

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, July 11th, 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, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Martinez and Senators Alvarez, Aziz, Burton, Clemons, Collins, Green, Hughes, Loveland, Mata, McKinney, Sewell, Wilcox, and Wilday were present.

Senator Amaya entered the room at 5:01 pm.

Senators Feil, Grant, Hudson, Merkley, and Yeghiayan were absent excused.

Senators Amaya and Rogers were tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from May 16th, 2018
There was no meeting held on May 16th, 2018 pm.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

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

- a. Resignation of Blane Merkley, Senator for the College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources

Speaker Martinez read the letter into the record:

“To the 86th Senate Session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada,

I regret to inform you that I am submitting my formal resignation as a Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources. Since summer began, I have had some time to reflect on these last few months with this senate session and on my other responsibilities. I have been enriched by so many great leaders and staff in ASUN and hope that in time I will have the opportunity to serve with each of you again! However, due to other obligations at this time, I am unable to commit the time needed to meet my constituents’ needs. I will be in communication with my previous committee heads, other senate

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commitments, my college staff and fellow college senator in order to make this a smooth transition.

Serve Always,
Blane Merkley”

Senator Rogers entered the room at 5:05 pm via phone call.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

President Jackson said VP Bradley will update them on the divestment campaign within NSA. She wanted to update the body on one thing she had done. Last week she briefly mentioned some legislation called The Campus Hunger Reduction Act of 2018 that was going through Congress. This was for an already existing grant program that would expand eligibility so that higher education institutions can apply for great resources that would benefit things like Pack Provisions. She thanked Projects Director Cailles and Legislative Affairs for reaching out to Congress to clarify the writing of the legislation for NSA. She will ask someone from the ASUN Senate Body to sponsor the legislation that will go through ASUN. They are collecting data from all higher institutions, but it was taking longer than expected. That is the main thing she is working on, but she did have other projects that were in the baby stages. She will report on those later. Other than that, she is working on retreat and meeting with professional staff to make sure they are doing well for year. She had an exec. meeting with her cabinet last night, but they could not meet during Nevada Open Meeting Law hours. She hoped the body will come to future exec. meetings. She came from an all-day retreat today with student services admin. They talked about equity, inclusion, and cultural competency which she will share during retreat.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley

VP Bradley said they are half way through the orientation season. She commended the senators and those that helped. It helped her out since she was not able to attend all the sessions. There are more spaces to fill and she posted them on Facebook and will also be emailing the times out. She will be contacting everyone to see their availability since only a couple of senators have been able to attend. They had a WuFoo form for students to fill out if they wanted to get involved. This ASUN interest form will help them collect data. It was used last year and was super helpful last year. Everyone has liked the swag items and presentations so far; she has only heard good feedback. For the Aces event she spoke about earlier, that has been set for September 1st at 7:00 pm. They just need to get students and there is no other programming needed. Campus Escort will run a shuttle to the game. The Reno Aces are officially a Pack Friendly Business; students can get tickets for \$10, no matter what. It was a good deal. For the campaign, she wanted to add at least ten new business before school starts. She has already added 3 businesses so far; they are in the go mode now. She has filtered through the data and all the communications and is working her subcommittee of Senators Sewell, Amaya, and Hudson to outreach more and brainstorm more businesses. They are also reassessing the template to see if the messaging was correct. She will talk to Director Andrade about it as well. They might have heard that Starbucks is eliminating straws in all their stores. It was exciting and that will set the stage for the University. She and Director Jickling will look into the project to see who all the stakeholders are that they would need to address. This was something she joked about since getting into office and it was now a real thing they can do. She was excited to see if they can reduce or eliminate plastic straws on campus and seeing that impact. She is setting up meetings with the Wolf Shop and Campus Food and Dining as well. For the divestment campaign, there is a resolution that will be going through NSA that supports the divestment campaign being talked about at the next Board of Regents meeting in September. Hopefully they will be able to talk about what that will look like for NSHE. As they know, legislation was a huge process and this

initial legislation was in support of seeing the divestment campaign being on the table in September. Based on the discussion in September, new legislation will be written in all of the governing bodies. It was a process, but it will be successful. Director Jickling told her that there was a portfolio of what investments were in fossil fuels; the data needs to be taken and applied. The body should have gotten emails from her and Chief of Staff Dutcher about the RSVP form for retreat. She asked they fill that out if they hadn't. She is talking with Athletics taking about the first football game and what that will look like. She talks weekly with Athletics about initiatives. At the first football game, Athletics will advertise BLF and in exchange, ASUN will advertise football. This will increase sales for both. She will meet with them to discuss promotions and brainstorm new ideas that will replace March from the Arch. Director Lensch will talk more about that.

c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck

d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher

Chief of Staff Dutcher said he had been on vacation in the past week and was just getting back. He is here for good now and will not lose service anymore. He asked that anything regarding retreat get to him. VP Bradley will be dealing with NevadaFIT conflicts. He asked that anyone that needs to deal with NevadaFIT see VP Bradley and everything else, go to him. He needed to figure out who will be coming on the bus or if he needs to arrange Campus Escort. Because of liability issues, no one can drive themselves. Retreat is going well, and he has the first day planned. He will sit down tonight to plan the last day, so he can reserve the busses. He asked the body to have people fill out the forms; causally bring up the RSVP. The faster they do it, the better. He had about 40 submissions, but he needs at least 70. The due date was July 31st and he doesn't want to hunt down people. Applications have increased steadily for the internship, which was good. Other markets are NevadaFIT, res life, and club fair; so far, they have only been hitting orientation. There were about 40-50 applicants so far. He will sit down with the assistant directors. He hoped to do a group meeting but if it's not possible, he will sit down individually with each assistant director to review the hiring process and the syllabi. If the body had any ideas for retreat, he asked they go to him. He wants to be inclusive to all ideas, but he is only one person. The same goes for the internship. He would love to sit down and discuss ideas; he loves having meetings.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar

Director Bittar said he is working on updating the spreadsheet. The new funding policy went into place on July 1st with the start of the new fiscal year. He and Assistant Director Hickman are working on that. A funding workshop was held on July 3rd in anticipation of the summer funding hearing which will this Friday at 12:30 pm to about 4:00 pm. They had 38 apps on the agenda. He welcomed anyone from the body come to the funding hearing if they want to see how that works. The hearing will be on the 4th floor of Raggio. They will also approve the budget for club fair to rent tables and chairs. Facilities is giving them about 100 of each. Club fair will be on August 30th. He asked the body please mark their calendars. They will need help with cleanup and setup. Last year, Programming helped but the more hands that helped, the easier and smoother club fair will be. It was also a great opportunity for Senators to interact with students. There isn't another event like it where they will see that many students together, besides maybe BLF. He also highly encouraged the body marks their calendars for iLEAD on September 29th. He hoped they all show up. Finally, he asked the body keep encouraging any clubs they are a part of to sign up for club fair. He wanted all clubs to come if possible.

Senator McKinney asked what was happening on August 30th.

Director Bittar said club fair. It will be from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm but the Department will need help setting up about two hours before.

f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“I apologize for not being there tonight. My department is currently meeting upstairs to approve our budget proposals for Welcome Week! Thank you for those that have helped at our past two BBQs! Our next BBQ is on July 26th from 12-1. We really need a lot of help. If you can help, please let Gabi Lew know ASAP. Encourage your board members to help.”

Speaker Martinez asked if anyone could volunteer.
Senators Alvarez, Loveland, and Green volunteered.

“My ADs and I have been busy with the planning of BLF. Things are going well so far. We are just in the process of confirming a lot of information. Please spread the word and help push it out on your social media. Please remain positive online and in person when you respond to the event or artists we bring. We want to be a united front and our department would appreciate the support. More information to come! Programmers are doing great as they plan their welcome week events! They are working hard and we are meeting bi-weekly. I am excited for them to host their first events. We will be hosting Paint the N, Taste of Reno, the Undie Run, Wolf It Down, and the Club Fair BBQ that week. Please attend all that you can. More information on the events will be released soon!”

Speaker Martinez said if anyone had questions for Director Lensch, he would be happy to share Director Lensch’s email with the body.

g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall

Director Worrall said: Sorry I can’t be there. I have a bit of a long report but I will try to shorten it. Assistant Director Komanduri and I also attended the United Nations Association-USA Leadership Summit in Washington D.C., and acquired more skills and ideas from there as well that we can implement on campus. One of the biggest takeaways from the summit that could be useful for ASUN is to have bigger focus on acting and thinking globally. Currently the Department’s jurisdiction for policy only goes as far as national politics, but after attending the conference, we were thinking that they should focus globally since a lot of our actions in Reno have a wider population of people and environments on Earth. After conducting several more interviews and deliberating, we were finally able to hire a Policy Analyst and Projects Coordinator and hopefully will be approved. We have also been attending some interim legislative committees. We testified on affordable higher education. Those bills have been passed and will be hopefully sent to the Legislature in February. We will also hopefully be talking about how the Legislature works and the bills, so they can understand more at the retreat. We are thinking of presenting on the divestment campaign since that came up at the Board of Regents from students. We would like to present both sides, so you can all pass a resolution. If there are any other issues you would like to hear about instead or in addition, please let us know. That is it for my report.

h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling

Director Jickling said VP Bradley covered the largest developments with the divestment campaign and plastic straws. If the body has questions about any of that, reach out to her. Last week, she met with Dr. Sagebiel about redesigning the sustainability website for the campus. For context, Dr. Sagebiel handles sustainability on the faculty/administration side. She wants to redesign the site to make it more accessible. Currently, there are about 5 different websites that deal with sustainability, and the websites are not easy to find. Even the main University page doesn’t highlight sustainability,

which she thought was surprising given some of the narratives on campus. She will work on that over summer. If anyone had input on what should be included or what was lacking, she asked they reach out to her. She will reach out to the Director of Communications to see what can be done to make sustainability more visible to students and the community and to find a way to efficiently and cohesively compile information. She has been meeting with ASUN members and professional staff to review who she can work with. She has been orienting herself but is excited. For ideas, they can email her at: directorsustainability@asun.unr.edu. She wants to collaborate with Senate and welcomed their input.

- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“I was unable to make tonight's meeting due to being home for the summer and busy with a summer job! During this past week, I have been busy organizing the content of the ASUN branding guide, editing and taking suggestions for my "Branding, Social Media, & PR" retreat presentation, and creating an outline for the new Media Training Guide. I am excited to share it with everyone in August. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at publicrelations@asun.unr.edu.”

- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“There was an issue with setting up my email, but as soon as I get that all sorted out, I'll be reaching out to school and community partners, as well as senators to make up the Wellness committee. So far, it just includes DHS senators, but if you're interested in joining, let Hannah or Anthony know. More stuff to come very soon.”

- l. Attorney General, Omar Moore
Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“Here's my brief report to keep ya'll in the loop. Before I left Reno for work I attended the facilities resource committee as President Jackson's proxy. All requests were approved including a landscaping conversion for outdoor recreation at the gym. The Parking and Traffic hearing scheduled for this month was cancelled so nothing to report from that Board. Lastly, in my Absence Justice Joshua Smith was able to serve as my proxy on the Committee on Video Surveillance. His briefing showed that all requests for monitored surveillance and extensions were approved, some on a conditional basis. The only other major issue addressed at the meeting was a policy change to more effectively enforce that buildings retain security footage for the required 30 days.”

- m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez

Speaker Martinez said he is re-emailing the individuals that are on the SAS committee. Everyone had about 15 pages to go through to make notes and write down questions where clarifications may be needed. Hopefully, around August 20th, they will come together to create one big binder of changes and bills. He is making a speakers list to come to Senate. Senator Alvarez sent him some names of individuals that should come to Senate. If any of them wanted any pro-staff or administrative members and even community members, let him know to schedule them for public comment. I has been in contact with committee chairs and emailed them huge lists of ideas. He is trying to figure out how to help them all and working on outreach hours and ways to make writing legislation easier. If they had questions, things they are confused on, or any suggestions for him on how to better help them as Senators, please let him know.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins
Senator Collins met with Dean Cathy Ray and President Jackson a couple of weeks ago to discuss extending the library's hours. Former Senator Lippi from last session started to work on this but nothing came from it. She wanted to do a pilot program around finals to see if extended hours was something that would benefit students; there are a lot of details around that. She recently met with KaPreace Young from the Undergrad Research Office with Associate Director Koeckes. They discussed how to market research awards, including social media, flyers, a video, and using listservs. She wanted to put this up to Senate for more ideas. If anyone had ideas, they can email her.
- 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
Senator McKinney said there has been talk about SAS revisions. He will have legislation ready for the next Senate meeting. He asked the directors to email him if they needed changes made.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
Senator Alvarez said in the past weeks, her committee sent her ideas for legislation. She is only waiting for Senators McKinney and Rogers. She wants to see collaboration on legislation. The Veterans' Luncheon will be on Thursday, November 8th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Help will be needed about half an hour before and after. She, and most of her committee, has class during those times and she needed Senate to be there for her. Planning is still in the preliminary stages. She will send out a doodle poll with shifts later on. She is looking for ideas for the 9/11 memorial. Last year, the committee arranged flags. She wanted to do that as well but also incorporate other elements. Besides that, she and Director Worrall are exploring legislation that could impact the University. They are also working on testifying about the gateway district and faculty compensation.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
Senator Mata spoke with Ricky Salazar about updating the LGBTQ flag in the Center to reflect African-American LGBTQ members since they are often underrepresented. Senator Mata hoped to get the flag updated with the new stripes. Senator Mata also hoped to do more work with education for ASUN on sexuality and gender. This is the area that Senator Mata has the most contact with. There were two people that came to Senator Mata to say they didn't feel safe speaking about gender or sexuality in ASUN.

Speaker Martinez encouraged Senator Mata to work with Director Amerzada.
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
Senator Hughes is reaching out to people about the internship. There were some concerns about reaching out to nontraditional students. She asked they reach out to her with ideas on how to reach nontraditional students. She wanted to see as many students as possible apply. She apologized for not doing the presentation on Nevada Box. If anyone had questions, they can reach out to her directly and she will help them as best as she can. .
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez
Speaker Martinez had no report.

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 July 3rd, 2018:

- a. Nomination of Marisa Del Turco to the office of Projects Coordinator for the Department of Legislative Affairs
- b. Nomination of Katie Restifo to the office of Policy Analyst for the Department of Legislative Affairs

Senator Mata moved to fast-track agenda items a-b 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 July 3rd, 2018:

- a. **NOMINATION OF MARISA DEL TURCO TO THE OFFICE OF PROJECTS COORDINATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Senator Wilcox moved to approve the nomination of Marisa Del Turco to the Office of
Senator Amaya seconded.

Assistant Director Komanduri introduced Ms. Del Turco on behalf of Director Worrall:

“I am very happy to nominate Marisa to the position of Projects coordinator. Many of you know my vision for this position is to have someone fully immersed in student opinions and interests so we can properly represent their concerns in our department. The coordinator would be attending school events, club meetings, and trying to connect with as many students as possible. Marisa’s passion for service and representing the students properly shone through during her interview, and it was one of the many reasons I wanted her on our team. Along with us, she is also approachable, adaptable, and enthusiastic, which are important characteristics to have in this position. She has been involved in many different initiatives on campus and in the community as you can see in her resume, and I believe she has the capability to be effective in her outreach to students in this way. Marisa’s experience outside of ASUN in both social and political capacities I believe brings a valuable perspective to improve the work we are doing here.”

Speaker Martinez said the nominee will have five minutes to present followed by five minutes for questions and answers.

Ms. Del Turco said: I am excited to see you all. As Olivia stated, I am passionate about seeing all sides of the story in a situation. This is something that is important in politics. I think that sometimes that get lost when we get caught up in a lot of things. My goals for this is to represent students in a nonbiased way by having events that show all sides of the story, all sides of political parties. I want events to be informational about how legislation directly effects them. I think there are a lot of students on campus that aren’t involved because they think it is hard to get involved. They also think it is a lot of effort. For specific events, I think occasional tabling events are good. If they are effortless – meaning that students don’t need to do much to be educated on stuff that affects them on and off campus – then it will help them. I want to focus on speaker events and candidate forums. Those are the events I see on campus that people talk about the most and are most interested in. My main point is to not be biased and have everyone’s views out there in an effortless an educational way.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Mata asked Ms. Del Turco if she had ideas on ways to platform nonpartisan ideas.

Ms. Del Turco wanted to talk to Director Worrall and other ASUN officers to see what worked last year. She also wanted to reach out to as many people as possible. For example, with the peter situation last year, she needed to hear all people's points of views. She would reach out to as many groups as possible when political events happen. She wanted to talk to her department mentors but had specific event ideas yet.

Senator Mata asked Ms. Del Turco if she would be able to fit attending all these things into her time schedule seeing as how she had to attend many meetings according to the SAS.

Ms. Del Turco said yes. She scheduled her senior year so that she would have lots of opportunities besides classes. She has classes online and is doing an internship.

Senator Aziz asked Ms. Del Turco what she felt was the best way to gather opinions seeing as how she had no ideas yet.

Ms. Del Turco said by talking to multiple groups. She doesn't represent everyone and needs to hear all voices. She wants to hear what others are saying, what frustrates them, and how to get them to talk. She didn't have events yet but did think that having speakers from all sides would attract more students.

Senator Alvarez said a duty in the SAS was to assist the Projects Director. Senator Alvarez asked Ms. Del Turco if she had spoken to Projects Director Wolfram.

Ms. Del Turco said no.

Senator Sewell said that Ms. Del Turco mentioned reaching out to different groups. Senator Sewell asked Ms. Del Turco which groups she wanted to reach out to.

Ms. Del Turco said she hasn't reached out to any groups. She was an orientation guide last summer and that gave her a lot of connections to different groups. She would sit down with Cairn Lindloff to get her opinions and ideas.

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

Senator Aziz felt that the Projects Coordinator should have ideas for events. Just saying that you will speak to groups wasn't enough. There were 250 clubs on campus and students should be encouraged to join. He didn't know if there was a way to see how many students were in a club. Students that aren't in a club also need to have their voices heard. He wanted to know how she would get the opinions of students that aren't a part of groups and don't have someone representing them. He felt Ms. Del Turco should have more concrete ideas.

Senator Sewell said to go off that, Ms. Del Turco wanted to reach out to groups to help her brainstorm events. But Ms. Del Turco didn't know which groups to reach out to besides Greek Life and Orientation. Senator Sewell felt that Ms. Del Turco should have ideas for which people to talk to that you wouldn't normally talk to.

Senator Mata said that a positive side was that Ms. Del Turco stressed bringing multiple opinions in. She didn't have concrete ideas but was aware. Senator Mata felt that Ms. Del Turco still had time to create events.

Speaker Martinez asked if there was any other discussion at this time. He wanted them to have more discussion, especially if the body was a little unsure about appointing Ms. Del Turco.

Senator Rogers said she has known Ms. Del Turco for two years. Everything that Ms. Del Turco did, she did with her full effort. Ms. Del Turco may not have ideas right now but when she does make decisions, she does so when they are fully planned out. She puts in an ample amount of time and effort into her decisions. The reason Ms. Del Turco didn't have ideas right now was because she could still be going through her decision-making process. Ms. Del Turco was a very meticulous person who was open to new ideas. Senator Rogers thought Ms. Del Turco will be a good asset to ASUN.

Senator Alvarez had a qualm because, in the past, the body confirmed people with concrete ideas and initiatives. She wanted to clarify that although they appointed former Senator Chau despite not having ideas, the Senator position and the Projects Coordinator position was different. She defended him before. This position was especially important because of the upcoming legislative session. It was concerning to her that Ms. Del Turco didn't do her research and didn't talk to Projects Director Wolfram.

Senator Aziz said to work off that, Ms. Del Turco acknowledged she would speak to the people in her department, but those are people she will work with. As Senator Alvarez said, February 2019 marked the legislative session. He felt she needed to have ideas to support her platform on ways to gather opinions. Ms. Del Turco would be representing students at the Legislature. Ms. Del Turco said that representing students was important, but she needed to show how, not just say it was important.

Senator Sewell said that the SAS stated the Projects Coordinator needs to coordinate voter registration drives, but Ms. Del Turco didn't talk about it. She only mentioned vague events. Ms. Del Turco didn't touch on a major duty in the SAS.

Senator Mata understood the concerns at the table and had them too regarding the lack of ideas. However, Senator Mata felt that there was a reason she had been chosen, even though that reason may not have been presented initially. Other than a lack of ideas, Ms. Del Turco had connections and resources to them as Senators and to ASUN as a whole. Senator Mata felt that Ms. Del Turco didn't show anything that was worrying.

Senator Amaya asked if the Projects Director was above the Projects Coordinator.

President Jackson said yes.

Senator Amaya felt that with the guidance of the Projects Director, Ms. Del Turco will be able to learn a lot from the position. This position was a learning opportunity.

Speaker Martinez said the body should reference page 54, item b in the SAS.

Senator Wilcox seconded Senators Mata's and Rogers' statements. He felt there was potential for Ms. Del Turco to complete all the goals in the SAS.

Senator Rogers thought it would be important to remember that Ms. Del Turco didn't have all these months to think about projects, like all the other people they have appointed. Senator Rogers thought the body should remember that Ms. Del Turco was still a student and was learning; she should be given the benefit of the doubt.

Senator Hughes said that when she first thought about joining ASUN, she had crazy ideas. Once she did join, she realized what the true focus was which she didn't understand before joining ASUN. Senator Hughes said that once she became integrated into ASUN, her perspective changed and she got ideas. In addition to that, everyone in ASUN is constantly coming up with ideas.

Speaker Martinez said the body can invite the candidate back in for more questions and if not, they will move into a vote.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye:

Nay: Alvarez

Abstentions: None

Motion carried.

Senator Aziz asked if to appoint someone, they need the majority of people present or the majority of all of Senate.

Secretary Godoy said the majority of people present.

Ms. Del Turco was sworn in as Projects Coordinator for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

b. NOMINATION OF KATIE RESTIFO TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY ANALYST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Senator Mata moved to approve the nomination of Katie Restifo to the Office of Policy Analyst for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Wilcox seconded.

Assistant Director Komanduri introduced Ms. Restifo on behalf of Director Worrall:

“Katie is extremely qualified and experienced for the position of Policy analyst, and I am really excited to nominate her. She is currently in DC because she is interning in the White House with the counselor, Kellyanne Conway, to the president. On a daily basis she is researching and analyzing policy as the only intern in the office. Her integrity and genuine love for the work she does is very apparent, and she has a great outlook and perspective that I think will be a valuable asset for our department and for our vision of the future of ASUN. She is pursuing a degree in criminal justice and public relations and has been involved in multiple aspects on campus as a Writing Center Tutor, RHA Leadership Council, College Republicans, and working at the Wiegand Fitness Center. Her experience and involvement in political campaigns and working in political arenas makes me believe she will carry out the responsibilities of the position thoughtfully and as informed as possible.”

Ms. Restifo said: I'm sorry I can't be there for you guys to see me, but I am excited to share my passion and goals for success. My background in policy research is definitely still being developed, but especially since beginning my internship at the White House a month and a half ago, I've become familiarized with databases such as LexisNexis, which is the law and policy database that the entities within the executive office of the president use for policy research. I also have experience using JSTOR and contacting state and local legislators through previous internships and fellowships in Nevada. And then I also plan on using sites such as Nelis to research specific

policy in the state. I think all of these sources will be helpful in aiding my success in this position. Additionally, I realize how important nonpartisanship is especially in the legislative affairs department, and I've been able to experience this importance already through my internship in the White House, as odd as it may sound. While we do obviously work to advance the policy agenda of the president, we are first and foremost public servants working in the best interest of constituents. I have a little bit of background in that am excited to carry that out in my position as Policy Analyst. As far as gauging public opinion goes, I feel like one area we may struggle with is reaching all areas and demographics of the student body because not everybody feels informed enough. I am not exactly sure how everything works in student government right now. I'd like to look into maybe reaching out to and partnering with the Journalism School to produce some sort of weekly or biweekly updates on important or relevant policy issues in the news. Also, maybe utilizing the tv screens across campus. This way, the demographics of students that don't regularly check the news or social media feel informed enough and vocalize some sort of opinion. A personal thing for her would be to bring awareness to opioids on campus and in the state of Nevada. This is something I am researching over summer. The opioid crisis is affecting the nation as a whole. It hasn't been declared a crisis in Nevada, which is awesome but it could get there eventually. I have connections with UNR PD. This never gets attention or is addressed. The Clinton Foundation and Adapt Pharma have launched a program that gives campuses nationwide doses of an overdose reversal drug. Initiating policy changes like that and introducing it to the student body will be really helpful. That is about it.

Senator Loveland left the room at 6:04 pm.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Clemons asked Ms. Restifo what superficially would make her a good candidate to analyze policy.

Ms. Restifo said her background in policy research thus far and what she will continue to do this summer. She has the passion discovered in policy research and this position will be meaningful for her.

Senator Mata asked Ms. Restifo what resources she went to in order to find information on the policies.

Ms. Restifo said has been familiarized with LexisNexis, which is a law database. She knew Nelis as well that was for the Nevada Legislature. Anyone can use this one if you just google it. she knew resources like that.

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

Senator Collins thought the candidate would fill the position in a great way. She had potential, tangible ideas that would be great if followed through. Her job would be to assist the Policy Director.

Senator Loveland entered the room at 6:07 pm.

Senator Wilday said Ms. Restifo had the exact qualifications and it was clear she would be good for the position.

Senator Burton said to touch on everyone else's comments, Ms. Restifo did her research and nailed everything in the SAS. Her experience will take her far. He was excited to see her move forward.

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

Motion carried; senator Loveland abstained as he missed discussion.

Ms. Restifo was sworn in as the Policy Analyst for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

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 of this agenda:

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Bringing Callisto to Campus
Speaker Martinez said the body will not hear the legislation tonight. He hope to have it back on the table next week.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Bringing Callisto to Campus

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 will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Bringing Callisto to Campus

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 Burton said he is working on parliamentary stuff with Attorney General Moore about Robert's Rules. He will put the presentation up on Nevada Box. He and Attorney General Moore combined their presentations with all the nitty gritty. He will send out a reminder when the presentation is out. It will be good for everyone to look at and use as a cheat sheet.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

VP Bradley said she just got an email from NV Cares. They are doing a bystander webinar training and asked if ASUN wanted to participate. It will be on July 24th at 9 am. She didn't know how long it will be but assumed a couple of hours.

Senators Alvarez, Mata, and Sewell volunteered.

VP Bradley said she will talk to the executive board directly as well.

President Jackson said she also just got an email about a project called the Wolf Project. It was being done by a woman in the community who wanted to use funds to purchase wolf statues that will be put in different places in the community. She felt it was very campus to the city. She will send out the information over the listserv for those that wanted to participate.

Senator Amaya said she is helping to plan Dog Fest. If they sell 50 tickets for the Aces game tomorrow, they will do a small sponsorship for Dog Fest. If they aren't doing anything tomorrow, see her to buy a ticket.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm