

# Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 86<sup>th</sup> Session  
Minutes for Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 pm  
Room #420, fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes called the Committee on Oversight meeting to order at 5:04 pm in Room #420, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Senators Alvarez, Collins, Feil, Hughes, Mata, and McKinney were present.

Senator Grant was tardy unexcused.

Speaker Martinez was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

## 4. MINUTES

- a. **The minutes from August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**
- b. **The minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**
- c. **The minutes from September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

The minutes from August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 have already been approved.

- d. **The minutes from October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Senator McKinney moved to approve the minutes from October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

## 5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy  
Secretary Godoy said: I have just one quick update for you. Raul sent out an email over the listserv about ADA accessibility training. Since they are chairs and are constantly uploading media to the website, I would highly suggest you take the training. I will have all the secretaries take the training.
- b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Senator Hughes  
Senator Hughes said she made the agreement to hold senators accountable for meeting with their interns. At the last meeting, she went over the different types of legislation and had them sign up for the Speaker Pro Tempore, Speaker, and Chair positions. She is agendaizing meetings so the interns become familiar with the setup.

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c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Collins

Senator Collins said the committee had a meeting today. They started by going through updates on the liaison positions that were assigned. Senators Hughes and Sewell spoke with the Provost. They are hoping to have the Provost speak about the strategic and master plans. Senators Amaya and Hudson spoke with the Library and working to promote the services the Library has. Senators Wilday and Sewell spoke with all the help and tutoring centers. They talked about how they need more money since the academic success fee isn't paid by grad students and it hasn't been updated in like ten years. They may talk with GSA. Senator Wilday wants to write a resolution to update the success fee. For the Latin honors legislation, the committee decided to table it. It was clear that none of them liked it. The committee will talk with their respective deans to see why the deans wanted it. From that, they will create the new legislation saying they do or don't support it or let it die.

*Senator Grant entered the room at 5:08 pm.*

Senator Mata said the Dean of Libraries wanted to work with ASUN to extend the library's hours. Senators Wilday and Clemons are working on that. She asked of the liaisons for the Library from Academics wanted to be included.

Senator Collins said yes. They discussed that President Jackson and met with Dean Ray about increasing the hours around finals to see if students will attend as a test run. She wasn't sure if it will work since Dean Ray proposed that ASUN funded the pilot program for the security and workers. She sent over the cost and it ended up being a lot of money. Even though ASUN would only fund the six weeks, with the recent budget cuts, it didn't look feasible and the Library won't compromise. She didn't know if extending the Library's hours would happen any time soon.

Senator Hughes said the Dean for the College of Engineering emailed her saying he didn't agree with the Latin honors changes.

Senator Collins said she didn't know what all the deans said, but Provost Carman said the majority of deans agreed and therefore the committee assumed that all deans supported it.

Senator Alvarez spoke with the Dean of Journalism and he wasn't even entirely clear on all of it. He was confused and said that she had more information than him.

Senator Mata asked if there was a way to send this to Faculty Senate.

Senator Alvarez said that according to her dean, Faculty Senate already passed legislation in favor.

d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Grant

Senator Grant said the committee is doing financial reviews and had seven left until they are completed with all the accounts.

e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Feil

Senator Feil said the committee didn't meet this week but last week, they decided on the October service event. However, it fell on Elect All the People and they decided not to have one this month to push everyone to go to that since being democratically engaged was civic engagement. The committee will have a meeting next week.

- f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator McKinney  
Senator McKinney said the committee has a meeting next Wednesday in the Senate Chambers. He will talk to his committee about him wanting all the updates to the SAS ready so they can write the legislation. Other than that, he is working on a bill to amend the Constitution to eliminate all pronouns. The Senate Rules also just got updated for that. He is talking to Facilities about a possible resolution so that all Programming events have recycling bins.
- g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Alvarez  
Senator Alvarez said the committee is making sure all ballot initiatives have resolutions right now. For the Veterans' Luncheon, they are adding a flag retirement ceremony. She will have more updates on that at the next meeting.
- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Mata  
Senator Mata said at the committee meeting today, the committee talked to the Dean of Libraries about the resources available to students. For example, each major has researchers that students can chat with about anything. They are almost always available since that is their job. A student can go to the library's website, click on the research tab, and find the chat button. The researchers will answer almost right away since that was pretty much their only job. The committee wanted to outreach on that. The Dean also wanted them to talk to professors about WebCampus since that is also part of the Libraries. If teachers needed updates or help, they can just email the Library. The committee is also looking into it parking more. They are trying to get more students to comment on how parking works for them. If it is as bad as it seems, they will invite Parking and Transportation to Senate. If students say parking and transportation is bad, they will write a petition that students sign saying that it was insufficient in this areas. On the other hand, if students say parking is fine, they will write a petition saying it was fine and they don't want it to change. This was a big issue coming to ASUN. Also, the University is under seven different investigations in ADA codes. So far, the University is not meeting the codes in many areas and hasn't done anything. The committee will draft a resolution saying they want the University to look into these areas and set a deadline and a plan to fix it.

Senator McKinney wanted to help with that and asked to be looped in.

Senator Mata said yes.

Senator Hughes liked the petition idea. It was a good way to get quantifiable evidence.

- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Martinez  
Senator Hughes said Speaker Martinez didn't tell her much. He wanted Senate as a whole to focus on its legacy and what that legacy will be as a body. He asked them to keep that in mind in regard to committees as well and he will bring it up Senate shortly.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Pro Tempore Hughes adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.