

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes called the Senate meeting to order at 5:03 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretaries, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Hansen.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Senators Burton, Clemons, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Loveland, Mata, Rogers, Sewell, Wilco, Wilday, Yeghiayan were present.

Senator Amaya was absent unexcused.

Speaker Martinez and Senators Alvarez, Aziz, Hudson, and McKinney were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. The minutes from August 15th, 2018

Senator Grant moved to approve the minutes from August 15th, 2018 pm by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes said: We have Professor Kelly Doyle here, a professional engineer and a professor for the College of Engineering. She was nominated by the students as Faculty Member of the Year. Please join me in congratulating her.

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes gave Professor Doyle her plaque.

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes said: Next we have Monique Normand. She is the Coordinator for Community Outreach here to present to all of us.

Monique Normand, Coordinator for Community Outreach. She said she came to introduce herself. She met most of them at retreat. She oversees Pack Provisions and GivePulse; when they had an event and wanted it posted to GivePulse, she was on the one. There were a couple of events coming up. This week on August 25th was the Welcome Back Day of Service. They will go to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to learn about what they do in the community. The Food Bank also helps Pack Provisions, so it would be great if ASUN can help them. If interested in coming, volunteers are meeting in the Center for Student Engagement at 1:00 pm and transportation will be provided. The Pack Provisions mobile food pantry will

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be on September 10th in the KC Breezeway. This will be the first event that gets students familiarized with Pack Provisions. They will give out granola and anyone from the body can drop by. If the body ever needed help with GivePulse, she shares an office with Gaby Ortiz Flores in the Center for Student Engagement. She also found out today that Pack Provisions is receiving a donation from Greater Nevada Credit Union for their red ribbon opening ceremony. She can't say how much the grant is for yet, but she is really excited about that.

Associate Director Ortiz Flores said as they may or may not know, Constitution Day was coming up on September 17th. For that day, there will be a reading of the Constitution on the KC steps. She is looking for volunteers to read the Constitution. September 17th is a Monday. She will send out an email with the GivePulse link to sign up. She is also looking for volunteers on November 6th for the midterm elections. She is looking for six poll workers to work 6-hour shifts. If interested, she will put out a GivePulse link too.

Dr. Beattie said school starts next week. There will be tons of events and Programming will need volunteers. It is a great time for Senators to meet constituents. The first three weeks is the time to set impressions for incoming students about ASUN. They are in a position to change opinions and let incoming students know that there is a culture of their student government supporting them.

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

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

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes read the report into the record:

“Hi, all! My apologies for not being present tonight. I will keep my report brief. First, everyone please give a round of applause to Matt Dutcher for an incredible retreat. Carissa, Arezo, Katie, and all members of our Professional Staff also deserve a huge shout out for their hard work in helping us all have a weekend where we could learn, grow, and get ready to lead for the next year. Everyone in the room also deserves a shout out for being a fantastic member of this team. This year is going to be amazing! The President's Task Force on Democracy Plaza met recently. Thank you to every officer that is serving. The task force has been working to coordinate with clubs and organizations and on campus departments to include more voices in the discussion. Task force members are also working on crafting a mission and purpose statement for the space. We will be meeting again next week to follow up.”

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley

VP Bradley hoped the body had fun at retreat; this was the best retreat she had been to and it set the bar high for next year. The OISS orientation presentation was yesterday and Director Lensch and President Jackson attended it. International students are a great resource that hadn't been tapped into before, so it was cool to be there. Campus Escort was big for international students and there are other ASUN resources that are underutilized. For Back to School Night with the Reno Aces, they have sold a few tickets. She just started to push out her strategy to get more tickets sold. They added a competition part to the event where they will award a prize to the organization that buys the most ticket. When you buy a ticket, tell them if you are a part of a fraternity or sorority life or in Blue Key or in QSU. It was a great way to involve the community with the campus. Campus Escort will be giving rides to students between 6-11 from the Jot Travis building. An update on the Investment Committee, the divestment discussion was placed on the agenda for the next September meeting. They will talk about divestment and what that would look like for their investment portfolio. This was a huge win for ASUN, since they sponsored a resolution that

put divestment on the agenda. NSA will formulate a resolution based on the outcome from that discussion. She will let them know when the committee meeting will be as she would love to have a pair of eyes and ears in there to see what is going on since she may have class at that time. There was a makeup orientation session tomorrow from 2:00 pm – 3:05 pm. She had a couple of people already signed up but wanted to have one other.

Senator Feil volunteered.

VP Bradley said there will be a student media advisory board meeting this Friday. The committee will choose a new manager for Wolf Pack Radio. The committee is made up of Senators from Liberal Arts and Journalism and some students that work in publications as well as university members and herself. It will be at 5:30 pm in Raggio 4051; the meeting will be about two hours.

c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck

Chief Justice Groesbeck said her department breakout during retreat was successful. They set goals and did brainstorming; she was excited for the year. The internship is setting up nicely. She met with the department heads and Chief of Staff Dutcher during retreat. Judicial will take four interns, one for each Associate Justice and she will not have one herself. They set weekly meeting times for Fridays at 1:00 pm. She is setting her department training for September 28th. They will have speakers and Senator Burton will speak as well on Robert's Rules.

d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar

Director Bittar said this Wednesday will be Camp Crowley from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Clubs and Orgs will table for all of ASUN but if they can come for an hour or so, that would be awesome. They will have shirts handbills, and playing giant Jenga with questions on there to make it more interactive and Wolf it Down is right after. Club Fair is about one week away and they had about 205-210 signed up. Some of those numbers are duplicates which is why he gave a range. They pushed the deadline for sign up back to Tuesday at midnight to get the remaining tables filled. If they know of any clubs that are not signed up, encourage them to sign up. They will also need volunteers; Associate Coordinator Normand set up a page on GivePulse. Please sign up, they are in three-hour shifts. Setting up is at 12 pm. Assistant Director Hickman will email them the GivePulse link and it will be posted on Facebook. They are seeing more clubs finish renewal right now. The Department will have its first meeting at 8 am this Friday and they will hear operations, early funding, and emergency requests. He hoped to see them at their events.

f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall

Director Worrall said last night, her department had training. They were lucky to have Dr. Beattie and Director Rodriguez there. Elliot Malin led them on how to lobby at the legislature. He gave them lots of advice since he has done that before since he was in ASUN in 2014. They also talked about projects for the semester. One was for Welcome Week around the question of "What are you passionate about?" and having students write their answers on the chalkboard. She wasn't sure on a time and date yet but wanted to share that with the body, so they know it will happen next week. She has been looking through bill draft requests (BDR's) that were sent in for the NV legislature. BDR's are drafts of bills before they are bills. There are about 400 bill drafts right now; her department is tracking all of the ones that relate to higher education and students. Usually, there are around 6,000. Her department will go through them all and make sure they track all the ones that relate. Finally, she, Assistant Director Komanduri, President Jackson, and Speaker

Martinez are meeting with Assemblywoman-Elect Sarah Peters to talk about what bills they wanted to see sponsored in the Legislature.

h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

Assistant Director Purdue said the Department is working on the You Belong BBQ for next Wednesday from 11am – 2pm. She hoped to have them sign up for volunteers; they need people from 10-3 for setup, cleanup, and to serve food. It was a good way to get outreach hours. If they wanted to volunteer, she had a signup sheet. The BBQ will be a week from today on August 29th.

Senators Feil, Sewell, and Rogers can do 10-11 am.

Director Worrall can do 11 am.

Chief Justice Groesbeck volunteered from 12-1 pm.

Senator Mata was free starting at 1 pm.

Director Bittar asked if they can sign up later.

Assistant Director Purdue said they can text Director Amerzada.

Senator Wilday was free from 11 am – 12 pm.

Senator Burton was free from 11 am – 1 pm.

Assistant Director Purdue said if they find time, contact Director Amerzada.

i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes read the report into the record:

“Hello! I hope everyone is doing well. I'm sure I'm not the first to say it, but a big thanks to you all for your presence at retreat. I learned a lot and I'm looking forward to carrying on that energy and teamwork throughout the year. As far as updates go: while at retreat, I met with the Executive Team and a couple of interested Senators to talk about changes to the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund (the SNIF). It was an energizing and productive meeting, and I feel that this will be a good year for the program. I'll be putting together a finalized timeline of the program soon and can share it with you all once that happens! This week I'm meeting with Dr. Sagebiel to figure out how he can help with the program--- the new sustainability website will be an important advertising and archiving feature of the SNIF, so that will be the main focus of our conversation. As always, if anyone has questions or ideas, feel free to reach out!”

j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade

Director Andrade said Exec. met at retreat and it was really helpful. She spent the summer working on the ASUN branding manual but threw it out and is starting over. She is working on media training guides that will be a resource for them if doing interviews regarding their positions or ASUN as a whole. This will answer questions or concerns of how to go about interviews or if you have never been in front of a camera. She is brainstorming ideas for outreach hours and is working on setting up meetings with Directors Bittar and Jickling.

k. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan

- l.** Attorney General, Omar Moore
Attorney General Moore said he had a couple of things he was working on since being back in Reno. He and Chief Justice Groesbeck have been in correspondence and are meeting Monday or Tuesday. The only other thing he is working on is with Government Operation. Senator McKinney reached out to him; they will meet this week to review Chapter 701 which was his position and the elections regulations. Gov Ops had questions and areas they wanted reviewed to see if they needed updates. If any progress happens on those projects, he will let them know.
- m.** Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez
Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes said Speaker Martinez asked her to take volunteers for the Service Palooza and Taste of Reno event. It was essential they volunteer because it was their obligation as senators. Taste of Reno will be August 27th from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. It will start with setup and getting the supplies and around 2:00 pm they will start cleaning up.

Senators Wilcox and Grant volunteered for 9:30 - 11 am.

Senator Green volunteered for 12 – 2 pm.

Senator Rogers volunteered from 9:30 am – 12 pm.

Senator Collins volunteered from 12 – 2 pm.

Senators Loveland and Burton volunteered from 11 am – 1 pm.

Senator Yeghiayan volunteered from 11 am – 12:30 pm.

Senator Sewell volunteered from 10 – 11 am.

Senator Feil said Senate is putting this event on with Programming. It will reach community organizations and was a cool event with lots of people. She asked they please be here to help with the event and to get students talking to different organizations. She wanted the senators to be there. It will be their best opportunity to talk to community organizations and do outreach hours. This will also increase community service.

Senator Rogers left at the room 5:31 pm.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a.** Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins
Senator Collins said her committee will meet Fridays 1 pm; she scheduled the conference room, so the meeting should be there almost all the time.
- b.** Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
Senator Grant said his meetings are on Fridays from 10-11 am. He scheduled the conference room for the whole semester and their first meeting is next Friday, August 31st.
- c.** Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil
Senator Feil said meetings are on Fridays at 2 pm. The first meeting will be Friday the 7th, which was the Friday following Welcome Week.
- d.** Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
Senator Hughes said Gov Ops' meeting time is Thursdays at 9 am.

- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
Senator Hughes said Public Affairs' meeting time is Fridays at 12 pm.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
Senator Mata said President Jackson contacted Senator Mata about an event called the Campus Safety Walk to see if University Affairs wanted to participate. It was tried a couple of years back but didn't go through. Anyone can walk but basically, they will walk around with UNR PD at night to see what needs to be fixed and what was unsafe. If interested, contact Senator Mata. University Affairs' meeting time will be Thursdays at 9:30 am.
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez
Speaker Pro Tempore said Oversight meets at 5 pm on Fridays.

9. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

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

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

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

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

12. **VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There were no veto messages at this time.

13. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. **FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

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

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

16. **REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

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

17. **SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

18. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

a. **Senate Committee Changes**

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes said now was the time to make changes. If anyone cannot make a committee or wants a time to change it, now was the time. If they needed her to repeat the times let her know. When doing this please say: "I move to remove myself from ____ and add myself to ____ through unanimous consent."

Legislative Clerk Hansen said Government Operations only had 4 members and needed to have at least one more.

Senator Burton asked if it was possible to do changes later since he knew that some committees still didn't have their time set in stone. For example, Senator McKinney mentioned he might still change his time but didn't know.

Dr. Beattie said they can change committees every week; there is always room for adjustment.

Senator Hughes said they do changes for now as the times are listed.

Senator Yeghiayan moved remove herself from Budget and Finance add herself to University Affairs by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Wilcox moved remove himself from Government Operations and add himself to Budget and Finance by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Burton moved to remove himself from University Affairs and add himself to Government Operations by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Green moved to remove himself from Budget and Finance and add himself to Public Affairs by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Burton moved to place Senator Hughes on Government Operations by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

Senator reports were not heard at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Wilcox he was talking to Director Lensch and for anyone that doesn't know, BLF tickets are not being sold at the Wolf Shop. When talking to constituents, don't tell them tickets can be purchased at the Wolf Shop. Programming is figuring it out and there are some changes happening; they will let the body know when they know what is happening.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said now that they had their committee times be sure to reserve the President's Conference Room. Right now, only Academics and Budget and Finance had done that; the other committees need to get on that. Remember that they had a three-day weekend coming up; take that into consideration when posting agendas. A holiday does not count as a business day. Don't get "Omar-ed".

Senator Mata the first football game was coming up pretty fast. As a band member, they are getting their show together. In the past, they hadn't had a lot of people show up and needed more people to attend. It was also a great way to get ASUN out there and tickets are free for students.

Dr. Beattie asked Oversight to stay after Senate for a couple of minutes.

Dr. Ellis said to Senator Mata that when they do the Safety Walk, have the head of facilities there. It was super helpful because they are in charge of the grounds and the upkeep. If a light is out or something like that, having Sean McGoldrick or Denise Baclawski will expedite the process. Feel free to invite them. She also wanted to say that she was impressed with the work the body did this summer. Even with technology meltdowns along the way, they hung in there and kept things moving forward. as school starts, they are role modeling for the university how to do this. She thanked the body for their leadership. She wanted to wish the body luck with their academics and their leadership. Have a great opening week of school and hang on to the energy in the room.

Dir. Rodriguez the good news was Delana Miller accepted a position at Kansas State University; the bad news was they are losing their Assistant Director of Accounting. With Workday, she actually liked it since they can do a lot of things with it; she knew many people complained about it. They are able to do many things they couldn't in the past. What she has found during this transition period was that having Workday in place has been very helpful. They will be fine losing Delana and move forward in filling it. She wanted them to know that as the director of this organization, she believed it was her role to step back and look at the use of resources and see if they are using them efficiently. whenever there is a big change like this. One thing she was thinking of doing was closing the accounting office at 6 pm. right now it was open Monday-Thursday from 8 am – 8 pm. By closing it at 6 pm, they would save two hours daily and over six or seven months, that adds up to quite a bit. Again, this goes back to Workday. Another amazing announcement: they had been authorization to use DocuSign. This meant they will go down to practically zero paperwork in the office. That will represent another 2,000 in savings. They spend a lot of money on paper and copies but also on storage up on Evans St. She was grateful that ASUN was so open to letting her and her staff explore these kinds of technologies. What will happen now is that forms that are being signed will move online via email. They will be able to walk up to Central Station and not see stacks of paper. In the next couple of months, they will have some hiccups but once it all gets figured out, no one will know it was ever any different. She asked they be patient with them over the next four – six weeks. Once the transition takes place, it will be an example of them being good stewards of student fees.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes adjourned the meeting at 5:44 pm.