

Committee on Public Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session

Minutes for Friday, September 28th, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

President's Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Alvarez called the Committee on Public Affairs to order at 12:01 pm in the President's Conference Room on the Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Breanna Czerlanis.

2. ROLL CALL

Senator Alvarez, Senator Aziz, Senator Green, Senator Rodgers were present.

Senator Mata was tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

a. There were no minutes approved at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. There was no old business discussed at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Senator Project Updates**

This item was not discussed at this time.

b. **Veteran's Luncheon**

Senator Alvarez said the Veteran's Luncheon will be November 8th from 11 am to 1:30 pm. She asked if the Senators will be able to attend.

Senator Aziz asked if the luncheon was on a Thursday or a Friday.

Senator Alvarez said it is a Thursday.

Senator Rodgers asked for the times of the event.

Senator Alvarez said it is from 11 am to 1:30 pm.

Senator Aziz said he can attend the second half of the event.



Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, 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 Senator Alvarez at senatorialvarez@asun.unr.edu.

Senator Green said he can be at the event at 11:30 am.

Senator Alvarez said she will put out a GivePulse page for the event. She said the event is important and the guest list is 150 people. She needs people to hand out and put up the handbills and posters.

Senator Green and Senator Aziz said they would be able to help.

Senator Alvarez said Senator Green can handle the posters and Senator Aziz can handle the handbills.

Senator Aziz asked if the handbills are like pamphlets.

Senator Alvarez said yes.

Senator Aziz asked if the handbills are going someplace different than the posters.

Senator Alvarez said the posters are limited.

Senator Aziz asked where to put them

Senator Alvarez said Senator Green has the bigger posters which go in specific places around campus. She said she would like the handbills to be put up all around campus. She said she also needs a direct liaison with Veteran Services.

Senator Rodgers said she can be the liaison.

Senator Alvarez said she'd give Senator Rodgers the information for Veteran Services. She asked if Senator Rodgers contact Inkblot to create a handbill and marketing for the flag retiring ceremony. The Veteran's Luncheon will be in the Blind Onion. Before the lunch there will be a flag retiring ceremony. She highly recommends the Senators attend. She said she will be getting more details on the ceremony soon. She said the ceremony should be about a half hour and they will present a flag that was in service and retire it. Senator Alvarez said she has been discussing giving out lapel pins with Speaker Martinez and President Jackson. The lapel pins will have the Nevada Wolf Pack flag as well as the American flag. She said for the event they will be spending \$800 for food and labor. She said they will also be using \$200 from the Committee on Public Affairs, \$200 from the executive office, and \$200 from the Senate budget. She asked if there were any questions about the Veteran's Luncheon.

Senator Green asked if there will be a banner this year.

Senator Alvarez said yes, and it is in progress currently.

Senator Mata entered the room at 12:06 pm.

Senator Alvarez said she's also looking for someone to invite community members as well as important people at the university. She said she has already invited some members of the university. She asked if anyone had any ideas for who to contact.

Senator Rodgers said she didn't have any ideas yet.

Senator Mata said there is a veteran's club on campus they could invite to the event.

Senator Alvarez said the club will attending but Senator Mata can contact them.

Dr. Beattie said there are two veteran's clubs.

Senator Alvarez said she can help Senator Mata if need be.

Senator Aziz said his old ROTC instructor teaches here at the university and he will contact him about the event.

Senator Alvarez said she would like more people to speak at the event. She said she would like the Senators to contact her if they have any ideas for the event. She asked if they have any questions.

There were no questions at this time.

c. Chair Updates

Senator Alvarez said she's working with Director Worrall on legislations. They decided that they will not be presenting on the ballot initiatives at the meeting. She said all the ballot initiatives should be done within the next couple weeks. Senator Alvarez said in order to have the initiatives on the table they must first consult with Director Worrall. She would like the Committee to utilize the Department of Legislative Affairs as much as possible. Senator Alvarez said she doesn't want any of the Senators creating legislation when they don't understand the policy. She said she decided to become more of a stickler with her expectations of the Committee. Senator Alvarez she would like the Senators to stick to decorum at the table. She said she doesn't mind the casual dress at the table but would like them to dress in business casual as guests begin coming in to talk to the Committee. She said she is expecting Jason Geddes to talk to the Committee on October 12th.

Senator Green said it might be the following meeting instead of October 12th.

Senator Alvarez asked Senator Green to let her know. She said she is starting to invite other representatives and will be in contact with Director Worrall. She said there is a meeting for the Committee on Public Affairs every Friday unless otherwise stated. Senator Alvarez said she is planning on moving the meeting time to 12:15 pm and to a different room in the Joe Crowley Student Union. She said she expects to communicate and participate in each discussion the Senators have. She said she serves as a resource to them if they are confused about any legislation. Senator Alvarez said she also expects a legislation from each of them within the next couple weeks. She asked if they had any questions.

There were no questions at this time.

Senator Alvarez said they need to get the ball rolling and begin lobbying legislation. She asked if that made sense.

Senator Mata, Senator Green, Senator Aziz, and Senator Rodgers said yes.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Worrall said she wanted to talk about Silver State Industries since she wasn't able to Wednesday. She went to the Committee on Industrial Programs last Friday in Las Vegas. She said she spoke with a man from England who works in America with a company called Ink to Work. Ink to Work's purpose is to make sure when people use ink cartridges, they dispose of them properly environmentally. Director Worrall said the man told her oil is a big process in manufacturing ink so he's working with the Silver State industry and the prison industry to set up a manufacturing facility in Nevada that will make and dispose of the printer cartridges in environmentally friendly ways. She said she got his card and she is hoping to follow up with him. Director Worrall said since the idea is within the committee they are just approving whether they can move forward and implement the program. She said he really wanted to see student support for that since many students in other places they implemented the program support it. She said she got to speak with the Chief Operations Director of Silver State Industries and he told her all of the inmates are paid a fair wage in conjunction with the Department of Justice. She said she can definitely follow up if they would like more information. Director Worrall said she was assured that the inmates are being paid fairly and the Chief Operations Director has worked there for twenty years. She said he told her the program is good for rehabilitation of inmates back into society. She thinks it would be useful to write a resolution in support of Silver State Industries to let students know they looked into it and are aware of what is happening. Director Worrall said the sheriff candidate forum is October 4th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Pennington Student Achievement Center room 113. She said the mayor, county commissioner, district 3, and senate district 13 forums will be October 9th from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center rotunda. She said they're planning on having music therapy perform at both of the events. She said they also asked students to share stories about anything related to political, social, cultural, and economic related to them that would help the candidates make policies. Director Worrall said she knows the Committee on Public Affairs is looking to form relations with legislators, elected officials, and candidates and they can use the Department of Legislative Affairs as a resource. She said after the election they will be doing events with elected officials and legislators events where they come and talk to students. She also encouraged the Senators to come to the candidate forums and the events after election day.

Senator Alvarez asked if there were any questions for Director Worrall.

There were no questions at this time.

Senator Mata said there was a new House of Representatives act, HR 2796, called the Civil Rights Uniformity Act of 2017. The act says any legislation that has been passed within the last fifty years since the Civil Rights Movement that include the words "sex" or "gender" will not include transgender individuals anymore. Senator Mata said the act was passed through several committees and would like to follow it and would like some help.

Senator Alvarez asked Director Worrall if she would help.

Director Worrall said she would.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 12:18 pm.