

Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session
Minutes for Friday, September 7th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union President's Conference Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of Academics was called to order at 1:05 pm in the President's conference room on the third floor of the Joe Crowley student union.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Collins, Sewell, Wilcox, Wilday, Hudson, and Amaya were present. Senator Hughes was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

- a. The minutes from April 27th, 2018
- b. The minutes from May 4th, 2018

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Committee Senator Reports**

Senator Wilday said she was looking into extending the peer advising program to all the colleges.

Senator Collins said over the summer she was working on contacting the CEO from a Chicago based company to come the university and allow free printing for students. Every three pages the students print, the fourth page is an ad. It's paid for by the company here in Reno and they would contact companies with coupons and they would pay the printing cost to have the ads. A lot of the concerns were recycling and using paper but she was told this company is eco-friendly. They keep track of pages printed and for every so many pages printed they will plant a tree. She was getting in touch with



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the IT department. Later they will talk about Anthony's legislation request to establish a requirement for Latin honors for graduation.

b. Liaison Positions Updates

1. Faculty Senate – Senator Wilcox/Wilday

Senator Wilcox said he hadn't reached out yet

Senator Wilday said she was waiting for the school year

Senator Collins said to make sure they were getting in touch with them

Senator Wilcox said did they have the contact information

Senator Collins said she could get it

2. Office of Provost – Senator Hughes/Sewell

Senator Sewell said she hadn't reached out either.

3. Office of Administration and Records – Senator Hughes

4. Libraries – Senator Wilday

Senator Wilday said she was still waiting. She hadn't done the help centers either.

Senator Collins said she wanted them to get on top of it with set dates. Mark it in their calendars two meetings out. The following week, September 21st, have them ready.

Senator Amaya said since they were new and some people had two, they could fill in

Senator Collins said they could take Merkeley's spot. There were two open spots.

Senator Amaya said she would like to do libraries

Senator Wilday said she had three if they wanted one of them

Senator Hudson said she could do that and work on libraries with Amaya

Senator Collins said she would take Senator Wilday off libraries. All they had to do was get in contact with them to ask if there was anything they could do on their behalf.

Senator Hudson asked if Senator Collins would send out the contact info

Senator Collins said yes

5. Help centers/tutoring – Senator Wilday/Sewell

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Assign Projects and Deadlines**

Senator Collins said she sent out an email with projects to choose from or they could choose their own and a deadline to set for themselves.

Senator Wilday said she was working on the peer advising project and write a resolution to expand peer advising throughout more colleges. She wanted to make it across the board and she would start by collecting data and sending out a survey. She wanted to get that done by the end of the semester but she wasn't sure when.

Senator Collins said every meeting they would have updates so just let her know each meeting.

Senator Wilday said she wanted the committee's opinion on My Nevada. They could come up with a My Nevada Workshop to teach people how to use it.

Senator Sewell asked about the list of projects and what accessibility project was

Senator Collins said she created that list based on Anthony's recommendations and the committee goals. College of Engineering expressed concerns about some problems. Senator Hughes was working on it.

Senator Sewell said she was interested in the networking night and accessibility for engineering students.

Senator Collins said her platform goals were to create a network for research labs on campus.

Senator Sewell said another project would be with the nontraditional lab opportunities. Engineering labs are more internships. They have a lot of clubs that build robots and have competitions. Those are hands on opportunities that aren't undergraduate. She wanted to expand opportunities there if those counted as nontraditional. Also more grants for that if possible. A lot of research costs money and students only have access through clubs.

Senator Amaya said since she was a liaison for the library she wanted to look into the 24 hour library study space. Senator Lippi had looked into it before.

Senator Collins said she helped Senator Lippi on that project. Over the summer that was something else she was working on and they met with the assistant dean of libraries. They couldn't do 24 hours because of the staff wages, but she would help with that.

Senator Amaya said she wanted to narrow the professor evaluation for her college. She would look into it.

Senator Hudson said she was interested in cheaper textbooks. They just talked about creating a plan for the Wolfshop made by senate on how they would fix problems like textbooks. She was looking into inconsistent advising. Senator Burton talked about this and how he was looking into COB advising. That caught her attention.

Senator Wilcox said he wanted to work on transfer student scholarships. He wanted to get involved with the people behind that. He would also be interested in ADA accessibility in classes.

Senator Collins said they didn't have to do this project by themselves, they could reach out to anybody who could help. Don't stress doing it by themselves. On every agenda they could do senator updates to track their progress.

b. Discussion on S. Res. 86 – A Resolution to Increase the Accessibility of the Engineering Computing Center

Senator Hughes submitted this piece of legislation to the committee on academics. The committee will look over and discuss this piece of legislation.

Senator Sewell said this legislation was regarding how the ECC was closed on Saturdays but their classes require computing software which was really expensive. A lot of their projects and grades were based on these programs so it was hard to meet to work on these projects. Talking to students, it would be beneficial to have the ECC open on Saturdays. The Knowledge Center was open seven days a week but engineering students couldn't use those computers.

Senator Hudson asked why it wasn't open

Senator Sewell said there was an idea that there wasn't a need for it on Saturdays. It was open on Sundays but a lot of people have other obligations on Sunday. During the week there are four different labs with computers and they also have classes in there so half the time they can't even go into two or three of the labs being used by classes

Senator Hudson asked if there would be a fee increase if this passed

Senator Sewell said they would pay 85\$ for resources per credit. They already pay a differential fee that goes towards lab equipment and software. She wanted to take money out of the differential fees to have it open.

Senator Collins asked if this passed senate, it was just a resolution so it was just their suggestion, so had they spoken to the college of engineering?

Dr. Beattie said she met with the dean and talked with the dean who was in favor of it. She wanted to divert some of the money that was given to engineering clubs. They were working with institutional analysis. Nontraditional and commuter students benefit from having more hours of accessible times on campus.

Senator Collins asked if because Senator Hughes was still adding more information, was it better to hold this off or table it?

Senator Sewell said if they passed it now it would go to senate and she would add more data by substitution.

Senator Hudson moved to favorably recommend senate resolution 86

Senator Wilday seconded

The resolution was approved to senate.

Senator Collins said it would be on the following agenda and she would talk to senator Hughes to add that information.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm