priorities and how to work together this upcoming year. Another exciting thing is that she met with Big Brothers Big Sisters. They do an event called Repel for a Cause. You get to repel from the top of the Grand Sierra to raise money for the organization. If anyone wanted to be a part of her team let her know. She attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting and got to do a presentation about ASUN student government to the Upward Bound interns. There was a meeting today about the library extended hours. She hoped to have some continuity on the project since there was a lot of work done on it last session. Today, she met with Dean of Students Kim Thomas about how to collaborate and the emergency student assistance fund that interim Dean of Students Mike Segawa talked about a few weeks ago. They saw that the agreement between ASUN and their office hadn't been revised since 2006 so they may potentially look into that. She didn't know if any changes needed to be made but she wanted to work with Dean Thomas to make sure the agreement met the current needs of students.

Senator Burton asked what some of the concerns were.

President Jackson said one of them was an incident that happened on the northern part of campus. UNR PD did some shooting trainings/drills on the football fields. It was posted on the Facebook page but there was no broader communications. Many students were alarmed to hear the sounds coming. She brought it to Chief Garcia, especially considering the events that had happened last year. She thought they should look into partnering to better communicate that so this doesn't happen.

**b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley**

VP Bradley said she is doing some random projects for which they don't need to know the process of them. Since she updated them on the Board of Regents meeting last time, she wanted to give them an update on the Alumni Association. She had a meeting with them two Saturdays ago while President Jackson and Speaker Martinez were out of town. Since the meeting was at the med school this time, she got to get a tour of the facility and saw a diversity presentation from Patricia Richards. It was great to see the growth the University has had with diversity efforts. They are blessed that administration is taking actionable steps for what students wanted. She was really grateful of the relationship ASUN had with the University's administration and she hoped this session continued to develop it. The Alumni Association is impressed with ASUN and wanted to set up meetings; she asked they be on lookout for that. The Alumni Association supports the University and ASUN a lot. She is working on March from the Arch and other things. For Orientation, she is working on schedules and recruiting officers to be at the sessions. She thanked those that are able to attend. It was difficult to schedule it all since they are all so busy during

summer. If anyone is available, she needed people tomorrow from 2:05-2:45 and 3:50-4:30. She will post it on the Facebook page as well. If they can't fill those times, they won't be able to host a workshop. She hoped they can get it figured out. The water bottles came in and they are really slick. She said they can grab one and should show them off to other students as well. The bottles will be in the center. The bottles are for students specifically, but parents can take them too. She asked they focus on getting them to students before giving them parents. She was able to add new Pack Friendly Businesses: the Reno Aces and Reno 1864 FC. Their paperwork is done, and she is sending them their stickers this week. She is contacting places this week that have student discounts but are not on the list. She was able to create a subcommittee with Senators Hudson and Amaya. She will be able to delegate the work better. On the topic of the Reno Aces, there will be a Welcome Week event that is co-sponsored with Athletics to get students to a game. It was great to have a community event to show freshmen students that the University is moving south into the community as well. Finally, she asked they fill out the retreat theme suggestion form. The theme will be picked after the meeting.

Speaker Martinez said if the body had any input, it was always important to give it.

**c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck**

President Jackson said Chief Justice Groesbeck is coordinating the trainings for the Associate Justices. That is the main thing she has been working on as well as making sure everyone in her department has been filling out their paperwork and are ready to work this upcoming school year.

**d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher**

Chief of Staff Dutcher said the two main things he has been working on are the internship program and retreat. For the internship program, he heard that orientation wasn't going as well as they thought; some changes will be made to marketing. It will take a little while to get the ball rolling and will have more updates probably by the next senate meeting. The application is up for the internship program. He will post a link to the application in the Facebook page in case they wanted to share that information out. He will submit an Inkblot order and hoped to have some handbills ready by the next senate meeting that they can hand out. He will try to have 1000 copies printed for summer and having 1000 more printed for when school starts. He will try to schedule meeting with the assistant directors to briefly start introducing what he wanted to do with the syllabi and creating some learning outcomes that are congruent among all the internships. That will be an interesting change but will be beneficial to all the interns. For retreat, he hoped they know the date changed from the 15-17 to the 16-18. He is working on finalizing the contract with the 4-H Camp. They weren't going to do it there originally but the reservation they had at that time changed. there is a meeting tonight with him, President Jackson, Vice President Bradley, and Speaker Martinez to pick a theme. they sent out the WuFoo form to sign up for retreat. Please make sure they fill it out if they haven't already. It was easy to fill out. On the internship, they changed the application for accessibility reasons in general, not accessibility as in people with disabilities. They decided not to go through Workday or UNR jobs and instead created a Wufoo form. This way, it wont be as convoluted and will be easier for their end and for the applicants.

**e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar**

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

"I hope all of you are having a wonderful Summer! We currently have about 80 clubs signed up for club fair. If you are working with clubs, please encourage them to sign up if they have not. This year we have a new addition to club fair, we will be giving clubs the opportunity to perform at the event. If you know any clubs interested, please have them reach out to me. Also, the Department of Programming will be holding a barbecue during the event. We currently have 261 club renewals complete! We will be holding a meeting tomorrow at

12:00pm to approve the budget for the iLEAD conference. In addition, my Department has already started on some short-term projects for the year. Here are some highlights:

- Faith Based/ Service and Community Outreach Commissioner Connor Keegan is working with Senator Feil on Service Palooza and reaching out to clubs so they can participate.
- Assistant Director Hickman is working on Fall Club Fair logistics.
- Commissioner Fullmer is working diligently on the iLead Conference. After the budget is approved, we can begin working on solidifying our Keynote speaker.

Here are some important dates:

- Summer Funding Hearing: Friday, July 13th
- Fall Club Fair: Thursday, August 30th from 4 PM to 7 PM
- iLEAD Conference: Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

*Senator Hughes entered the room at 5:27 pm via phone call.*

**f.** Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“Hi Senators! I hope you are all enjoying your summers. Thank you to those of you that have helped out during our Summer BBQ series. We will be having our last summer BBQ on Thursday, July 26th from 12-1. If you are available to help, please let Gabi Lew know! We would appreciate your assistance. We are in the planning process of BLF. Things are going well. My biggest focus right now is securing artists. We are using the results of Director Kinel's survey this past year to make our decisions. Artists will not be announced until contracts are officially signed. Please re-post anything about BLF and Welcome Week on your feeds to ensure that students are aware of what is happening! Lastly, Demitri Bannoura has been assigned as your liaison to our department. He will serve as an advisor when it comes to planning events. However, it is not his job to plan your events for you. Please contact him early in advance if you need assistance. If you have any questions for me, please email me and I will respond as soon as possible. Thank you!”

**g.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall

**h.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“Hello senators! A quick update on what I've been working on lately: I've been meeting with my advisor Gabi to put together a training for retreat. I met with Jahahi to get a start on the planning of UndocuWeek. We are starting to get the ball rolling on pride w/ Ricky Salazar (who is in charge of the university's role in pride.) Mark your calendars for Wednesday Aug 29 for the “you belong” BBQ that will be in collaboration with The Center's Identity Fest. I need help coming up with a name for the BBQ! This name or slogan will be used on a logo for our department throughout the year, so people can easily identify our events and the intent behind them. We want to continue to aim for the theme of belonging, so if you have any ideas please let me know!”

**i.** Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling

President Jackson said Director Jickling has been working a lot with her and VP Bradley regarding the divestment conversation that was happening at the Board of Regents meeting and using the Nevada Student Alliance to craft a resolution through them. This will urge the Regents to do more research on the topic to discuss it later. She has also been working with Senators Feil and Green. She is also working on composting with Senator Green.

- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
- l. Attorney General, Omar Moore

- m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez  
Speaker Martinez said he had been contacting speakers to bring into Senate. If the body had anyone they wanted to come, please let him know. He will compile a list for them to address what is in the SAS. He will work on retreat later tonight and will consider them when planning Senate's training. He gave a huge shout out to Secretary Godoy. They sat down on Saturday to rearrange office hours form to make it easier for them to document their hours. They will also be killing less trees for CABNR.

**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

Committee Reports were not heard at this time.

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

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

There were no candidates up for discussion at this time.

**11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

There were no nomination to be heard at this time

**12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There were no veto messages at this time.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

**14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Keep Families Together Act
- b.

**15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Keep Families Together Act  
Senator Mata moved to fast-track agenda item a by unanimous consent.  
There was no dissent; motion carried.

**16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

## 17. **SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Keep Families Together Act  
Senator Mata moved to approve S.Res. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Keep Families Together Act.  
Senator Wilday seconded.

Senator Alvarez as of early May, over 2000 children have been separated from their families at the border and kept at a detention center. The Keep Families Together Act was introduced on June 8<sup>th</sup> and banned the separation of families at the border unless there is evidence of child trafficking or abuse. In accordance with the act, this bill would establish a preference of keeping families together and restrict the prosecution of parents when they are seeking asylum. For parents not seeking asylum, the act does not touch that regard. However, she hoped that the creation of this act would spur further legislation. Although an executive order has been created, they always run the risk of being overturned. This being said, there is no true legislation that prevents families from being separated and that is why this is necessary. This resolution will place further pressure on representatives to take action and create change.

Speaker Martinez thanked Senator Alvarez for creating the legislation first original piece to come to the table.

Senator Hughes said she read through the actual act that is going through the US Senate right now. One concern was that many of the parents are being thrown into federal prison because of the zero-tolerance policy that Trump enforced. At first, she didn't understand what the bill was doing. This bill places safeguards for children, so that they keep contact with their parents and their safety is ensured. She would argue it also ensures the safety of the parents as well. She liked that the body was moving toward supporting it.

Senator Burton said after researching the legislation and taking a look at what had been reported, especially at Houston border, he noticed that there was drugging of kids to mitigate their angst and trauma. This act was something that they should support. He wanted to throw that comment out there.

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

Motion carried; Senator Sewell voted nay.

Senator Sewell thought that based off this, the Zero Policy that was put in place requires that every single family that comes in illegally is now a civil crime. These families are not being given to the people that prosecute them. These people come in as a family unit are being let go without a court date and they can live within the land and pay a certain bond. The Zero Policy Act requires that all families be handled immediately which is why there has been an increase in families being held. 90% of the children being held are being given back to their families in a reasonable amount of time to their parents or to sponsors that are blood relatives living in the US. This law doesn't do anything about the civil law and only says that whenever a child comes within 100 miles of the US border, the children cannot be taken away meaning that the parents cannot be prosecuted. She felt that the US should not be putting the focus towards this and instead towards its own citizens and children. Children of incarcerated parents are not being looked at as well as the children of single parents that are also military families. There are over two million children that have at least one parent in the military and of that, 1/3 are ethnic or racial minorities. Because of that, 44% of the families in the military, have children that depend on them, but the children are left alone for a

long time without support. She thought the focus should be on those children and their parents rather than the children of illegal immigrants. Also, there are 1.7 million children whose parents are incarcerated, and nothing is being done for them either. The parents that enter illegally already know they will be separated from their children because they are committing civil crimes. She didn't think this wasn't important as of now.

Speaker Martinez asked that next time, comments like this be spoken during discussion because it was important to have different views.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**a. Senate Committee Changes**

Committee changes were not heard at this time.

**b. Senator Reports**

Senator Reports were not heard at this time.

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Alvarez had a personal incident happen to her a couple of weeks ago. A defense training is being offered to anyone in ASUN that is interested. Classes are also offered around the community and in Wiegand. The trainings are more reactionary based on the situation you are in. she will send out an email with more information. She asked that anyone that wanted to come send her situations they wanted to be trained on. For example, walking downtown or getting Ubers. Ride-alongs are also being offered; she will send out an email with that information as well.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Green wanted to update them on different sustainability initiatives that he, Senator Feil, Senator Alvarez, and Director Jickling are working on. He knew there were many senators that proposed sustainability in their platforms and he had many projects they can help with. First was the divestment campaign Director Jickling was handling. They wanted to get the divestment campaign on the next Board of Regents agenda. He is also working on composting. If anyone on the body is interested, they can reach out to him.

VP Bradley said to piggyback off of Senator Green, she was passionate about sustainability. She knows that she and President Jackson throw out the Nevada Student Alliance a lot and assume everyone knows what it is. For context, the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) is all of the student body presidents. They meet at the Board of Regents meetings. President Jackson sits on that and represents ASUN. NSA is drafting legislation tonight and it will be done tonight. The resolution will tell the Board of Regents that based on the public comment that was heard at the last Regents meeting about divestment, they wanted to see it on the investment committee's agenda in September. Hopefully it will be added. Once that happens, ASUN can write a resolution saying they are in favor of divestment. It was a slow process, but she was glad it was happening. She applauded the collaboration between branches.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 5:44 pm.