

# Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session  
Minutes for Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 pm  
Room #420, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Martinez called the Committee on Oversight meeting to order at 5:00 pm in Room #420, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Speaker Martinez and Senators Alvarez, Collins, Grant, and McKinney were present.

Senators Feil and Mata were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

## 4. MINUTES

- a. The minutes from April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Senator grant moved to approve the minutes from April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by unanimous consent.  
There was no dissent; motion carried.

## 5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy
  - b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Senator Hughes  
Senator Hughes said the interview kickoff meeting for interns will be this Sunday to go over the internship interview process with all the applicants. The meeting will be with her, Assistant Directors, and Chief of Staff Dutcher. On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, they will have group interviews with all the applicants. They will try to interview everyone. After interviews conclude on the 9<sup>th</sup>, they will all stay and pick all the interns. They will know the interns by the 10<sup>th</sup>, which will be cool. Besides that, she had the finalized syllabus and will send out a questionnaire next week to help with pairing.
  - c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Collins  
Senator Collins said she will start with the goals that her committee established last semester. Basically, they went around the table and had them list two or things that her committee members wanted to accomplish. The list was pretty lengthy, so she wont read them all. At the text meeting, her committee will narrow down what they wanted to work on for this semester.  
What she had so far for goals:
    - Investigating differential fees within Engineering – Senator Sewell brought it up
    - Reviewing the Silver Core/admission requirements
    - Planning a research night/fair
    - Writing possible legislation to increase the minimum credit requirement for senators
    - Making more preprofessional development for colleges
    - Improving MyNevada/some type of worship
    - Establishing peer advising
    - Improving the process for registration prior to class registration
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- More undergrad research – she has been working with Dr. Mensing to better advertise it
- Creating a way for students to access professor evals at the end of the year

They haven't added this to the list yet, but they started working bringing a free printing solution over the summer. She has been talking to the IT Department on campus. She hoped to get that going. Literally, two days ago, speaker Martinez emailed her about updating Latin honors requirements. She hadn't looked into that yet, but it will be added to the list. That was about it.

Speaker Martinez said that was awesome and encouraged her to keep up the good work.

d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Grant

Senator Grant said the committee will do financial reviews every single meeting. They will be auditing every single account and there 22 of them. He hoped to get done with that by the beginning of November. A big talking point at their meeting today was the Wolf Shop and possibly rebranding it. They had been working with Director Dubey to figure out how to rebrand it. Last year, the Wolf Shop struggled and had to pull out a large amount of money from the capital account to maintain solvency. He was hoping to avoid that this year and have the Wolf Shop go into positive numbers. The committee will hopefully be working on creating a strategic plan for the Wolf Shop. The committee will also keep ensuring students have a simplified budget to be transparent with the numbers. The budget was completed and on the website.

Speaker Martinez suggested Senator Grant take it to the Business Student Council and asking marketing students how to rebrand the Wool Shop. They had been wanting to get involved with ASUN. OF course, the School of Journalism as well. He asked if Senator Grant invited Steve Dubey to speak at Senate.

Senator Grant said he did not invite Director Dubey to Senate but could reach out.

Speaker Martinez said that would be great and just let him know when Director Dubey could make it to Senate. They can set that up together.

e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Feil

f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator McKinney

Senator McKinney said his committee will make sure the SAS uses all-inclusive language and will be done by next Wednesday. From here on out, they will be discussing all legislation that affects the SAS and the governing documents to make sure they all use inclusive language so that they don't have to do this again. There are three pieces of legislation on the table; two have to do with Legislative Affairs. One he submitted to update the SAS for what Director Worrall wants. The other was to increase the amount of interns from three to ten. Director Worrall brought this to the table. The third piece of legislation was to strike the WTF NV Manager. The legislation was brought to the table by Senator Hughes. They will be discussing outreach hours to make them more clear. During this week, they had the opportunity to work with outreach hours under this setup. After that, they will have one week of experience with outreach and can see if they need to revise it. Something he wanted to focus on was having the Director of Sustainability at the programming events to offer more sustainability options. This was brought up to him by Programmer Kuykendall. They aren't very sustainable; almost everything goes in the trash.

Speaker Martinez said he will add Senator McKinney into a conversation with Attorney General Moore and Chief Justice Groesbeck to review the SAS with all the questions and wrongs that the Senators found. He wanted Senator McKinney to take that over once it was finished.

Senator McKinney said he and Senator Burton will sit down with Attorney General Moore to review the elections code. There should be changes soon to get it done way before elections.

g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Alvarez

Senator Alvarez said her committee has been talking about policy a lot and Director Worrall came by to talk about national voter registration and her projects. She wanted to get her committee involved civically. Director Worrall gave them policy options for the Board of Regents, Title X funding, and Health Sciences meetings. Most of her committee will be attending those. She also assigned reaching out to representatives to talk about legislation they are working on and if the committee can write legislation they are passionate about. Senator Green is working on stuff with Director Jickling to get a farmer's market approved about ½ a mile from campus; that will be a resolution. The committee is also working on the 9/11 memorial and making it a service event. They will be writing cards for first responders in the community. It will also be a more educational event. She is working with Associate Coordinator Monique Normand. Students today do not know what 9/11 is. They will have a posters and educational things. For the Veterans' luncheon, they will be giving away lapel pins with the American flag and the Nevada wolf pack flag crossed over. It will be in the Blind Onion. She will send out the details once everything is finalized. She was asking everyone to contribute a shift to these events, regardless of whether they were on her committee or not, since they are very important events.

Speaker Martinez said it was great to hear about the resolutions. He sent a schedule to Director Worrall about how to submit legislation; he asked she let him know if she needed it too.

h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Mata

i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Martinez

Speaker Martinez wanted to create a project that extended beyond this year, kind of like what Senator McKinney has been doing with the inclusive language for governing documents and what Senator Collins is doing with committee projects. He hoped those goals could transfer to future years and they should keep those lists. He knew that Budget and Finance was a little different, but they can still look into something, but reviewing the budget was also important. HE will also be looping in the body into a project called "All the people" with Associate Director Gaby Ortiz Flores. The goal was to outreach to different groups on campus that don't normally run for Senate. It was similar to Elect Her but about targeting first generation students, students of color, LGBTQ students, students from rural Nevada, etc. of course they all came from different backgrounds and had various identities that weren't always visible to the naked eye. They are taking on leadership roles and may ask them to either collect speakers, speak at the event, or work with Associate Director Flores. They will address things like why it was important to be civically engaged and why it was important to be involved with student government.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business at this time.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.