

# Department of Legislative Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session  
Minutes for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union in room 405

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Director Worrall called the Department of Legislative Affairs to order at 5:58 pm in room 405 on the Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Breanna Czerlanis

## 2. ROLL CALL

Director Worrall, Assistant Director Komanduri, Projects Director Wolfram, Policy Analyst Del Turco, Policy Director Cailles, Projects Coordinator Manfredi were present.

A quorum was present.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from August 9, 2018.
- b. Minutes from September 4, 2018.
- c. Minutes September 11, 2018.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi motioned to approve the minutes from August 9, 2018.

Assistant Director Komanduri seconds the motion.

There was no dissent; motion carries.

The minutes from September 4, 2018 and September 11, 2018 were not approved at this time.

## 5. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Director Worrall said she was happy to get to meet with the department members today and she would like to try to make the meetings something they do weekly. She said she would like to discuss assigning liaisons to the different ASUN departments. The liaisons will attend a meeting each semester for the departments and let them know what the Department of Legislative Affairs is working on and how they can work together. Projects Coordinator Manfredi will be the liaison to Clubs and Organizations, Projects Director Wolfram will be the liaison to Event Programming, Policy Director Cailles will be the liaison to the Attorney General and Chief Justice, Policy Analyst Del Turco will be the liaison to Diversity and Inclusion, Assistant



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Director Komanduri will be liaison to Sustainability and Wellness, and Director Worrall will be liaison to Public Relations and Speaker of the Senate. She asked if anyone had any questions.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi asked what they will be doing as liaisons.

Director Worrall said they will talk about ways the departments can work together and let them know what events Legislative Affairs will be putting on. She said she had something for the interns, but unfortunately none of the interns were at the meeting. Director Worrall said she wanted to make them feel more included in the meetings. She was thinking they could ask the interns a question that they could respond to in public comment. She said the question she had for them is: when you think of words like democracy, citizenship, activism, and advocacy what do you think of and how do you see those being import in the Department of Legislative Affairs. Director Worrall asked Assistant Director Komanduri what she thought of this.

Assistant Director Komanduri agreed with having liaisons. She didn't know the interns had to be at this meeting.

Director Worrall said the forum is no longer happening. She asked Assistant Director Komanduri if she wanted to tell the interns about it.

Assistant Director Komanduri said it's fine.

Director Worrall said Sandra Rodriguez had the idea for the interns to bring a friend to the meetings to talk about policies or issues that are affecting them. She said for their reports the department needs to be focusing on what is important to the students, what the students want, what things can be changed, what can they do more, and how it's impacting students. Director Worrall said they should bring matters up for discussion in the meetings even if the department members don't agree with it so they're being transparent. She said anything that can not be properly conveyed in emails should be included in their reports. Director Worrall said she was thinking each member should takeover a candidate forum and work with Projects Director Wolfram since there will be six forums. She asked for their opinions.

Projects Director Wolfram said he thought there were only going to be four forums unless they heard back from more candidates. He said he can go over this during his report, but he would like help. He said help would be better on the ballot initiative events due to all the moving parts of the event.

Director Worrall said her idea was to have all the department members coordinate speaking to the candidates and getting all the organizations involved. She said that herself and Projects Director Wolfram have gotten overwhelmed due to all the moving parts of the projects. She thinks it would be helpful to get the candidates to come on campus to speak. She asked for discussion on the matter.

Assistant Director Komanduri asked if there will be four or six forums.

Projects Director Wolfram said he would talk about it in his report. He said there will be four candidate forums and two ballot initiative events before election day.

Assistant Director Komanduri asked if people are confirmed and if it'd be easier to have less forums.

Projects Director Wolfram said two of the candidates are confirmed. He said the Sheriff and the Mayor and then County Commission and Senate District 13 are set to happen.

Director Worrall said Congress District 2 is also sort of confirmed. She said the only ones they do not have confirmed are the state offices. She said she required them to give two weeks' notice for the dates they are able to attend. She said October 6<sup>th</sup> would be the deadline if they don't hear back soon.

Policy Director Cailles asked for clarification on the date for early voting.

Director Worrall said October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Projects Director Wolfram said that he will talk about the forums in his report.

Director Worrall said they will come back to the forums. She said she will send out an email about the ballot draft request spreadsheet and will explain how it works in the email. Director Worrall asked if anyone was having any trouble with their tasks for Nation Voter Registration Day. She said she already talked to Policy Analyst Del Turco about the issues she was having. Director Worrall asked Assistant Director Komanduri and Policy Director Cailles how inviting organizations to the vent was going.

Assistant Director Komanduri said she is having trouble getting people to contact her back.

Director Worrall asked if Assistant Director Komanduri was having trouble finding the contact information.

Assistant Director Komanduri said that she was.

Policy Director Cailles said he got in touch with an organization and gave them the times for the event. He said he passed the information onto Projects Director Wolfram. Policy Director Cailles said they might need to write digests for the questions that do not have an organization representing them.

Director Worrall asked what they should do if there is no organization for the ballot question.

Assistant Director Komanduri asked what the forum would be like.

Projects Director Wolfram asked if they are discussing National Voter Registration Day.

Director Worrall said yes.

Assistant Director Komanduri said someone can sit at the table and talk about the ballot question if there is no organization for it.

Policy Director Cailles said he would love to do it.

Assistant Director Komanduri suggested they could have one table for all of the ballot questions if the organizations do not come.

Director Worrall agreed. She said there are dates in the task list for National Voter Registration Day that have already passed. She asked if there's any pushback from the tasks and for them to let her know if there is any.

Policy Director Cailles asked when Director Worrall would like them to meet to begin setting up for the event next Tuesday.

Director Worrall said set up is at 10 am and to meet at the ASUN Student Engagement Center.

Policy Analyst Del Turco asked if set up is outside the Joe Crowley Student Union.

Projects Director Wolfram said they're not using the Joe Crowley Student Union anymore.

Director Worrall asked Policy Analyst Del Turco to repeat the question.

Policy Analyst Del Turco asked for clarification on getting tables.

Director Worrall said she will send out an email to explain the tasks.

**6. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Assistant Director Komanduri said she has been working with the interns and recently hired another one. She said they just had a social last weekend for the interns. She said they will hopefully be having another social, so everyone can come to it. Assistant Director Komanduri said she is having an issue picking a time for the interns to meet. She asked the department members if they have any advice. She said she might pick a time late at night and if the interns do not come she will figure something out.

Policy Director Cailles said last year the department intern social was a Wednesday night at 8 pm in Pack Place.

Assistant Director Komanduri said she was having issues picking a time for the weekly intern meetings.

Policy Director Cailles apologized for the misunderstanding.

Assistant Director Komanduri said it was fine. She asked Policy Director Cailles when the intern meetings were last year.

Policy Director Cailles said they were once every two weeks in the President's Conference Room.

Assistant Director Komanduri asked what day of the week and what time the meetings were.

Policy Director Cailles said the meetings were Thursdays at 9am or 10am. He said he will double check the times and get back to Assistant Director Komanduri.

Assistant Director Komanduri said she made Doodle Poll but it seems they're all busy.

Director Worrall asked if that was all.

Assistant Director Komanduri said yes.

## **7. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Policy Director Cailles said Sandra Rodriguez hasn't gotten back to him about the surveys yet. He said he checked last class and she hadn't. He said he has nothing else to report on.

Director Worrall said they will be going over the survey this meeting. She asked Policy Director Cailles if he would like to go over it.

Policy Director Cailles said yes.

Director Worrall clarified. She said she had a one-on-one with Policy Director Cailles and they discussed sending out a survey to students. She said the survey will ask what kind of legislation to sponsor.

Policy Director Cailles said the legislative session starts in February and ASUN is trying to get bills sponsored. He said himself and Director Worrall discussed putting together a survey to see what students would like put into a Bill Draft Request form. He said if anyone has any thoughts or opinions they should reach out to Director Worrall or himself.

Director Worrall asked if anyone had opinions at that time. She said Projects Coordinator Manfredi will assist with the outreach for the survey.

Policy Director Cailles said one of the questions they discussed was: what issues are important to you. He said students don't really know what Bill Draft Requests are, but if they ask them what's important they'll bring up topics that the department could put in Bill Draft Request forms.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi suggested to add a question that would allow students to rank issues on a scale of one to five. She said they pick issues that are already on Bill Draft Requests to focus the survey.

Policy Director Cailles agreed. He said there is also the potential that if they pick the issues there might be something they are unaware about.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said they could add an other option to the survey.

Director Worrall agreed.

Policy Director Cailles agreed.

Director Worrall wanted to follow up on a meeting with Raul Rodriguez about the legislative tracker.

Policy Director Cailles said Raul Rodriguez hasn't gotten back to him

Policy Analyst Del Turco said they will be using a fake tree instead of a real tree. She asked if anyone had a fake tree they could use.

Policy Director Cailles asked about a Christmas tree

Policy Analyst Del Turco said that's her idea. She asked for their opinion.

Policy Director Cailles asked if they can have someone in Santa hat saying "vote vote vote."

Policy Analyst Del Turco said no. She said she talked to Policy Director Cailles about doing ballot initiative descriptions. She said she got confused about it since she thought Policy Director Cailles and Assistant Director Komanduri were working on that.

Policy Director Cailles said what he was working on with Assistant Director Komanduri was for National Voter Registration Day. He said Director Worrall asked himself and Policy Analyst Del Turco to create it for the actual ballot event.

Director Worrall asked for clarification.

Policy Analyst Del Turco said Director Worrall wanted them to create short descriptions that could be tweeted out. She said she will do three of them but can do all of them if it's too much for Policy Director Cailles.

Projects Director Wolfram said National Voter Registration Day is next Tuesday from 11 am to 3 pm. He asked Assistant Director Komanduri and Policy Director Cailles to forward any responses to him. He said he would like to get informational pamphlets put together for the pro and con on questions not represented by organizations at the event. He said there is a County Commissioners meeting the same day so unfortunately none of them may be able to come.

Director Worrall asked for clarification.

Projects Director Wolfram said he's talking about candidates coming to National Voter Registration Day. He asked if they have the mayor come would they need to invite the other mayoral candidate.



Director Worrall said as long as the staff and the mayor know she is there as mayor and not a candidate then they do not need to.

Projects Director Wolfram said okay.

Director Worrall asked if only the mayor responded.

Projects Director Wolfram said yes.

Director Worrall asked who Projects Director Wolfram reached out to.

Projects Director Wolfram said he emailed all the senate districts and all the assembly districts.

Director Worrall asked if they have responded.

Projects Director Wolfram said they have not responded yet. He said he forgot to email Sarah Peters but he is sure she would love to come if she is not busy. He asked if they have any questions or suggestions for him.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said she emailed Monique Normand about the Give Pulse event but hasn't heard back. She asked if they want that so they can keep track of who from ASUN is volunteering.

Director Worrall said the target audience is ASUN or students.

Projects Director Wolfram said the sheriff forums is tentatively dated for October 4<sup>th</sup>. He asked Director Worrall if she has heard back from who she emailed.

Director Worrall said yes.

Projects Director Wolfram asked if it the responded with a yes.

Director Worrall said yes. She asked if the forum was too soon.

Projects Director Wolfram said no. He said the Sheriff's forums is October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Pennington Student Achievement Center. He asked for suggestions still for the event.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi asked about reaching out to cadets.

Projects Director Wolfram said they have a list for who they are going to reach out to and they are on the list. He said the Mayor, County Commissioner, and District 13 is on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Director Worrall said the forum cannot be October 9<sup>th</sup> since Event Programming is having homecoming event at the same time.

Projects Director Wolfram said he has done homecoming before and some of the events are during the day.

Director Worrall said it's the same time as their event.

Projects Director Wolfram said to look at the schedule and see. He thinks that week would be a good time to have the forum.

Director Worrall said the mayor is only available October 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the 30<sup>th</sup>. She said they can do it during the day before the homecoming event.

Projects Director Wolfram feels the mayor is an important part of the event.

Policy Director Cailles said he was thinking they could reach out to the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Projects Director Wolfram said they have reached out and have not heard back. He said focus is shifting to Greek life, athletics, student cadets.

Director Worrall said forum is about law enforcement issues and they need to stay in a nonbiased perspective.

Projects Director Wolfram said they want a wide range of issues discussed at the forum.

Policy Director Cailles said he understands.

Director Worrall thanked Policy Director Cailles for bringing it up.

Policy Analyst Del Turco wondered if Projects Director Wolfram has reached out to Greek life yet.

Projects Director Wolfram said he had some friends in some Greek life organizations post to their Facebooks before the date changed.

Policy Analyst Del Turco said they should reach out to the multicultural sororities and fraternities. She said they can post it to the Facebook pages. She asked if Nevada Greek was too much.

Director Worrall asked why it would be too much.

Projects Director Wolfram said he feels it wouldn't go well if they posted in there.

Director Worrall asked what Nevada Greek was.

Projects Director Wolfram said it's a group with all the Greek life students and people who have graduated. He said no one really takes it seriously.

Policy Analyst Del Turco asked if Projects Director Wolfram was emailing chapters.

Projects Director Wolfram said yes.

Director Worrall asked if he had anything else for his report.

Projects Director Wolfram said the tentative date for Congressional District 2 is October 15<sup>th</sup> and governor's forum is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said he does not think it would be a big deal to hold the governor's event after early voting.

Assistant Director Komanduri asked what during the day meant for the event on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Director Worrall said before 6pm since the homecoming event is at 6pm.

Projects Director Wolfram said he would not be able to go but they can talk about it later.

Director Worrall said the homecoming event is at 7pm. She asked Projects Director Wolfram if he had anything else to report.

Projects Director Wolfram said no.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said townhall is next Wednesday. She hopes all the department members are there.

Projects Director Wolfram asked what time the townhall is.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said the time is 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. She said she has been in contact with President Jackson and Director Worrall to discuss how to market the event. She said a list of questions to center the discussion was created. She said they're getting sticker for the event and they will be free. She said after the event they will send out a survey to get their opinions for the next townhall in October. She said they have a tentative date for the October townhall. Projects Coordinator Manfredi said they will have popcorn and cookies at the event and the price should be under \$100. She said she met with Director Worrall to discussed how to get legislation sponsored and get opinions from Senate. Projects Coordinator Manfredi said she will potentially make public comment on Friday. She asked Projects Director Wolfram if they have a cornhole game for National Voter Registration day.

Director Worrall asked Projects Director Wolfram if he does have them.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said if she doesn't have to get them that would be better.

Projects Director Wolfram said he would let Projects Coordinator Manfredi know tonight.

Policy Director Cailles said he had an idea for the townhall. He said for October that could be a way to get input for Bill Draft Requests.

Director Worrall said that was the plan.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said this townhall will remain very broad. She said one survey question will be: what would you like to see?

Director Worrall said that all seventy of them are trying to go to at least one townhall this semester. She said in the executive board meeting they discussed to think of yourself as a student first not an ASUN official when talking to students. She said they are there to talk as a student and acknowledge as an official.

Projects Director Wolfram asked how townhall will work.

Director Worrall said she envisioned it to be a setup where there are different small discussions within groups. Each group is given different questions to discuss and someone will keep notes for the group. She said at the end they gather back together to give everyone an opportunity to say an issue that mattered to them and digest what was discussed. She said they are there to listen and make sure everyone has a chance to talk. Director Worrall said the townhall is to breakdown the barrier between ASUN and students. She asked if Projects Coordinator Manfredi wanted to add anything.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said no. She said this townhall is really important to have the students see that what they bring up ASUN has departments for.

Assistant Director Komanduri asked if there are things to do to start advertising for the event.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said she hung posters up and she has proofs for the TV ads.

Director Worrall said there is a Facebook event.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said they will be posting on social media about the town hall.

Director Worrall said they will start posting on Twitter Monday. She said Mapuana Andrade will be at the event to take images.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said wait until Mapuana Andrade posts about the event to post about it on their own social media.

Director Worrall said would like to talk about the legislation mentioned by Projects Coordinator Manfredi. She said there is a legislative interim committee on industrial programs on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm in Carson City and Las Vegas. Director Worrall said she will be attending the one in Las Vegas. She said they will be going over the Silver State Industries which uses prison labor. She said the reason it matters to them is because they use their services to bind their Senate books. Director Worrall said she will be talking more about the matter at Senate on Wednesday. Director Worrall asked for their thoughts.

Policy Director Cailles said he is not sure if he can attend the meeting, but he is willing to write testimony.

Director Worrall asked for Policy Director Cailles' thoughts.

Policy Director Cailles said they need to be cautious about the use of prison labor, but he would like to do more research on the matter.

Assistant Director Komanduri said she thinks the practice of using prison labor is exploitive. She said she would like to create a testimony.

Projects Coordinator Manfredi said it is important how they are being paid. She said inmates who are given tasks, like a job, can be rehabilitated as shown in some studies.

Director Worrall said there is a ninety-three page document to go with the meeting. She said she can give her thoughts after looking at it.

Policy Analyst Del Turco said she needed to research the matter more. She asked where the wages come from.

Director Worrall said that is a good question.

Policy Analyst Del Turco said she can look it up later but that will help her form her opinion.

Director Worrall said the wages could come from government funding.

Policy Director Cailles said if it doesn't come from taxation it is still being used for public service.

Director Worrall said something she found interesting is the prison industries is still owed money from the Bureau of Land Management. The Silver State Industries is doing a number of vocational skills. She said the Silver State Industries pays for room and board, the victims crime fund, and the prison industries improvement. Director Worrall said she will look into that. She said she has tried to call the Chief Operations Manager of Silver State Industries She said she's trying to figure out their hourly wages.

Policy Director Cailles asked if Senate has to approve their testimonies.

Director Worrall said no. She said her goal is to get opinions from Senate and to testify Friday at the committee meeting.

Policy Director Cailles asked if they are allowed to do that.

Director Worrall said yes.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**d. National Voter Registration Day Budget Proposal**

Policy Director Cailles motions to approve the National Voter Registration Day budget proposal.

Policy Analyst Del Turco seconds.

Director Worrall said the budget includes the t-shirts. She said an addendum needs to be made since they are no longer going to buy a tree. She said they still need ornaments for the tree. She said they also need the skeleton from the medical school. Director Worrall said they will be getting two packages of ornaments for \$13.78. She said they will not be using Amazon and she asked how Office Depot's working conditions are.

Policy Director Cailles said Office Depot was good.

Policy Analyst Del Turco said they need to subtract the \$22 off of the budget for the tree.

Director Worrall said the budget is incomplete since food needs to be factored in.

Policy Director Cailles said people may take the issue seriously if the budget is done incorrectly.

Director Worrall says the budget proposal needs to be amended.

Policy Analyst Del Turco said the budget is not accurate.

Projects Director Wolfram asked about amending the budget to include compensation for performers.

Director Worrall said it can be amended. She asked what the performers expect for compensation.

Projects Director Wolfram said he will talk to the performers.

Director Worrall said they need a price that day. She asked if anyone knew the typical price paid to performers.

Policy Analyst Del Turco asked for clarification.

Director Worrall said a band.

Policy Analyst Del Turco asked if they were coming for the event.

Director Worrall said yes.

Projects Director Wolfram said at first the band said it wouldn't be a big deal, but now they are asking.

Director Worrall said \$100 for two hours. She asked Projects Director Wolfram how many people were in the band.

Projects Director Wolfram said he thinks only two.

Director Worrall said then it would be \$25 an hour for each performer.

Policy Director Cailles asked if something comes up can they pay out of pocket not expecting reimbursement.

Projects Director Wolfram said he told the band that as well.

Director Worrall said she thinks they can approve the budget next week.

Projects Director Wolfram asked if they would be able to approve it after the event.

Policy Analyst Del Turco suggested they come back to the compensation for the performers.

Director Worrall said food needs to be added to the budget. She asked Projects Director Wolfram about the food budget.

Projects Director Wolfram said he doesn't know about food.

Director Worrall said they will have to table it for now.

Policy Director Cailles asked how soon the next meeting is.

Director Worrall said Monday.

Policy Analyst Del Turco motions to table the National Voter Registration Day budget proposal.

Projects Director Wolfram seconds.

There was no dissention; motion carries.

**e. The department will reviewed and discussed the following topics.**

- i. Nevada Legislature Interim Finance Committee's Committee on Industrial Programs- Silver State Industries  
There was no discussion on the topic at this time.
- ii. Sponsored Legislation for the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session.



There was no discussion on the topic at this time.

**9. REMARKS**

Director Worrall expressed her appreciation for the reports given by the Department Officers.

**10. STAFF REPORT(S)**

There were no staff reports at this time.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Worrall adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.