

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, September 26th, 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, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Hansen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Senator Clemons was absent excused.

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
- d. The minutes from September 19th, 2018

The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker Martinez said the body will hear a presentation from President Jackson and Associate Director Koeckes.

President Jackson said she wanted to introduce the body to some special guests. First was Logan Mason. He was a student at Wooster High School. His dog companion is Lark as well as Logan's dad, Robert. Logan came to the Center for Student Engagement a couple of weeks ago. As the body may know, they have their fifth annual Dogfest event coming up this weekend. Logan came in and got a tour and shared his story and how Lark is such a big help. It was really eye opening and she wanted to thank them for sharing. It had been exceptional. She wanted to give Logan an Honorary Presidential ASUN pin. No one has gotten one yet and it was only for those that do exceptional things. They also wanted to make Logan and Lark Honorary Senators for the day and will swear them both in. She had the oaths ready and asked Logan to raise his right hand.

Logan and Lark was sworn in as an Honorary Senator.

President Jackson said he could keep the oath. She gave the floor to Associate Director Koeckes.

POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m.

ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING

Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, The Pennington Student Achievement Center, The Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center and online at www.nevadaasun.com

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Anthony Martinez at 775-784-6589 or Speaker@asun.unr.edu.



Associate Director Koeckes said she handed out a fact sheet for Canines for Companions. This was their fifth annual event with Canines for Companions. This year, the City of Reno has joined. Canines for Companions provides highly trained service dogs for adults and children with disabilities. It was established in 1975 and had six training centers across the country. It was recognized nationally for its trained dogs and its matches between the dogs and the people. There was no charge for the dog and the training is always ongoing. They are raising money to provide dogs for the community. The goal for this year was \$20,000 but she was happy to report that at this time, they were at \$16,612 and were well along the way to meet the goal. They had sponsors including, PetSmart, Animal Emergency and Specialty Center, and Dolan who donated money as well as many individuals who have donated. They are still collecting money as they try to meet the \$20,000 goal. Part of the reason they do this event is to introduce students to community organizations and promote civic engagement and volunteerism. The event was this Saturday at 11 am at Dick Taylor Park. Their MC was Amanda Crawford, a former morning anchor for Channel 8 and an avid animal lover. She was also the mayor's sister. They also had some puppy raisers in attendance. The dogs, before being given to their companions, are raised and trained by someone who have also received a dog. She wanted to talk about some of the activities. First, make sure to bring your dog. If you don't have a dog, find one. You will be able to make chew toys, have dogs bob for tennis balls, get face painting, henna tattoos, and music by the Notables. They are a nonprofit music agency committed to changing the face of disability through the power of performing music. There will also be an agility course for dogs and UNR PD will have a table set up also with police dog demonstrations. There will be giveaways of dog toys and there will be a dog costume contest hosted by Mariah Musselman, Coach Musselman's daughter.

President Jackson said Rigby will be there with a lobster costume.

Logan said Lark was not a fan of costumes.

Associate Director Koeckes said that was the event. She asked if Logan or his dad wanted to add anything.

Mr. Mason thanked the body. Associate Director Koeckes mentioned the volunteer part. Lark is actually their second dog. Their first dog, Grace, was actually raised on a college campus in Oregon. There are many avenues that the puppies go through when they are raised and college campuses are a very popular one. He thanked them for what they are doing for the event. As they can see, Lark is an absolute sweetheart who has been a game changer for Logan and his family. They loved it.

There were no questions at this time.

President Jackson thanked them for being here.

Speaker Martinez welcomed Logan to the 86th Session as an Honorary Senator.

Senator Burton moved to recess until 5:47 pm.

Honorary Senator Mason seconded.

The motion carried; the body will recess until 5:47 pm.

Speaker Martinez called the Senate meeting back to order at 5:47 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

Roll call to re-establish quorum:

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

Senator Clemons was absent excused.

Senator Alvarez was tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

Speaker Martinez said the body will move into a presentation from Vic Redding, Vice President of Administration and Finance.

VP Redding said President Jackson and Speaker Martinez asked him to talk about the legislative process and particularly, UNR's request. The legislative session will start the first week of February 2019. The work for that started a little over a year ago today. To give a sense of what was to come and what UNR had at stake during this process, he had a handout. He will start by walking through that and feel free to ask questions. He can talk about the budget process all night but won't. If there were questions on things he didn't cover, feel free to ask. The handout he passed out covered thousands of hours of work and debates at the Regent Level. He will start with where they are currently in the process and what is next. As he mentioned earlier, the process for this started a little over a year ago right after the 17th session ended. The President, the Provost, and the Vice Presidents did assessments across campus of where the campus was headed next. President Jackson's predecessor, Noah Teixeira, was heavily involved with the ASUN level to put together campus priorities and discussions with the Chancellor's office. The Chancellor's office was also having these discussions with the seven other institutions across Nevada. They coalesced into a set of recommendations that all the presidents supported. These went to the Regents last fall in March with final approval being given from June – August. The Board approved it on August 24th and was sent over to the Governor. By Nevada Statutes, this was due by September 1st. Now they wait. The next big mile is waiting for the Governor to put together the budget. Right now, there are three gubernatorial candidates in the race, meaning that there was a big unknown right now. The election on November 6th doesn't give the new governor much time to put together a budget. By Nevada Statutes, the Nevada Governor must propose the budget to the State Legislature by January 21st. There was a lot of discussion with the current Governor's staff to prepare the budget as best as they can right now. The new Governor will of course present the budget on January 21st to the Legislature. By the constitution, the Nevada Legislature will convene on the first week of February and were limited to 120 days. That June 3rd end date is when things should be done. However, in the past, the deadline has not been met and the Legislature enters a special session. They will keep their fingers crossed that by June, everything is set. Right now, everyone is holding their breath until they can see what the Governor is recommending. By way of background, he has been on campus for about a year now and was thrilled. He is a graduate of the MBA program and was excited to come back home in more ways than one. For twelve years before that, he was the Vice Chancellor of Finance at the Chancellor's office. He had the chance to interact with the Legislature on a one-on-one basis. He wanted to give the body some insight on that process. The most important step was the one coming up with the Governor's budget. The Economic Forum, which was the body that tells the next governor how much there is to spend in the biennium was very important. By law, the governor must balance to that budget. If the governor balances the budget and your priorities are in, you made it. If not, not so good. In order to get your priorities back in, you either have to find more money or someone else's priorities are out. The January 21st milestone is very important and will set the stage for the Legislative session. He will be happy to give the body updates on this as it progresses. So, what was at stake/what has the University asked for. The first three line items are not guaranteed but if they do get it anything, it would be about these three line items. The formula funding that the University is funded through uses course completions measured by weighted credit hours. For example, a 400-level engineering class may be weighted at a 3 but an English 100-level course may be weighted at a 1. They count the weighted hours and the growth in those is what the Legislature uses to determine additional funding. It was based on the most recent year of actuals. The academic year that ended last June was the count year. They had a great academic year with record

graduation numbers. In order to get those graduation numbers, you had to have a lot of courses completed. Their numbers were up quite a bit. What this meant was an additional \$5.3M for the University in the instructional budget. They are getting paid in the next biennium for the work completed in FY 15. That is a feature of the funding formula; it always plays catchup. Since the FY18 numbers were strong, the University will see the funds for it in FY20 or FY21. The next count year will be in 2020. They had a strong 2018 with little doubt in his mind of the Legislature not keeping the formula. Again, to pay for the growth they already had. The State also funds their research space but a little differently since research doesn't generate credit hours. It was funded separately. There is an additional \$1.6M and \$1.3M in research space coming on line in the next biennium; primarily for the new engineering building. The 4% tuition increase was actually student money, not state money. However, part of the legislative process was the Legislature authorizing the University to collect that money from students. The handout he brought reflects the 4% increase approved by the Board of Regents. That fee increase with changes in enrollment produced the net amount of money that comes to UNR. There were no guarantees but he was confident that they will receive \$8.3M in the first year and \$12.9M in the next year was real money. A lot of this was to cover inflation. As many of them may know, rent and the cost of utilities and gas has been going up steadily over the last couple of years. This will also help cover more advisors and other instructional help needed, along with more faculty for the University. Along with the routine things they ask for, he wanted to go over the new things asked for. First was summer school. President Johnson talked about this at the State of the University address but state funds activities in the spring and fall semesters, and nursing as of 2005. There were no other activities funded, per the funding formula. That meant that they had great facilities that didn't receive funding for summer activities. They had a robust summer offering and he gave the 365 Learning office tremendous credit for it. However, the University could offer more high margin low cost classes if they didn't struggle with smaller classes, especially science labs. They only get registration fees as revenue during that time meaning less support. President Johnson and his counterparts at other facilities in the State are saying that they can use their facilities much more efficiently the entire 12 months a year if there was the same support in the summer as in the fall and spring. There was no rationale anymore for not having that funded. They are not the agrarian society they were many decades ago. Many of the folks he has talked to would like to have a more robust summer offering. It will be interesting to see if the folks in the Legislature feel the same way or not. This was a priority for all NSHE institutions and he was optimistic since it was about using what they already had more efficiently. The second priority the Regents put forward impacting all NSHE institutions was performance funding. They talked about the base formula funding for completed, weighted credit hours. The Legislature is always calling on them to do more and do more STEM and first generation graduates as well as having more folks enroll in doctoral programs. Of course, they need funds. The University proposed that the Legislature pay them for that performance. The University would be happy to create those programs and meet those goals, but they need to be paid for it. The Board of Regents has not identified what that performance will be. That will be a discussion between NSHE presidents, the Regents, the Legislature, and the Governor. There is an initiative. For advanced manufacturing, they may have heard the president speak on it. He wasn't an engineer but basically, it was how to make existing products in a better way or how to make new products with existing technology that you couldn't. The funding formula currently doesn't give them much opportunity to grow new programs. You needed funding upfront before growing them. This request was to grow that capacity; pay them upfront to create the programs. The students will then enroll, complete the credits, and then the formula will pick up on that. But they needed the programs started before. Every institution in higher education had the advancement capacity; theirs is manufacturing. The other system wide push was faculty salary compression. The great recession created budget cuts from FY08-FY13. One of the products of that was that there were no annual raises for faculty. If you were hired in FY08 and you worked at the University for a few years, it was likely that by FY13, you were being paid the same as in FY08. They were hiring new faculty in FY13 and had to meet market rates. It wasn't unusual for a faculty member who came in FY13 to make as much or more as faculty that had been here five years. The HR folks call that a compression issue. They are asking for funds from the State to address this. The body may have heard the Chancellor and Board of Regents have discussion on this. Part of the University's funding comes from the State and

part of it comes from nonstate funds, the State has said they will only pay a proportion. The Board of Regents and the Chancellor have suggested having student fees pay the other percentage. That didn't go very far. That has been withdrawn, at least from this campus. But, it brought up a real issue that if this was funded, he would have to find the rest from nonstate sources. There were several options he could go to. AS they know, the value of long term committed faculty was tremendous and losing faculty over salary was horrible. Those were all NSHE-wide initiatives. They will probably hear more at the Nevada Student Alliance meetings and other similar places. There are some University specific requests. First was for the Cooperative Extension. CABNR senators can speak more on this, and better than him. During the recession, many non-instructional resources were cut disproportionately. Higher education has a rule where classroom functions are protected as much as possible. This was not to restore the funding cuts. Instead, it was strategically looking at what kind of growth can be done to make the biggest impact on the state, particularly with their land-grant title. He has summarized the main initiatives here. Basically, it was to strategically build back the extension program, mostly with a focus on 4-H. Right now, they touch about 55,000 students but 110,000 would be realistic if they got the incremental funding. That was the number two priority across NSHE. There are three others that cumulatively make up the number five priority. The Bureau of Mining and Geography, key industries of Nevada, are focusing on development of the University. The seismology lab is key due to Nevada being prone to earthquakes. The small business development center was an important activity of UNR as part of its land grant mission. This was not a Reno/Northern Nevada only thing but rather to add consultants across Reno and Las Vegas. They run it for the whole state. One more thing to bring to their attention quickly was the new engineering building. It was a \$91M building that will be open in Summer 2020. But they want to have another building in the pipeline because teaching labs are their biggest bottle neck right now. This new building will not solve all their problems. They have asked for planning money to plan a life science building with labs, not faculty offices, in the Gateway District. Normally how it works is that during the first session new buildings are planned, during the second they are built, and during the third they are outfitted with furniture and equipment and then it is opened. In order to have it in 6-7 years, the process needs to start now. As they are normally done, the costs are split 50-50 with the State. They ask for \$6M to plan it, of which \$3M comes from the University and \$3M from the State. That did not make the State's list of priorities but he was optimistic given its size and importance for Nevada. He will stop here and will take questions.

Speaker Martinez thanked VP Redding for his great presentation.

Senator Feil had a question about advanced manufacturing. She asked if in FY20 and on if that funding will not be necessary.

VP Redding said this was a multiyear program in terms of funding and they just received the first part in FY19, so this was this year they received \$2M. They are using that portion of the funds to renovate labs and buy equipment. Years 2-3, so FY20-21, is when they will be able to staff them. Once the faculty is online and they bring in grad assistants, teaching courses, and grant funding, the funding formula will begin to bring in money and funded on a continual basis. In a perfect world, the money would be a permanent addition. At the State level, it was easier to find one-time money rather than ongoing money. It did become self-sustaining once the funds are given but it was a multiyear process.

Senator Sewell asked what labs and equipment are being updated and how are they chosen.

VP Redding said they make very specific requests to the Legislature. This time, it was related to advanced manufacturing. But that of course has many related components. There was chemistry, physics, aerospace, and engineering among others. They had a very extensive list of lab upgrades that go beyond \$2M. They pulled the ones related to advanced manufacturing, and more importantly, the ones that will support their strategic hires. Once they get the labs and equipment, they can get the hires and once the hires are established the programs can be created and that brings in the funds. The short answer is that they all have

to be related to advanced manufacturing but that is a broad category. Business, marketing, and communications all had pieces.

Senator Burton asked if the proposal for expanding STEM summer funding included staffing or if it came from the compression funding.

VP Redding said no, it included new staffing and support staffing to start it. It was originally a bigger request for all summer school programs but the number was staggering for across all higher education institutions. It was originally around \$48M but that was just too big of an ask to have a chance for success. After several discussions of is this just for community colleges, just for broader sciences, or what, they decided on STEM. It was based on the prior Summer 2017 activity but that opened the door for offering any STEM class and then getting reimbursed in the next year. It will always be that way but when you look at the bottlenecks on campus, upper class labs were what got them. Offering STEM summer classes will allow them to address that. This was good thing for UNR and turned out well.

Senator Hughes said this question was specific to engineering. Most of what he mentioned was covered by the differential fees, especially advanced manufacturing and salary compression. She asked if their goals for the College of Engineering and those fees simultaneous.

VP Redding said he wanted to understand the question. The differential fees was a program that had been in place for about 10 years. It was deigned because high demand/high cost programs were not being adequately funded, particularly during the recession. Engineering faculty are typically paid higher than other disciplines. It was a way to keep the faculty, supplies, equipment, and labs maintained. Those fees are being utilized today and are fully extended to cover today's costs. This was all something new. One of the agreements with the Legislature was to demonstrate that the \$2M they got was used for something new. The Legislature does track this and he will be called on to demonstrate what exactly the University did that was new that supplemented it. He saw it as working parallel to the differential fees, not affecting them.

Speaker Martinez said he had a question. Out of curiosity, he asked why a life sciences building was being pushed for as opposed to something like a business building.

VP Redding said a business building was in the works, but it was done outside of state funding. It was part of the capital campaign. There was a finite amount of philanthropy and internal debt capacity. A life sciences building was particularly great for the State since it would be an investment rather than an expense. The Center for Molecular Medicine came online about 8 or 10 years ago and that has brought new grants and dollars to the State. A life sciences building will work the same way. A particular reason for this is that the Chancellor's office does a space utilization study every two years to see to what extent are higher education campuses using their spaces and what are the bottlenecks and what are the deficiencies. Right now, they had a deficiency in lab space of about 66,000 square feet. If they stay on the projected trend, they will have a deficiency of 92,000 square feet in research labs and 115,000 in study facilities. The new engineering building was only 100,000 square feet. The University will need about two more of those. They had the statistics to prove this was the bottleneck, moving it up on the priority list.

There were no further questions at this time.

Speaker Martinez said if anyone had more questions for VP Redding, don't be afraid to reach out.

VP Redding said he would be happy to sit down with any of them to discuss these topics more.

*Senator Rogers left the room at 5:59 pm
and re-entered at 6:02 pm*

Senator Alvarez left the room at 6:12 pm.

Bill Hamma said due to his failure to appear for a few weeks, a rumor was circling around that he was dead. That was not the case. He had to quote Mark Twain: "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." He had today's history lesson that the body hadn't heard. Several years ago, there was an article saying that the one thing that separated western civilizations from third world countries was superior technology. However, that was incorrect because in a few generations, those countries would be caught up. The one thing that has always distinguished them was the rule of law since ancient times. For example, this country has legal rights if accused of a crime such as habeas corpus and the presumption of innocence. The continental legal systems don't have the same thing but have similar ways to protect the rights of the accused and of citizens. You cannot study American or European literature without coming across black names. In this country, black women can actually get books published. Not only were there no books published before the white men arrived in South Africa, in tribal societies, the women were nothing but chattel. When they hear anyone denigrate our civilization, ask three questions: 1) What civilization has given its people more freedom than our own, 2) What civilization ever gave them a higher standard of living than our own, and 3) What civilization ever gave talented women and minorities more opportunities than our own even before the so called civil rights and women's liberation. To all the white guys he wanted to say, don't ever let anyone brainwash you into thinking you had a slightest reason to be ashamed to belong to the greatest race and sex that has produced the greatest civilization in history.

Senator Alvarez entered the room at 6:14 pm.

There was no further public comment at this time.

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

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

Speaker Martinez said there were four names agendaized tonight. They will see them later tonight.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson
President Jackson said she was glad that throughout this year, they can work together to constantly improve the University and make it more inclusive for all people. She wanted to let the body know that both advanced manufacturing and summer school funding, the Provost has reached out to ASUN to have representatives sit on those committees. She and Speaker Martinez will be sitting on those committees. Feel free to reach out to them with concerns or feedback. They will report on those as well. Other than that, Monday will be the one year anniversary of the Route 91 Harvest Festival. They will have a candle lit vigil at 6:30 pm. They needed volunteers to help pass out and light candles; she asked if anyone as available.

Senators Alvarez, Mata, and Yeghiayan, Director Bittar, and Chief Justice Groesbeck volunteered.

President Jackson said the Executive Board will be there.

Senator Yeghiayan said she thought it started at 5:30 pm.

President Jackson said it started at 6:30 pm but if they could get there at 6 pm, that would be fantastic. She will send out an email with the agenda. She just got the last speakers confirmed and will make sure they all have it. They will also be making the alter on the first floor of the Joe all day that day. She will have more information to come.

Senator Aziz asked if there will be a GivePulse event.

President Jackson said not for passing out candles but they are working on one for the alter.

Senators Grant and McKinney also volunteered.

- b.** Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley
VP Bradley said she had no report this week to keep the meeting moving. If they had any questions, just let her know.

President Jackson hoped they can all attend the student townhall after Senate.

Senator Hughes left the room at 6:18 pm.

Senator Feil left the room at 6:20 pm.

- c.** Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck
Chief Justice Groesbeck said she will keep her report short. The judicial interns have been assigned to their Associate Justices and will have their initial meetings this week. They are working on pamphlets to inform students on what rights they do and don't have on campus. Freedom of speech has been a hot topic on campus lately. They want to support students on that endeavor but also let them know what they can and can't do. Each intern-justice pair has been assigned a pamphlet and they will go from there. Otherwise, her interns will reach out to a Senator as they must complete an interview with a senator from their college. She asked they keep an eye on their inbox and respond promptly.

Senators Hughes and Feil re-entered the room at 6:21 pm.

- d.** Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher
Chief of Staff Dutcher said the polos are in and if they hadn't gotten them, get them. Another thing, it wasn't just men that built this country, there were a lot of women too but that wasn't written in history.
- e.** Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar
Director Bittar said iLEAD is on Saturday. If you can make it let him or Commissioner Fullmer know so they can get their names down. They sent out the registration form to clubs and orgs. The day of service will be on Sunday and the link was on GivePulse and the Facebook page. He will also send the link to the body if they can't find it.
- f.** Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch
Assistant Director Thummel read the report into the record: Homecoming 2018: #LoveOurPack is coming up quick. Our events will be held the week of October 8-13th. We are kicking off our week with the annual Homecoming pageant on Monday from 7pm-9pm in the JCSU Ballrooms. Please encourage student groups to sign up on the Wufoo Form (check Facebook). The application is due this Friday. On Tuesday, we are partnering up with Nevada Cares for Protect Our Pack from 7pm-9pm in the JCSU ballrooms. The event will feature a Fred Talk from Daniel Fred, a video created by survivors of sexual assault and bystanders that have intervened, and a denim decoration station. We will be hosting a Blood Drive and Service Palooza 2.0 on Wednesday from 10:00am-4:30pm in the JCSU ballrooms. Our goal is to raise 150 units of blood and to connect students with more community partners. Please donate blood if you can! Thursday will be our big

- pep rally event - The Howl Fest. This event will be in front of the JCSU from 7pm-10pm. It will include carnival games, giveaways, and student performances. We would love all the help we can get for this event! On Friday, we will be hosting the Women's Soccer Fan Fest in front of the KC from 4:30-6:30. Come enjoy free food and some inflatable field soccer! The week will end with Saturday's Homecoming Football game. Volunteer Opportunity: The Art Department's first performance of the season is actually coming up next Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. They will need 6 volunteers to take tickets and guide patrons from 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Participants will receive a free ticket to that evening's performance. We were wondering if ASUN would be interested in helping. If so, here is the link to Givepulse: <https://unr.givepulse.com/group/8615-University-of-Nevada-Reno>.
- g.** Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall
Speaker Martinez said Director Worrall was not present as she was at the student townhall meeting.
- h.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada
Director Amerzada thanked them for coming this past weekend. Her Department appreciated their help. On Monday, October 1st will be the last poet event. If they can't make it, at least check out the Black History Mobile Museum. It will be in the Great Room. She wished a happy birthday to Senator Mata.
- i.** Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling
Director Jickling said SNIF was about to have a website. That will help get more students to apply. She also got the data for past applicants and they had five total. She was trying to double it as a goal. The website should be up in a week or two. She was counting on the body to spread the word about the website to their constituents and their colleges and to encourage students to apply. She wanted to make it as easy as possible for students to get money for their goals.
- j.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
Director Andrade said last Friday, the executive board had its media training. If the body had questions, there were now more people versed in it; they can ask them too. The ASUN Branding Pyramid will be ready by the end of the week. Those will be little handouts distributed to their mailboxes. Donuts and Democracy will be on October 29th from 9 am until supplies run out. The body was welcome to come and have donuts and coffee. Keep in mind this was for all students so please be extra friendly and nice for those students that come.
- Senator Yeghiayan asked for the time again.
- Director Andrade said 9 am until supplies run out.
- k.** Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:
"I am working with the Fitness Center to possibly bring a speaker to campus. I am working on Protect our Pack and follow up with standing with survivors which we are currently involved with."
- l.** Attorney General, Omar Moore
Attorney General Moore said he went to a couple of University Board meetings so he had a few updates. First, he went to the Student Fee Governing Board, which Senators Sewell and Grant sit on. He gave a shout out to Senators Grant and Sewell for doing a great job advocating for students. Most course fees were approved. There as one sort of big gridlock issue that they met with GSA on. It was on the graduation fee increase. They had some survey out that impeded them to approve

the raise. They needed that survey back to approve the graduation budget and raise the fee. He was in contact with the GSA President once that gets resolved. It should be figured out by next Tuesday. The next meeting was the Parking and Traffic Board Meeting. They heard cases and the only important stuff was that some permit fees are increasing to accommodate for the new garage. Overall, parking will be easier after that. For anyone that uses the silver and blue bus lines, they will extend the lines to run earlier and later. Tomorrow, he has a training with the Office of Student Conduct for the Student Conduct Board. He will report more on that when it happens.

Senator Hudson asked if the parking fees were being raised again.

Attorney General Moore said this was for the last fiscal year; whatever is being charged right now is for the new garage. They didn't approve or pass new fees and they shouldn't go up any time soon.

Senator Burton asked if they mentioned bus frequency, like every ten or fifteen minutes.

Attorney General Moore said no. There was a limited amount of shuttles so they can't adjust the frequency unless they get more shuttles. He knew that they were cutting the how's down when there are lower numbers of students, like in the summer.

Senator Mata said University Affairs is working on collecting student opinions on the graduation fee. Senator Mata said they can talk after the meeting about the GSA survey.

Speaker Martinez said he was going to mention it as Senator Mata's committee has been working on it. He believed they even had a draft of legislation ready.

Attorney General said he wanted to provide more insight on it since he didn't know Senators were working on it. The theme itself is that it should be approved since the Chancellor needs to approve the fee next week.

Speaker Martinez said it was mainly whether or not they wanted to inform students. He suggested Attorney General Moore attend University Affairs.

Senator Burton left the room at 6:33 pm.

m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez

Speaker Martinez said they had elections coming up for interdisciplinary candidates. In two weeks, they will have the CABNR election. He asked they remind students to apply for DHS so they can finally have a full Senate. He has been having a lot of meetings and in the upcoming weeks will meet with President Jackson and Senator Hughes. He said that if anyone didn't get their polos, the box had been brought to the meeting.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins

Senator Collins said last week, they had legislation in support of the Latin honors requirements being the same across all colleges. Right now, each college had their own requirements. She wrote a resolution in support of it because President Jackson and Provost Carman reached out saying this is what may happen. They brought it to her committee and there were some concerns brought up so her committee decided not to approve it. There was a meeting this week at 1 pm. Tri Beta representatives will come and speak on the Tiny Beta science fair and putting that on.

Speaker Martinez thanked Senator Collins for inviting admin to speak on controversial legislation. She also asked him they can write legislation against it, which he said yes. Just know there were many options out there for writing legislating. The Tiny Beta Science Fair supplies are already in the Senate office.

- b.** Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
Senator Grant said last week, they reviewed the Executive Board and the Programming Board. This week they will review General Revenues, Insight Magazine, and the ASUN Center for Student Engagement as well as looking at legislation that supports a 3% budget reduction. There was a drop in enrollment so expect some changes in the budget.
- c.** Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil
Senator Feil thanked the body for earlier. It was very special and she didn't think any session had done that. She sent them a couple of emails this week about Dogfest. There will an ASUN table doing crafts with kids with disabilities. They will table tomorrow for Dogfest from 11 am – 1 pm in front of the Joe. they will ask for donations for Dogfest and Canines for Companions will be there with dogs as well. She knew her committee was coming and asked if anyone else will come.

Speaker Martinez said he will be there volunteering.

Senator Feil said she will send out an email later with the tabling information. She also had a volunteer opportunity with Kids U; they will do a mock senate on October 4th from 1 pm – 3 pm. The location was to be determined but it will be in the Joe. She asked if anyone was interested.

Senators Collins, Sewell, Yeghiayan, Wilcox, and Aziz were interested.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if they can be a little late, like 3:30 pm

Senator Feil said no, it was from 1 pm – 3 pm.

Senator Green volunteered.

Senator Feil said she will send out a GivePulse link. There was no meeting this Friday because of Dogfest.

- d.** Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
Senator McKinney said they are working to continuously update the SAS. They have a new meeting time for next Wednesday at 9 am. They will have legislation to include all inclusive language. That will go through this next Wednesday.
- e.** Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
Senator Alvarez wanted to address the public comment from earlier. She believed in love and progress and thanked everyone in her life for never making her feel marginalized as a minority woman. There will be a meeting this Friday at noon. Director Worrall will present on the ballot initiatives. As the legislative session is coming on, she will require that all resolutions be sent to her by Mondays at 5 pm so she has time to amend. This also gave them all weekend to write legislation. Additionally, after having discussions with Director Worrall, she will not accept legislation that has not been consulted on by her or Policy Director Cailles. This is because everyone in the Department of Legislative Affairs is a resource to them all and understand policy more deeply and practically.

f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata

Senator Mata said the date for the safety walk was October 20th at 8 pm. They got more people from facilities. It was a great opportunity for student safety and wanted as many people from multiple majors to come since Senator Mata didn't know all the campus. There was legislation on the table tomorrow in support of the graduation fee increase. The implications for this made them write the legislation in favor but the only problem was they didn't include any student feedback since there was no time. Senator Mata wanted to add an amendment with student opinions if approved but the opinions needed to be gathered first. Senator Mata asked they all talk to students and friends and anyone they can think of. They are also working on sending out a mass email and posting it on social media.

Senator Feil asked what time they were doing the safety walk.

Senator Mata said it started at 8 pm and they were meeting at Sierra Hall.

Senator Feil said last week, Senator Mata mentioned bringing Megan Pepper to the committee meeting. She asked if that was happening tomorrow.

Senator Mata said yes. The meeting was at 9 am in the President's Conference Room.

g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes

Senator Hughes said first of all, she gave a shout out to the College of Science senators. Tomorrow at 7:30 pm in Room #422, she would love if they could all attend the intern meeting. She asked they show up at 7:35 pm, unless they can't go, so she can explain what was going on. This was only their second meeting.

Senator Hudson asked what room

Senator Hughes said #422.

Senator Mata asked if it was in the Joe.

Senator Hughes said yes.

Senator Mata asked if it was okay if they showed up, introduced themselves, and then left.

Senator Hughes said yes you can but she would appreciate if they would give some insight as to what they are passionate about. This way, the interns have some insight they can use when deciding who they want to be paired with.

Senator Amaya asked how long they will be there.

Senator Hughes said they will be there for about 1.5 hours but the senators only need to be there for about 10-20 minutes.

Senator Hudson asked if it was casual attire.

Senator Hughes said yes.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if there were other opportunities to meet the interns if they can't make that time.

Senator Hughes said she will work on making other opportunities. The only reason this was last minute was because last week was their first meeting and there were some people that couldn't make that time so she considered changing that time. She can schedule a time outside of that but it was hard to fit a time that 21 people can all make.

h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez

Senator Martinez said no oversight this week but they will meet next week. He is planning a training for Halloween instead of having a meeting. They will be here for about 30 minutes to 1 hour. They can bring food and wear costumes if they want.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Burton said a quick thing, when approving minutes, please do your due diligence and look through the minutes to make sure they are accurate.

Senator Feil said that if they are not on Civic Engagement, she needed the shirts back.

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
- d.** Nomination of Abraham Ahmed to the office of Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary

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

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

Speaker Martinez said he actually received these nominations on September 12th, 2018 since there were new applicants. Salvador withdrew his name and Hetvaben did not show up. All nominees will be given ten minutes for presentations and ten minutes for questions and answers. After that, the body will move into discussion. He asked Dr. Beattie if they could have the candidates present one-on-one since there were two seats and two candidates.

Dr. Beattie said yes; they can have the two candidates apply for the two open positions.

Speaker Martinez reminded the body that while the individuals may not be experts on ASUN, remember that many of them when they entered ASUN didn't know much about it. Make sure to look at the duties of the SAS. He asked if anyone had questions before the election happens.

Senator Feil asked if all open seats will be filled this way.

Speaker Martinez said this was unique in that they had multiple candidates and two open seats. He had this planned out differently because originally there were four candidates but he adapted. The election for CABNR and DHS will be different.

Senator Feil asked if anyone had applied for DHS.

Speaker Martinez said he hadn't checked so to his knowledge, he didn't know.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if it was possible to only fill one seat even though there were two open seats and two candidates.

Speaker Martinez said yes, if the body found that one of the candidates wasn't qualified.

a. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on August 11th, 2018:

i. NOMINATION OF DANIELA LEMUS TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

Ms. Lemus said: Hello. My name is Daniela Lemus. I am in the Honors Program majoring in Neuroscience with two minors: business and nutrition. I am here to apply for one of the two open Senate Seats for the Interdisciplinary Programs. The Interdisciplinary Programs include those students who are undecided, majoring in general studies, or majoring in Neuroscience. As a Neuroscience major, I have been exposed to an understanding of a diverse community of students. As Senator for the Interdisciplinary Programs, I would like to work with other senators to ensure that these programs are better represented. First, I want to tell you why I believe I am a good candidate. To begin, I would like to talk about some of the activities that I have participated in while at UNR. I am an undergraduate research assistant for a psychology lab run by Dr. Fang Jiang. In short, I am in charge of running an experiment on cross-modal perception duration. In addition to my research, I have just been elected secretary of Nu Rho Psi, an honor society for Neuroscience students. In this position, I keep track of the organization's minutes and serve as a liaison between the organization and its members. Finally, I have been very involved in volunteering through organizations such as Renown Regional Medical Center and MEDLIFE. My volunteering experience has taught me how to be compassionate in all aspects of life. The variety of activities that I have been involved in have made me a more well-rounded individual. Along with these activities, what sets me apart from other candidates is my diverse course curriculum. My Neuroscience major has taught me a more scientific way of thinking, while my business and nutrition minors have shown me organization, time-management, and creativity. My diverse curriculum embodies the spirit of interdisciplinary and will help me serve all my constituents and their diverse needs. Next, I would like to talk about my goals as Senator. My main goal as Senator would be to increase awareness and representation of the Interdisciplinary Programs. These programs have been undervalued at the university and the needs of the students in these programs should be better represented. For example, I know Neuroscience majors who have had 5 different advisors in their college career and others who have had their course curriculum drastically changed before graduation causing confusion when it comes to the requirements and general curriculum. Stability and consistency are necessary to succeed in an academic setting, and I don't believe that this program is receiving this representation. To better represent and bring awareness to these programs, I would like to focus on three main topics: Academics, Research, and Civic Engagement. Let's first talk about Academics. Do any of you know what CO14 is?

Attorney General Moore said they were required classes for science majors.

Ms. Lemus said CO14 is the Application Core Objective needed to graduate. Let's look at the courses included in this requirement. We can see that there are a lot of Science courses, some Business courses, one Math, a couple Psychology, and a small amount of other major oriented courses. As a General Studies student you are receiving a Bachelor's in General Studies with two minors, which act as an emphases. You're looking through this list of courses and realize that there really aren't many options for you. You decide you want to take Nutrition 471. You click on the link and you're stuck on a page with a list of prerequisites that you, unfortunately, cannot take in time. This is the problem with most, if not all, of the courses available for those who are majoring in General studies. General

studies students are usually forced into a Communications course, such as this one, where the prerequisites have already been guaranteed. This list consists of courses that are either extremely limited in liberal arts options or Science courses with too many prerequisites. To fix this problem, I would like to work closely with the Academics committee and the Core Curriculum Board to possibly work on a plan to expand CO14 opportunities for those who do not have many options. To increase options for not only general studies students, but also many of the liberal arts majors, we need to take an interdisciplinary approach and work with the University's Faculty, Faculty Senate, and Core Board to encourage them to expand the course options or availability of the few courses that students can take. Next, let's get into the research aspect of the Interdisciplinary Program. Research is important to me because I didn't think that it was something I could do. Most of you can agree that starting in a research lab with absolutely no experience can be a little intimidating. When I was a Freshman, all my professors and advisors drilled it into me that Medical Schools love research experience. I was lucky enough to start out my Sophomore year in a Molecular Bioscience/Neuroscience lab. The lab was researching how dephosphorylation by different proteins in the mitochondria can increase the effects of neurodegeneration involved in Parkinson's. Pretty intimidating, right? I very quickly learned that I had absolutely no interest in this research lab. Last semester, I was approached by a friend with a research opportunity in a Psychology lab and it has given me a better reason to love research than just a medical school application. I wanted to share my research experience because I feel that undergraduate students do not receive much attention or help when it comes to research. I would like to work closely with the Office of Undergraduate Research to create a platform where undergraduate research positions can be posted, other students can talk about what they have experienced with a certain professor, and different scholarships, workshops, and research opportunities (such as the Nevada Undergraduate Research Award and the International Research Experience for Undergraduates) can be highly advertised. I truly believe that this will increase the interest and opportunity in research, especially for those with a low social capital. Lastly, I think it is important to talk about Civic Engagement. Civic Engagement is implemented to encourage individuals to become more involved within their community. Direct service and policy research are two of the most important aspects of civic engagement. Direct service is what you usually see: an individual directly volunteering for an organization. Policy research done by the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement studies new ways to increase direct service impacts. This can only be done if GivePulse provides correct information and statistics about its impacts. There has been a big push in the last couple of years by the University and ASUN to promote civic engagement through GivePulse, yet not many students know what it is or how to use it. This not only affects the university, but also makes policy research much more difficult. In addition to this issue, it's important to note these two important individuals: Abbey Grimmer and Jordyn Green. Right now, they are the only two people who are a part of the Service Learning and Civic Engagement team, which shows the lack of participation by the faculty. I would like to work with the Civic Engagement committee to promote GivePulse by educating students about GivePulse, motivating clubs and organizations to push the use of GivePulse, striving to reinforce the importance of volunteering, and encouraging faculty to become more of a part of the service learning team. If given the opportunity to be a part of Senate, I hope to work and revise these initiatives while collaborating with other senators. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in front of all of you today.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Wilday asked Ms. Lemus how she will acquire the necessary background in everything to represent all students since it was a diverse college.

Ms. Lemus felt she has learned a lot from her neuroscience major and minors. She has met many nutrition and business majors and has learned a lot about what students like and dislike about the program.

Senator Mata asked what committees Ms. Lemus wanted to sit on if elected.

Ms. Lemus said Academics and Civic Engagement.

Senator Burton asked Ms. Lemus has had a chance to voice the opinions and issues around academics with faculty and advisors or if this was just an idea she had and was ready to run with it.

Ms. Lemus talked to her advisor about it and wanted her to get into it and make it part of her initiatives. She hadn't talked to any faculty about it but wanted to.

Senator Wilday asked Ms. Lemus what ideas she had to get outreach hours since that was a requirement of the job.

Ms. Lemus said volunteering was one of her biggest things. She knew the College of Science just did a volunteer day and she actually wanted to talk about that last week. She also knew there was a service event this Saturday and on Sunday with iLEAD.

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

Senator Feil asked if the body was electing the senators tonight.

Speaker Martinez said yes.

Senator Feil asked if they will be putting the senators on committees tonight.

Speaker Martinez said yes. He asked Ms. Lemus leave the room during discussion but she did not have to leave.

Ms. Lemus left.

Senator Collins said that in her opinion, Ms. Lemus would be a great candidate. She advocated for academics, which hadn't been seen in the past. Ms. Lemus was excited about academics and she was passionate with ideas.

Senator Wilcox wanted to say he was pretty excited about how prepared and very driven Ms. Lemus was about being in this position. She spoke with passion, knew about committees, had plans, and was more ready than most of the body when they started. He admired that.

Senator Mata said Ms. Lemus's goals were bold and Senator Mata commended her for that. Ms. Lemus already know who to talk to and was prepared to enter the position.

Senator Yeghiayan didn't know much about interdisciplinary studies but felt Ms. Lemus will represent it well and she had great goals.

Senator McKinney agreed with the previous comments.

Speaker Martinez asked if there were any opposing comments.
There were no opposing comments.

Speaker Martinez said they will move to appoint Ms. Lemus and then confirm the motion.

Senator Burton moved to appoint Daniela Lemus to the Office of Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs.
Senator Feil seconded.

Roll call vote to appoint:

Yeas: Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Burton, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Mata, McKinney, Rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, Wilday, Yeghiayan

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Wilday moved to approve Daniela Lemus to the Office of Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs.

Senator Alvarez seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Ms. Lemus was sworn in as Senator.

Senator Feil left the room at 7:10 pm.

Senator Burton moved to recess and return at 7:15 pm by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Speaker Martinez called the Senate meeting back to order at 7:16 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Hansen.

Speaker Martinez said they will now move into roll call to re-establish quorum.

Roll call:

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

A quorum was present.

ii. NOMINATION OF HETVABEN PATEL TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

Did not show up.

iii. NOMINATION OF SALVADOR PEREZ TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

Withdrew his nomination.

iv. NOMINATION OF ABRAHIM AHMED TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY

Mr. Ahmed is a sophomore majoring in neuroscience. He has lived in Reno for ten years. He has held leadership positions since starting at Nevada. He was a NevadaFIT mentor and helped freshmen transition to college life. He is involved in Phi Delta Epsilon Premed fraternity. They do a lot of philanthropy work and have raised over \$30,000 for Renown. He is currently working in a research lab on campus where he studies mosquitoes and works to find the genes that sense humans in order to learn how to turn them off. As an interdisciplinary member, the main problem that existed was a lack of organization and outreach. They are not a real college but rather a collection of collaborations from different programs from other colleges. There was a lack of centralization and students not knowing what opportunities are out there for research and internships. He wants to begin to solve this issue with a newsletter of sorts that is sent out to all interdisciplinary majors. The newsletter will have new research opportunities and internships for all majors as well as list all advisors. In the past, he had trouble finding his advisor since it has switched since he started college, and he was only a sophomore. The letter will also include general information with different advising centers, tutoring, and writing. In addition, he would like to create a more permanent set of resources, like a website. He was looking at CABNR's website and saw a section for research, clubs, and newsletters. Interdisciplinary doesn't have that. He wanted to establish it so that majors can find what they needed. He wanted it to be collaborative with many departments since there is so much diversity within interdisciplinary, and that diversity is what created this problem. He will meet with different faculty and professors to figure out how to send that out and how to create a set of permanent resources. He wanted students to know about research labs. He found out about his research lab from a friend that was in a biochem class and heard an announcement for it. In addition, he wanted to get the ball rolling toward creating a central office location. This wasn't under ASUN technically since he can't hire anyone. He wanted to act as a bridge between the different departments/faculty and the students to make it organized. He thanked the body for their time.

The body moved to questions and answers at this time.

Senator Wilcox asked how Mr. Ahmed would go about outreaching to constituents since Interdisciplinary is so diverse.

Mr. Ahmed said he wanted to create a basic newsletter to send out to all students. There will be some differences since general studies or women's studies probably won't do much work in a lab, but he wanted to establish something that went out to everyone. This would unify the programs with something that will always exist. He didn't know all the majors and hadn't met them all.

Senator Mata asked Mr. Ahmed what committees he would like to sit on if chosen.

Mr. Ahmed said he wasn't sure of all the committees but he liked numbers and wanted to sit on Budget and Finance.

Senator Feil retracted her question.

Senator Alvarez said the Senate body's word of the year was integrity. She asked Mr. Ahmed what that meant to him.

Mr. Ahmed said it meant saying something and sticking to it and following up on promises. He wanted to stay true to his character and what he says.

Senator Hudson asked Mr. Ahmed what motivated him to want to run.

Mr. Ahmed said last semester, when time to vote came around, he logged into Canvas, and saw there was no one there to vote for. It was disappointing to see he could only vote for the President, and he had no choice for President. In addition to that, there was a big lack of organization and he wants to move his college in the right direction. Like he said before, he found his lab through CABNR outreach since Interdisciplinary outreach is nonexistent.

Senator Burton asked Mr. Ahmed how he would collect info about research opportunities and whatnot.

Mr. Ahmed said by meeting with different departments and collaborating to create a list of majors and getting them on board with sending the newsletter. Through Phi Delta Epsilon, they also announce research opportunities once a week or once every two weeks. He needed to meet with professors and the different science sections.

Senator Amaya asked if Interdisciplinary Programs had their own NevadaFIT camp.

Mr. Ahmed said no; their NevadaFIT gets pushed into ScienceFIT.

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

Speaker Martinez asked Mr. Ahmed to leave the room during discussion.
Mr. Ahmed left.

Senator Feil said even though Mr. Ahmed didn't have ASUN knowledge, he cared about his college and would bring a new perspective.

Senator Aziz said he has known Mr. Ahmed for 8-9 years. When Mr. Ahmed agrees to something he sticks to it. He has always been like a brother and has known him since 10 or 11 years old. He asked if he should abstain from the vote.

Dr. Beattie said it was up to the individual. If you can vote based on a person's qualifications and not on knowing them, then no. If there is a line of power or a personal interest, then that is a definite conflict of interest. Rarely has there been someone come before senate for approval that didn't know people sitting at the table. If everyone recused themselves when that happened, there would never be quorum.

Senator Yeghiayan said Mr. Ahmed and Senator Lemus shared many of the same concerns and will work well to achieve their goals and address their concerns.

Senator Grant said Mr. Ahmed mentioned numbers, which was awesome. It was good to get a guy that appreciated numbers.

Senator Mata appreciated Mr. Ahmed's reason for running being that he couldn't vote for anyone. That showed civic engagement within the University and ASUN in general. Senator

Mata appreciated that. senator Mata felt he did have similar ideas as Senator Lemus and he will compliment her.

Senator Sewell said it was outstanding he quit other obligations for senate so he could focus on it better. Not even being in it yet and already preparing to put in the time and effort was meaningful to her.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Speaker Martinez said they will now move to appoint and then move to approve.

Senator Burton moved to appoint Abraham Ahmed to the Office of Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs.

Senator Hudson seconded.

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

Aye: Alvarez, Amaya, Burton, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Mata, McKinney, Rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, Wilday, Yeghiayan, Lemus

Nay: None

Abstentions: Aziz

Motion carried.

Senator Feil moved to approve Abraham Ahmed to the Office of Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs.

Senator Hudson seconded.

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

Motion carried; Senator Aziz abstained.

Mr. Ahmed was sworn in as Senator.

Speaker Martinez welcomed the new Senators. He said that tonight, he will ask them to join two committees as well as stay after the meeting to get them settled in and give them all the necessary contact information.

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

- a. **S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Changing the Requirements for Graduating with Latin Honors**
- b. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Job Duties of the Department of Clubs and Organizations**
- c. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Update the SAS for The Department of Legislative Affairs**
- d. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Internship Program**

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Update the SAS for The Department of Legislative Affairs**
- b. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Internship Program**

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

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

There is 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 Changing the Requirements for Graduating with Latin Honors**

The legislation was not heard at this time.

b. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Job Duties of the Department of Clubs and Organizations**

Senator Wilday moved to approve S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Job Duties of the Department of Clubs and Organizations.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Speaker Martinez encouraged the new senators to abstain if they hadn't read the legislation.

Senator McKinney said this was a SAS revision to strike Section 3, Subsection 4 because it was repetitive and is listed under the Duties of the Commissioners. He also changed it to say that Commissioners will try to attend as many club meetings as they can as often as they as opposed to attending every single club meeting within their coalitions. That is impossible given the number of clubs on campus. This was suggested by Director Bittar. Sports and Recreation was supposed to hold a meeting once a month but that was becoming impossible. It is now going to read to hold a meeting regularly during the school year.

Senator Mata asked if this was done with Director Bittar.

Director Bittar said yes.

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

Motion carried; Senator Lemus abstained.

c. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Update the SAS for The Department of Legislative Affairs**

Senator Burton moved to approve S.B. 86 – An Act to Update the SAS for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Senator McKinney said this was another SAS update but for Leg Affairs. It updated some logistics and goal things, expanded outreach, and changed names some for some of the positions.

Senator Mata left the room at 7:36 pm.

Senator McKinney said this was done with Director Worrall's consent.

Senator Burton asked what the pay level for the new position was.

Senator McKinney said it was the same position but the name had been changed from Projects Coordinator to Student Outreach Coordinator to fit what the position does better.

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

Motion carried; Senators Lemus and Ahmed abstained.

d. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Legislative Internship Program**

Senator Grant moved to approve S.B. – An Act to Amend the Legislative Internship Program. Senator Feil seconded.

Senator Hughes said this was brought to her attention by Senator Mata. Under Chapter 501, the internship had to elect a Speaker, a Pro Tempore, and a Secretary but that hadn't been done in the past two years. If they did it that way, that meant only three interns would get that experience. This would strike those sections and any references to them to make it so that the Speaker Pro Tempore can choose based how ASUN evolves and the needs of internship. If the Pro Tempore wanted to have the positions be filled by a new intern at each meeting, they can do that.

Senator Green said when he was intern with Speaker Martinez, having the interns all serve as chair was a great experience.

Senator Hughes added that under the Speaker Pro Tempore's duties, the Pro Tempore is supposed to construct the curriculum for the internship. Removing this gives the Pro Tempore more flexibility in how to do it and lets it evolve.

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

Motion carried; Senators Lemus and Ahmed abstained.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. **Senate Committee Changes**

Speaker Martinez asked the chairs to list the times their committees meet so the new interns can take note and decide on which committees they wanted to sit on.

Dr. Beattie suggested the chairs also talk about what the committees do as well.

Senator Yeghiayan said Senator Mata left and Senator Clemons wasn't present.

Speaker Martinez asked Senator Yeghiayan if she wanted to speak about University Affairs.

Senator Yeghiayan said yes.

Senator Collins was chair for Academics and currently meets Fridays at 1 pm. That can change in the following semester but was set for now. Basically, her committee is in charge of academics. It was broad but some goals of senators this year are a research fair, preprofessional development, silver core requirements, admission requirements, graduation requirements for Latin honors, and free printing. Anything about students and education was under her committee.

Senator Grant said Budget and Finance meets Fridays at 10 am. The committee is more fun than it sounds. They do work with numbers a lot but their main duty is ensuring fiscal responsibility for all ASUN expenditures. They review all accounts and make sure they are transparent and

responsible with all spending. Also, they work with Wolf Shop since all profits go to the ASUN Capital Account and Budget and Finance oversees it.

Senator Feil said Civic Engagement meetings are Fridays at 2 pm for this semester. They have snacks at meetings and they are fun. They work with the community and students for outreach. They planned Service Palooza recently with several different community organization partners and with Programming.

Senator McKinney said his meeting time was Wednesday at 9 am. The gist of the committee is they update the framework of the Association by looking at the Senate Rules, the SAS, and the Constitution. It depends on what they go over that week. They update and continuously review the governing documents.

Senator Alvarez said Fridays at noon handled external legislation outside of university at local state and national level getting committee talking to reps. Green met with Sarah Peters write resolutions based on legislation that affects students. Right now, tracking BDR's and staying up to date planning veterans luncheon.

Senator Yeghiayan chair is Senator Mata and meeting Thursday at 9 am. Anything university wide including legal services, the centers on campus, buildings and facilities, and policies that relate to the University.

Senator Hughes is charge of the internship. The new senators will be assigned interns to mentor. She will give them the information of that. For time being, she did have intern meeting at 7:35 pm tomorrow in 422. She hoped they can make it to meet the interns since she will pair them later.

Legislative Clerk Hansen said Senator Lemus mentioned she wanted to sit on Civic Engagement earlier but it was full. A committee can only have 9 members, which Civic Engagement already had. Someone had to remove themselves first, otherwise she had to choose another one.

Senator Grant said he was willing to remove himself if she is really interested.

Senator Ahmed asked if that was the only committee that was full.

Legislative Clerk Hansen said yes.

Senator Ahmed moved to add himself to the Committee on Academics by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Lemus moved to add herself to the Committee on Academics by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Grant moved to remove himself from the Committee on Civic Engagement by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Lemus moved to add herself to the Committee on Civic Engagement by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Ahmed asked how long meetings are.

Senator Martinez said it depended on the committee.

Senator Lemus said for Academics, she had a class that ended this Friday as in she wont have it after this Friday. She asked if that was okay.

Speaker Martinez said yes. He asked Senator Ahmed which other committee he wanted to sit on.

Senator Ahmed moved to add himself to the Committee on Government Operations by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator McKinney moved to add himself to the Committee on Budget and Finance by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

There were no senator reports heard at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Burton said for the new Senators, he will reach out to them about Robert's Rules will give them a crash course; any other Senators can join as well. He will send out a mass email.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Hudson said she had a quick announcement for all the Senators. There is dinner happening on October 18th called Build your Network of Success in the Joe and student tickets are \$15. It was a great opportunity to go look for internships, meet new people, and talk to constituents. It wasn't just for business students bur for everyone. If they are interested, they can see her for a ticket.

Senator Alvarez wanted to praise one of the candidates for TEDx. She shared her story about sexual assault as survivor. This was a huge step and she commended the candidate.

Dr. Beattie congratulated the new Senators and welcomed them. He will do a foundations workshop, not his Friday, but next for Judicial Council at 1 pm. He will send them an email about what they needed to complete to be hired and asked that they join the training if they can. He thanked the body for a great training.

Senator Wilcox said since Director Jordan didn't give them their with health and wellness tip, he will give one. Wiping down their phones will help prevent illnesses.

Senator Feil asked they don't forget to put the t-shirts back.

Senator Amaya said the Health Center will have free flu shots starting October 1st.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.