

Committee on University Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session
Minutes for Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor JCSU

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Mata called the meeting of the Committee on University Affairs to order on Thursday, August 30th, 2018, at 9:32 AM in the President's Conference Room on the third floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senators Mata, Wilday, Loveland, Clemmons, and Yeghiayan were present.
Senator Alvarez was absent excused.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment said they would push resolution for peer advising and they were seeking someone to help on a bill.

Senator Yeghiayan said she was working on a piano project in the community and was looking for a good title for that to bridge the gap between the community and UNR. It would be a piano painted by the students and the city to represent a bunch of different things. They wanted to get more pianos on campus to represent something different and have artistic things that represent the community and UNR.

Senator Mata said that would be a great thing to bring up to public affairs

4. **MINUTES**

- a. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from May 2nd, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 2nd, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

Senator Wilday moved to approve the minutes

Seconded

Motion carried

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to be discussed at this time.

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6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Campus Safety Walk Planning**

Senator Mata said they were getting a date from the police department for this event and still needed to figure out who was head of facilities. They wanted to see if they wanted to do it at the beginning or end of the semester.

Senator Clemmons said earlier.

___ said especially with the statistics, it was better to do it now.

Senator Mata said they would do it earlier in the semester. Asked if they wanted a planned route.

Senator Clemmons said they should have a route planned.

Senator ___ asked if they wanted to just do on campus and the perimeter.

Senator Mata said the LLC had a blue emergency box that was spray painted over with an anarchy sign over the summer and it hasn't been fixed. You can't see the name or location. That needed to be fixed and there were also a couple lights out on the south end of campus. Those were main things.

Senator ___ asked if street lights were fixed by the city.

Senator Mata said it was on campus.

Senator ___ said they didn't know if the campus could fix it, but the street from the Republic Apartments to the Yunion had no street lights, it was pitch black on that road off of Valley. He didn't know if they could do anything about that. It was scary to walk it.

Senator ___ said they could contact the Yunion or something.

Senator ___ said they could see if Yunion has jurisdiction over that

Senator ___ said it was a state of Nevada thing

Senator ___ said they could write a resolution and send it to relevant people.

Senator Mata said they would make it simple because they were inviting guests. They should figure out a way to go around the campus.

Senator ___ said they could start and end at the LLC.

Senator ___ said they should start at Sierra, the lowest dorm and work their way up campus.

Senator ___ said they only had certain buildings on one side of the street.

Senator ___ asked if they were just looking for things that looked unsafe

Senator Mata said yes.

Senator ___ asked if they all knew about that group of people who walk around campus at night and talk about God the mother. They come up to people in the middle of the night and try to talk to people – there was a rumor that it was sex trafficking.

Senator ___ said it was a separate organization and there was actually one on campus. The one on campus was legit but you couldn't tell who was who.

Senator ___ said maybe they should give the legit group a special badge.

Senator ___ said he met that group at club fair two years ago.

Senator ___ asked where they usually were

Senator ___ said they were everywhere at night in between building and classes like Ansari business. It made her feel unsafe.

Senator Mata said they should bring that up to UNR PD.

Senator ___ said they should also consider places where students walk frequently at night. They should come up with a presentation or a speech to educate students on what to do if someone comes up to you. UNR PD could talk about that on their route.

Senator Mata said if they start at Sierra, did they want to go up towards campus

Senator ___ said they should start at DMS because those areas can be dark sometimes.

Senator ___ said life science would be the south end of campus and DMS would be next to it.

Senator ___ said they could go up by Ansari and Raggio and work their way back around in front of the KC and in front of the parking garages.

Senator Mata asked if there were any places in the quad/manzanita areas to focus on

Senator ___ said the only really late night classes were some education classes and some in DMS

Senator ___ said his anatomy class ended at nine pm in the DMS

Senator ___ said they should check all the areas.

Senator ___ said it was probably safest by the Joe.

Senator ___ asked if there were emergency phones in all of the south campus areas.

Senator ___ asked if they put lights in the Nye circle cross walk.

Senator ___ said yes.

Senator ___ said they should look at the route from the dorms to the gym and the KC

Senator ___ said they could do that on the way back if they start at Sierra because they could go up behind the KC and the Joe, the parking garages, and then do the walk from the fitness center to the dorms.

Senator ___ said they were thinking about Cain hall because a lot of language classes get out at 9:30. They should also check for accessibility there.

Senator ___ said maybe they should check out up to the Yunion because that was a scary walk.

Dr. Beattie asked if they suspended Robert's Rules

Senator Mata said they forgot about that and would do better.

Senator Wilday said they would work their way up to Cain, go through education, and up to parking.

Senator ___ said they should go down the ramp and through the KC or the parking garages.

Senator Mata said from Cain they would go to the KC and check out parking.

Dr. Beattie said that was called Wayland.

Senator Mata said they would come behind or through the KC

Senator Wilday said there was the ramp between Raggio and the KC or they could go down the one towards the parking garages by the rotunda to check for accessibility.

Senator Loveland said a lot of students who go to the Wayland or West stadium go in front of the KC or the Joe. Lawlor was pretty lit. He said probably through Cain they should go up in front.

Dr. Beattie said for a long time this strip here was the darkest place in all of Reno.

Senator Loveland said on Evans they added some more cross walks with lights. His worry was with the Republic, the Highlands, and the Yunion. The road between these three is pitch black. People walk from the KC on it.

Dr. Beattie said they probably didn't have power over it but they could write a resolution to put light in that area. When they walk through with facilities, they can tell them who owns what. Virginia was tricky because parts of it were city highway and parts were City of Reno. You had to figure out who owned what.

Senator Loveland said they added crosswalks last winter but street lights were still important. Kids jay walk there.

Dr. Beattie said there was a senator working on it but it died off. On Sierra there was a roundabout and a light up cross walk in front of Nye. It was super dark. They couldn't figure out if it was city.

Senator Mata said they lived on that crosswalk and have almost been hit a couple times.

Senator Clemmons said that was what he was talking about earlier

Senator Yeghiayan asked what they meant

Senator Mata said coming out of Nye circle past the parking garage there was a cross walk with no lights.

Dr. Beattie said on the street itself, they probably didn't have jurisdiction, but there might be an alternate or if they can write legislation to send to the city. They can work with facilities to figure that out.

Senator Mata asked if they wanted to go up to the medical buildings

Senator ___ said he had a couple classes in the medical buildings and he didn't think they got out late.

Dr. Beattie said the med students have their own student government. They don't pay ASUN. There are nursing students up there taking classes.

Senator Mata said they would contact the med school.

Senator ___ said he could drive by to see how well-lit it was

Senator Mata said they were thinking of Wolf Pack Park and the baseball field because there were apartments and parking right there.

Senator Yeghiayan said the last parking passes sold were by the baseball field. They should check that out to see how easy it is to get there and how safe it looks.

Senator Mata said once they get the date they will decide if they go up to the med school, but they did want to go past the football stadium and Lawlor. They can hit up West Stadium as well.

Senator Wilday said they had class coming up.

Senator Mata said let's wrap this up. They would start at Sierra and go through Manzanita into the quad, Orvis, DMS, through engineering, into the Ansari business building, to Cain, to the KC, Joe, football field, west stadium, the planetarium, and past the planetarium to Lawlor, Wiegand, and Wayland to the roundabout of Fitzgerald, Church of Fine Arts, LLC, and Nye.

Senator Wilday said they could also keep their eye out on campus as they are walking around in the future.

Senator Mata said Dr. Beattie brought up the crosswalk and the LLC emergency light. Those were things they noticed just walking around.

Senator Yeghiayan said they had to make sure they knew what part of the city vs on campus was.

Senator Mata said that was why they were inviting facilities.

b. Update on Liaison Positions

Senator Mata said to look up the services they are in charge of and they can pick their own liaison positions for next meeting. They wanted to make a contact book of all the people who are in charge.

Senator Wilday said she had three liaison positions and she was working with Senator Burton on outreach before. Looking ahead, it would be awesome if someone else could help her with outreach.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Mata said they tried to email out a graduation fee increase by the provost. It was currently \$75 to apply and they wanted to increase it by \$20 to \$95 to pay for everything they had to set up. They were losing money with graduation because they set up the quad and have to reserve Lawlor just in case. They hire people to set it up and to clean it up. People have to do overtime hours because they couldn't do it during the regular time. There were a lot of factors. They were proposing either a \$20 increase or moving it to Lawlor permanently, getting rid of pamphlets, and things like that. The biggest thing they decided was the fee increase. It would just be \$20 but \$95 is a scary number. People really like graduating in the quad.

Dr. Beattie said in December they always graduate in Lawlor. Would it be \$75 in December and \$95 in spring?

Senator Mata said they were unsure

Senator Wilday said she wanted to have a presentation given to senate

___ asked who sets things up

Senator Mata said it was school equipment and cleaning so facilities was involved.

Dr. Beattie said they contract out their sound and lights and get volunteers. A lot of it is subcontracted. They get 6-10 thousand people out there.

Senator Mata suggested to Hannah that they do it at the football stadium because they don't have to set up chairs and screens.

___ said they liked that idea but the quad was prettier.

Senator Mata said they would try to bring the provost to the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Mata adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am.