

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, September 19th, 2018 at 5:30 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 5:33 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Martinez and Senators Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Burton, Clemons, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Mata, McKinney, Rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, Wilday, and Yeghiayan were present.

A quorum was present .

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from August 29th, 2018
- b. The minutes from September 5th, 2018
- c. The minutes from September 12th, 2018

The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Associate Director Ortiz Flores wanted to remind Senate that Tuesday is National Voter Registration Day. If they were not registered to vote or needed an absentee ballot, they can see her. Director Worrall will tell the body about the cool events that her Department is putting on. She wanted to tell them that CSE is putting on a mock voting event in the KC Rotunda from 11 am – 2 pm that Tuesday. They will also have a reading of *One Vote*, a film that talks about the struggles people are facing across the country in trying to vote. She hoped they would come out to eat mac and cheese after mock voting and see an awesome film in the evening and have a great discussion about why its important to vote.

Director Worrall said she had an update on Silver State Industries. She sent them an email earlier today. If they had questions, let her know. She will go to the Committee on Industrial Programs, which she talked about in the email, on Friday. she knew that she had said that this meeting, they would have a discussion but she is actually having a meeting with someone from Silver State Industries in Las Vegas on Friday. She will come back to senate and tell them all about it as well as possibly tour the facilities if anyone was interested. National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday. Legislative Affairs is putting on performances outside of the KC from 11 am – 3 pm and there will be a bunch of organizations set up on the lawn. By the Davidson Math and Science Plaza, they will have all seven ballot questions. On the quad, there will be a cornhole game set up with the candidates' faces. In Hilliard plaza, you can place ornaments on a fake Christmas tree explaining why you will vote. Finally, at the medical school, they will have Every Body

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Matters. They will give out a map with all the events. She also had several people reach to her saying they could volunteer; she will reach out to them. She also encouraged anyone that wanted to volunteer to reach out to her. Lastly, the town hall is next Wednesday. It started at 6:30 pm. If it happened that the body could attend after Senate, she wanted to remind them to keep it casual. They would be attending as students first, then ASUN officials. Be sure to listen to the students and let them talk; the students are the focus of this.

Senator Collins wanted to give a quick update on what is happening. The College of Science is doing the Discover Giving Day. It will be on the 26th, a week from today, at the DMS plaza. It will be from 10 am – 2 pm but setup is 9 am – 10 am and cleanup is 2 pm – 3 pm and they need as many volunteers as possible. They don't have to be a science major to help and they can sign up on GivePulse. It was a philanthropy based event to get more service outside of Greek life. There will be service clubs that you can speak to, a GivePulse station where you can sign up, and a donation table to donate money. Fun fact, the College of Science is the only school that does colored tassels. If you donate the amount of your graduation year, for example 2021 is \$20.21, you get a chord. They are encouraging students to do that. There will be food but they can't play music so they are trying to figure out ways to attract students. They are hoping to take over the social media for the University as well.

Senator Wilcox said the Engineering Career Fair is tomorrow. He is trying his best to tell constituents to attend and he encouraged the body to tell any engineering friends to attend as well. He will be there trying to do outreach with students and network for an internship. It will be from 10 am – 12:30 in the Joe Ballrooms.

President Jackson said they are approaching October 1st, the one year anniversary of the Las Vegas shooting. There are a few opportune for students to get involved. First, they will be making an alter on the first floor of the Joe with pictures of everyone. They will make flowers for it at the Center all next week as well as messages on notecards that will be displayed on the screens throughout the Student Union. Also, on September 26th, they will buy pizza and encourage people to make flowers at the Center. On October 1st, they will be setting up and having a candle lit vigil at 6:30 pm that night. She asked the body to mark that on their calendars and share it on social media/encourage others to go. They are also looking for speakers to speak at the candle lit vigil if they know of anyone.

Senator Clemson asked how they can sign up to volunteer.

President Jackson said the Givepulse link is being created now; she will send it out as soon as it is ready.

Speaker Martinez said to Senator Collins that she can reach out to the senators personally to volunteer by emailing and sending the GivePulse link. Also, follow up with them.

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

a. Nominations, Open Senate Seat for the College of Interdisciplinary

Speaker Martinez said the nominations will not be heard at this time.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a.** President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson
- b.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley
- c.** Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck
- d.** Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher
- e.** Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar
- f.** Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch
- g.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall
- h.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

- i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling
- 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

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins
Senator Collins said last week, they didn't have much on the agenda and they did a few update. They also discussed potentially bringing something to campus, which she didn't know what it would be called, but at other institution, it is called Social Justice Scholars program. President Jackson brought it up to her. They are just getting the ball rolling. This week, they had legislation on the agenda to update Latin honors requirements for graduation.
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
Senator grant said they reviewed the Budget and Finance Committee, Elections, and BLF accounts; that went well. This Friday, they will meet at 10 am in the President's Conference Room and will review the Executive Board and Programming Board accounts. It shouldn't be too long.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil
Senator Feil said they didn't meet last week but they will meet this Friday at 2 pm in the President's Conference Room. They will also talk about DogFest, upcoming legislation, and some civic engagement opportunities she was thinking about. There will also be snacks.
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
Senator McKinney said his committee met this morning. It went well and they favorably recommended two pieces of legislation. There is another meeting this Friday where they will invite Attorney General Moore to the committee meetings so they can regularly conduct doc reviews together.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
Senator Alvarez said last week, the committee did senator reports and updates. This week, there is no meeting.
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
Senator Mata said there was no meeting last week but the committee will meet this week. They will talk about the campus safety walk and picking a date. Someone from Facilities, UNR PD, and Office of Environmental Safety will attend the walk. The Office of Environmental Safety, which Senator Mata didn't know this even existed, reached out to Senator Mata after hearing about the walk from Facilities. Megan pepper is also available next week to talk to the committee about unrecognized and recognized fraternities and sororities on campus. If the body had anything they wanted to say, let senator Mata know or attend the meeting. Megan will give a rundown of everything. This will also be a public meeting so encourage anyone that might want to say something to attend as well. The graduation fee increase deadline is coming up soon. The committee will write legislation on that but they are struggling with getting informed feedback from students instead of students just saying no because they don't want to pay more money. If they wanted to help out, that would be great. The committee didn't want to pass anything that wasn't the best for students so please talk to your classes if you can. Next week, the committee will be talking about moving the meeting time from 9:30 am to 9 am to make sure they have more time.

Speaker Martinez wanted to say he loved the walkthrough and hoped that senators can attend it. He asked Senator Mata let the body know when the date of the walk through is set so they can attend if they wanted to. With Megan pepper, feel free to invite her to senate if Senator mate finds that she gave a lot of valuable information. He said that Senator Mata can also give Megan his email. Senator Mata was also right in trying to gauge as many student opinions from different colleges about the graduation fee.

Senator Yeghiayan said the committee has been trying to talk to their classes to get feedback. If the body wants a rundown of why they needed the fee and why it should be increased let them know.

Senator Feil asked Senator Yeghiayan if she can send it over the listserv.

Speaker Martinez said that was a great idea if they had a layout of what the committee has been telling students and refreshing senators' minds in case they forgot what Dr. Choroszy said.

Dr. Beattie added that the Director of Campus and Public Relations can put the information presented into a simple infographic and can push it on the social media channels.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if the infographic has already been made.

Dr. Beattie said they would need to meet with Director Andrade first so she has all the information first as she is not an expert.

Speaker Martinez asked Senator Yeghiayan if she wanted to take that on.

Senator Yeghiayan said yes.

g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes

Senator Hughes said she will have the first intern meeting tomorrow at 7:30 pm in the senate chambers. They will go over the internship and answer questions. The body will be able to meet the interns shortly after that but some of the interns were in attendance.

Speaker Martinez thanked the four interns in attendance for coming and said he couldn't wait to work with them.

h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez

Speaker Martinez said there was a meeting this week. Please look at the agenda as they will be looking to approve a budget for the Governor's Point of Light. In addition, he wanted to remind the body that the ULA meeting is September 25th, next week. Do not forget as the deans will be there.

Senator Green asked what time it will be.

Speaker Martinez asked President Jackson if it was at 9 am.

President Jackson said yes in Ballroom C.

Speaker Martinez said another reminder, next week will be long as they will not hear from the officers since there were four candidates for Interdisciplinary. Please be prepared for that, including brining food and anything else they need. Lastly, one thing they talked about at Oversight

was legislation. At retreat, they talked about each and every senator writing at least one piece of legislation before the session ends. If anyone still hasn't written legislation, there was one up on the table to be written tonight and tomorrow. If they had questions, contact Senator Hughes. It was simple. If anyone wanted more experience or hasn't written legislation, contact Senator Hughes.

Senator Amaya asked if the candidates' resumes had been sent out yet.

Speaker Martinez said not yet but he can email them tonight.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

- a. Nomination of Daniela Lemus to the office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary
- b. Nomination of Hetvaben Patel to the office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary
- c. Nomination of Salvador Perez to the office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on August 6th, 2018:

- i. **NOMINATION OF DANIELA LEMUS TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY**
- ii. **NOMINATION OF HETVABEN PATEL TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY**
- iii. **NOMINATION OF SALVADOR PEREZ TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY**

The nominations were not 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 may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. **S.B. 86 – A Bill Amending the Duties of Senators and the Speaker Pro Tempore Regarding Legislative Interns**
- b. **S.R. 86 – A Resolution to Increase the Accessibility of the Engineering Computing Center**
- c. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Increase the Number of Government Relations Interns**
- d. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Add Exemptions for Faculty Advisors for Clubs and Organizations**
- e. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Update the SAS For the Department of Legislative Affairs S.B.R. 86 – A Binding Resolution to HSD**

Speaker Martinez read the titles of the legislation into the record and said they will skip agenda item e.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. **S.B. 86 – A Bill Amending the Duties of Senators and the Speaker Pro Tempore Regarding Legislative Interns**
- b. **S.B.R. 86 – A Binding Resolution to HSD**

Senator Burton moved to fast-track agenda items a-b by unanimous consent.
There was no dissent; motion carried.

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 received their second reading and were considered:

- a. **S.B. 86 – A Bill Amending the Duties of Senators and the Speaker Pro Tempore Regarding Legislative Interns**

Senator Grant moved to approve S.B. 86 – A Bill Amending the Duties of Senators and the Speaker Pro Tempore Regarding Legislative Interns.

Senator Alvarez seconded.

Senator Hughes said a complaint that has been brought up in the past from previous interns was that Senators sometimes chose to not spend time with their interns. However, it was in their current duties in the SAS. The problem was that there was no quantifiable way to measure it. The SAS currently said that Senators will mentor any interns that may be assigned to them. Senators can say they met with their interns three weeks ago and that would technically count. There was lack of accountability. Basically, how it would work is that she would present to the body what she thought was a fair amount of hours that Senators should be meeting with their interns and the body would be able to discuss and approve it. that would be the amount of time spent with interns. Obviously, there are conflicts and that would be taken into account. This way, there is a number that can change year to year. This will be approved on a yearly basis by senators. To ensure accountability, the Speaker Pro Tempore will have the responsibility of formulating some type of documentation that can be verified with interns.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if this could be logged like outreach hours.

Senator Hughes said yes.

Senator Feil asked Senator Hughes if she had any ideas of how many hours she was thinking would be good.

Senator Hughes said she was thinking one hour every two weeks but that would be disused if this bill was passed. Also, intern meetings can happen simultaneously with outreach hours. For example, if you are meeting with your intern but you are also working on legislation together, that would count for both. If there are time conflicts or things like that, she will work with them.

Senator Burton said a big concern for him was that this was a two way street whereas the interns are not obligated to spend time with their Senators and that would punish Senators.

Senator Hughes said this can be addressed when the body discusses the terms of the hours. Let's say this is passed today and she comes to senate the following week with the terms. She can say that Senators must spend an hour with their interns and agree that if they communicate with her about not being able to meet, that can be addressed.

Speaker Martinez said an important thing to note is that the Speaker Pro Tempore can release interns that have not followed through with their duties or expectations. Although they are not paid, they are at will.

Senator Hudson asked Senator Hughes to elaborate on how Senators would be held accountable.

Senator Hughes said a main point was going to be verbal accountability where Senators are meant to hold ASUN officers accountable for what they report during Senate. She might report during senate that everyone met their hours/communicated with her or she could say that Senator Hudson failed to meet her hours. There can also be documentation with repercussion for not following through being addressed when the body approves the hours and terms. And this will change every year.

Senator Hudson suggested that if Senators don't meet with their interns, they should incur points.

Speaker Martinez said for now, keep it to the legislation. If this is approved, then the body can discuss specific repercussions and requirements for meeting with interns.

Senator Hughes said the reason she wrote it this way was so that future Speaker Pro Tempores have the ability to adapt the internship based on the needs of Senate as Senate changes. Maybe this year she does have Senators incur points. But the next Pro Tempore can decide against them. It allowed for the evolution and mobility.

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

Motion carried.

b. S.R. 86 – A Resolution to Increase the Accessibility of the Engineering Computing Center

Senator McKinney moved to approve S.R.86 – A Resolution to Increase the Accessibility of the Engineering Computing Center.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Senator Hughes said over the summer, someone came up to her at her internship, which was 4.5 hours away, and said they heard her talking about how she is a Senator for the College of Engineering. This person was in a group chat with 25 other engineering students and they all had huge problems getting homework done. They explained that for their projects, they had to use advanced programs and software that costs thousands of dollars. She met with her dean to discuss this and was unaware that the ECC was not open on Saturdays. She verified with the director of the ECC that it was never open on Saturdays. This was a major issue with anyone that has religious obligations on Sundays and cannot go then. It was also a problem for commuting students. Because they are a commuting university, this disproportionately affects students that don't live on campus. Most engineering students are upper level students that don't live on campus so this was also affecting them. This resolution is just saying that the ECC should be open seven days a week and should match the amount of hours that the KC is open. She also discusses how they have the differential fee of \$85 per credit. Upper level engineering students are spending 37.9% more on tuition than other majors. That money should be used to ensure the ECC is open seven days a week.

Senator Sewell said to add on, the main point is that the KC doesn't have the software they need to do homework so students can't do work there like normal students. The software was only available at the ECC.

Senator Wilcox said over the course of the four years he has been here, this has been a problem every single year. He was happy that this was being addressed by Senator Hughes and it will be very beneficial.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if there was a way to get that software at the KC.

Senator Hughes said the ECC was equipped with it all. The differential fees are going towards purchasing the software.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if the software had already been purchased on those computers and there was no way to change it.

Senator Hughes said there might be a way to transfer it but the ECC was also designated for this. Also, another beneficial thing was that the ECC had people that are familiar with the software and they can assist you whereas at the KC, they wouldn't have those individuals.

Senator Hughes moved to amend through substitution.
Senator Wilcox seconded.

Speaker Martinez said the amendment was separate from the agenda.

Senator Hughes said there were some changes on clerical errors, separation of some of the whereas clauses so they are easier to read. She didn't change the information but added some semicolons and added citations.

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

Amendment by substitution carried.

The body moved back to discussion of the legislation as a whole.

Senator Collins said this was two parts. First, she asked Senator Hughes if it would cost more to have the facilities open seven days a week. If so, would the differential fees have to be increased.

Senator Hughes definitely yes because you have to pay for things like electricity. But she does address this in the legislation. The first core theme of the University is learning; she said any differential fees being allocated to core theme three, which was engagement, should be reallocated to this. This is because differential fees are going to club funding. That is how she proposed it be funded.

Senator Aziz said page 3 listed how many students are being affected by this. He felt that percentage was somewhat misleading because not all 3100 commuter students are engineering students. He didn't think that 81% of students are using the ECC and felt that number should be changed.

Senator Hughes said tabs weren't kept on who lived on campus based on college. Also, this resolution is supposed to represent all undergrad students and included it because she thought

they would be able to extrapolate engineering students proportionately to that number. The 81% she got from the UNR website doesn't specify if this included grad students or not so she theorized that the number could be higher, making this a fair estimate.

Senator Aziz said his concern lied with changing the wording so that you don't assume that 81% of the students in the College of Engineering are commuters to make this more representative. The majority of the students don't represent the College of Engineering. He understood that this is supposed to reflect all students but this is mostly for engineering students.

Senator Hughes was confused.

Senator Mata agreed with Senator Aziz. The limited hours are not affecting 81% of undergrad students and that line is a little vague. This was the same thing with adding the amendment to Senator Green's bill that changed the wording from "can" to "will".

Speaker Martinez said he can come back to them if they come up with an amendment and continue with questions.

Senator Hudson said that Senator Hughes mentioned that the dean didn't know of the issue. She asked Senator Hughes if this was proposed to the dean and if he was supportive of it.

Senator Hughes said yes. She met with him the week before school and said this was on his radar. Eh said he was unaware of the issue and would follow up with her later. She didn't hear back even after following up. Senator Hughes said that regardless of whether the college is taking action or not, this resolution was a formality to show that ASUN was in support.

Senator Alvarez asked when the increased differential fee would be implemented and if all students use the ECC or just upper division students.

Senator Hughes said she wasn't proposing an increase to the differential fee; that would have to go through the Board of Regents and was out of her control. She proposed that the prioritize the fees differently. As for which students use the ECC, all students do. As a freshman, she had to use the ECC for a 100 level class and as a sophomore, there was a whole class dedicated to one of the programs and using it was required.

Senator Sewell said the ECC had several different programs for all types of engineers. The lab wasn't just for one or two specific majors or certain level classes.

Senator Wilcox said that you only hear from mechanical, electrical, and environmental but computer science and coding is also under engineering and they also use the labs since their freshman year.

Senator Hughes said biomedical majors also have to take coding classes their freshmen year so this also impacts engineering students at all levels.

Senator Sewell said to add to that, even though all students use the lab, only upper classmen pay the differential fees.

Senator Aziz said before making the amendment, he wanted to say that he was okay with the legislation since this affected the majority of students.

Senator Aziz moved to amend page 3, lines 23-25 to read: “Whereas, this shows the critical nature of increasing the amount of time that the ECC is open to students, especially since these limited hours could affect a majority of engineering students.”

Senator Hudson seconded.

There was on discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.

Amendment carried.

The body moved back to discussion of the legislation as a whole.

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

Motion carried.

c. S.B. 86 – An Act to Increase the Number of Government Relations Interns

Senator Amaya moved to approve S.B. 86 – An Act to Increase the Number of Government Relations Interns.

Senator Feil seconded.

Senator green said this was self-explanatory; they are increasing the number of interns from three to six at the request of Director Worrall. They are doing a lot of new projects and events and analyzing a lot of BDR’s and policy. If they had questions on the curriculum of the interns, direct them to Director Worrall

Senator Mata asked if this was a minimum of six or maximum of six interns.

Senator Green said maximum

Senator Feil asked Director Worrall what kinds of things the interns will be doing.

Director Worrall said she would rather defer the question to Assistant Director Komanduri since she is in charge of making the curriculum.

Senator Mata asked if there was a minimum of interns that must be taken

Senator green said he didn’t believe there was a minimum but as of right now, the cap was three.

Senator Wilcox asked if there was a cap to the entirety of the ASUN internship.

Speaker Martinez said some departments do have a cap. For example, the Department of Programming is allowed up to eight. As a whole, there is no cap but individually, there are caps. Legislative Affairs cannot take more than three currently; if this is passed, they may take up to six.

Senator Hughes said she sat in on the internship process and met all the interns. She also heard from Assistant Director Komanduri about what the interns will be doing. She didn’t want to do an injustice to Assistant Director Komanduri but she knew that she had a lot of amazing things planned for them. There were also a lot of phenomenal candidates that would be turned away if this wasn’t increased. There shouldn’t be an issue from what she has heard.

Senator Amaya asked if each person in the department would have more than one intern and if that would affect the quality of the experience for the interns.

Speaker Martinez asked Director Worrall how many people there were in her department.

Director Worrall said there six.

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

Motion carried.

d. S.B. 86 – An Act to Add Exemptions for Faculty Advisors for Clubs and Organizations

Senator Wilday moved to approve S.B. 86 – An Act to Add Exemptions for Faculty Advisors for Clubs and Organizations.

Senator Burton seconded.

Senator Grant said this was simple as well. Right now, clubs and orgs can only have full time faculty advisors. What this bill does is say that part time faculty can be advisors for clubs and orgs. This was beneficial because there may be some part time faculty that are better suited for a club or organization but because they are part time, they wouldn't be technically qualified.

Senator Burton moved to amend page 1, lines 8-10 – page 2, lines 1-2 to read: "The club or organization must have an advisor who is a full-time employee of the University as an administrative faculty, academic faculty, or classified staff. Exemptions based on expertise may be considered by the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Engagement and the Director of Clubs and Organizations."

Senator Feil seconded.

Senator Burton said the reason for this was because the Assistant Director of Clubs and Orgs for the CSE and the Director of the Department combined should have the expertise to make the decision to grant an exemption. The reading before was a little vague and lacked accountability.

Senator Mata felt that leaving it up to the entire department was smarter since this affected more than just the director.

Senator Burton said he discussed this with Director Bittar before this. Director Bittar would rather have this be in his hands rather than putting it to the committee but was willing to leave it that way.

Senator McKinney agreed with the amendment.

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

Amendment carried.

The body moved back into discussion of the bill as a whole.

Senator Amaya was having a hard time on the "based on expertise" part. She asked if they were just making an exception for faculty that is part time.

Senator Burton said when he talked with Director Bittar, he came up with a good point. The example that Director Bittar brought up was: say there was a dance club and most of the dance professors are part time employees, they would make a better fit for the club but because of how it was currently worded, they wouldn't be able to advise the club.

Senator McKinney said including the expertise part gives a definition of why the exceptions will be made instead of leaving it vague. It defines it correctly and that is why it was a good bill.

Senator Mata asked if a specific process will be undergone by the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Engagement and the Director or if they will sit and chat.

Senator Grant said he was sure there would be a process but it would be up to the Director and Assistant Director. As far as specifics, he didn't know.

Dr. Beattie said this came about because there was a world renowned rocket science that retired as a professor and only teaches two classes a semester, but he was interested in advising the Rocketry club. He was the best person on campus to do it. CSE officials and Department members have talked to him and he has the desire. There were full time staff that signed up to advise a club and that club only sees their adviser once a year so obviously some advisors need to be vetted out. But when they have world renowned faculty that want to advise a club but are part time, it makes no sense not to let them advise a club, as long as they are invested.

Senator Wilday said this would be important to make clubs better and to make sure that professors are able to advise clubs. Sometimes, full time professors can't advise a club as well as a part time advisor.

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

Motion carried; Senator Wilcox abstained.

Senator Wilcox said, for the record, he abstained because he was not present for the discussion.

Senator Clemons left the room at 6:31 pm.

e. S.B. 86 – An Act to Update the SAS For the Department of Legislative Affairs

The legislation was not heard at this time.

f. S.B.R. 86 – A Binding Resolution to HSD

Senator Alvarez moved to approve S.B.R. 86 – A Binding Resolution to Appoint Logan and Lark as Honorary Senators for the Day.

Senator Rogers seconded.

Senator Feil said she will have her vice chair give a rundown of DogFest and Canines for Companions before her presentation on the legislation.

Senator Amaya said Canines for Companions was a nonprofit that places service dogs with children, adults and veterans free of charge. They have provided over 5000 dogs and the dogs are all specially trained to make an impact. They now have six regional training facilities that are fully funded by private contributions and events like DogFest. To go more into DogFest, this is an event at Dick Taylor park with speakers, demonstrations, food, contests, and many ways to

participate. There is also park cleanup before and after. It was a way to raise money for the organization.

Senator Feil said next week, Associate Director Koeckes will come in with Logan and Lark. Logan is a child who benefited from this organization and Lark is his companion. Next week when they come in for the presentation, she wanted them to be senators. It was scary for the average student to come in. To make it more comfortable, they can sit at the table as senators. She also asked they wear Nevada gear. The legislation itself was straightforward. In No Walls 2025, Part 3 discusses creating service events that benefit the community as a whole and involves the entire campus. She thought this organization is a great one to support. Also, they will be tabling that was organized by her committee. She will send out times and get a sign-up sheet on Wednesday next week. They will table the following Thursday in front of the Joe. The organization will also be there with some dogs. She was also hoping to have the body's support at the event itself.

Senator Hughes said since they will vote on different things next week, Senator Hughes asked Senator Feil if Logan and Lark will be voting on other things on the agenda next week.

Senator Feil said no; they will only be present during the presentation that will occur during public comment.

Senator Mata asked if they will only be here for the presentation since it was going to be a long meeting with bureaucracy.

Senator Feil said that Senator Hughes just asked that. Logan and Lark will only be here during the presentation and they will not vote.

Senator Aziz asked if it would be appropriate to be dressed casually since they are appointing two new senators.

Speaker Martinez said that was a good question.

Senator Feil said they can still dress up and she will bring the DogFest shirts that can be worn over their clothes during the presentation.

Senator Hughes loved the idea and it was super symbolic to show support from the body. This was bigger than one meeting than business casual attire. They can make it clear to the new senators that this was symbolic and not doing because they are lazy.

Speaker Martin said all comments towards clothes can be saved until after Senate and they should keep discussion pertinent to the legislation. He will get back to the body on what the dress code is for next week.

Senator Rogers was really excited and this was a great way to involve students with disabilities so they know they have a future and can be independent with a dog and it wasn't an issue.

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

Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

Senator Alvarez moved to remove herself from the Committee on University affairs by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Hudson asked Senator McKinney when Government Operations meets.

Senator McKinney said this was a big discussion at his committee meeting today as well. They are meeting this Friday at 3:30 pm but they may meet Wednesdays at 9 am so that the whole committee can stay on. He didn't want to push anyone off by changing times since the current committee is doing such a great job. Most likely, it will be Wednesdays at 9 am but it was at a flip of a coin between Wednesdays at 9 am and Fridays at 3:30. Most likely, it will stay Wednesdays at 9 am.

There were no further committee changes at this time.

b. Senator Reports

Speaker Martinez said he will take two committee changes at this time.

Senator Feil asked if speaker Martinez read her report last week.

Speaker Martinez said yes.

Senator Yeghiayan said she has been working on the community panel project. They are trying to find a center for the pianos. They thought some had been donated to the city but they didn't know where they were. They also thought they could borrow one from the Joe but there was no way to transfer it. They are trying to see if they can make it happen. If anyone knows where they can find a donated piano – or anything like that – that can be painted, let her know. This will help represent diversity on campus and it was important they get it out there. City and student painters will be there as well. For the grad fee increase, talk to classes and get opinions. They weren't given a lot of time so they couldn't get a survey out or anything like that.

Senator Alvarez said she forgot to mention that she talked to Associate Director Normand about the 9/11 memorial. They received about 80 thank you cards. Those will be sent out to different places if anyone wanted to help. She has been working with Nevada Cares about bringing Callisto reporting on campus but there had been a lot of logistics on it. They are also making a support group for survivors on campus. Fraternities in Ohio State are really talking about consent. Anyone was welcome to talk to her about consent and how to talk to sexual assault survivors on this campus. If they knew anyone that was a victim of sexual assault, let her know. The number of assaults rise during the first couple of months of school. She served as a resource for Packtivists. If they wanted more information on that, let her know. She encouraged them to get that training.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Mata said for their LGBTQ fact of the week, there was a difference between a pansexual and a bisexual. To reiterate, all the definitions are subjective and are up to the people who identify as this. However, there are certain definitions that are considered standard. Bisexual means you are attracted to two or more genders and pansexual means you are attracted to people regardless of gender.

Speaker Martinez said if anyone wants to meet with Senator Hughes after the meeting about legislation, he is agendaing tomorrow.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.