

# Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 86<sup>th</sup> Session  
Minutes for Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 pm  
Room #317, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Hughes called the Committee on Oversight meeting to order at 5:00 pm in Room #317, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

## 2. ROLL CALL

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

Speaker Martinez and Senator Collins 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
- d. The minutes from October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- e. The minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## 5. REPORTS

- a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy  
Secretary Godoy had no report at this time.
- b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Senator Hughes  
Senator Hughes said she is currently compiling a document for all interns – and anyone who wants it – about running for senate. It will include how to apply, designing campaigns, making boards, how to create goals, and the different types of legislation. She is writing it. Basically, everything you need to know about how to run and how to be a Senator will be in this document as a reference. She had one more intern meeting scheduled for this semester but it won't interfere with finals. That is all.
- c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Collins  
Senator Hughes read the report into the record:  
"Hey guys, sorry I couldn't make it. We had a meeting today and discussed the progress of all of our projects. We are talking about re-addressing the "extended library hours" project.

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President Jackson is looking into the budget to possibly fund the pilot project. Other than that, there was nothing else. I hope everyone has a good weekend. Best, Hayley Collins.”

- d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Grant  
Senator Grant said the Committee finished budget reviews for the semester last week. They reviewed *Brushfire*, the Capital Account, and New Student Initiatives. They will see Clubs and Orgs and Programming one more time before the semester ends.

- e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Feil  
Senator Feil said the Committee met today and the meeting was productive and good. Director Rodriguez presented the results from the civic engagement survey from the spring. It had a lot of good data for future events. The Committee also talked about the December civic engagement event. It will be December 1<sup>st</sup> and they are partnering with the Reno holiday parade and boat drive for a book drive and holiday parade that is coming up soon. Since it is coming up soon, they better do it before finals and when they all start traveling. They can come and help decorate the float and at the parade, help hand out books. The Committee also talked about Reading Week and they wanted to redo it. A school rep will be coming to present on their options and getting involved. The Committee also debriefed on the ASUN town hall meeting and talked about their feelings; they didn't go too much in depth but they did talk about the things they wanted to see. Abby will come since she just got hired. She wanted to work with Abby more next semester and this way, the Committee and Abby can get more acquainted. Senator Feil gave a shout out to Senator Mata for coming with her to the anti-Semitism talk as well as Senator Aziz. As members of Oversight, she felt the committee needs to make an effort to attend events like that. The Black Student forum was this week and like the anti-Semitism forum, there was not much ASUN representation. She wanted to see more since the town hall taught them, they needed more outreach. Senator McKinney brought up the impact of outreach; it isn't just hours they need to fulfill. There will be a debrief meeting this Sunday from 10-1ish to debrief on the town hall. It will be great for legislation.

Senator Mata said the biggest reason senators don't go is because they don't know what is happening or when and where. Senator Mata suggested Senator Feil text them the information and more of them will go.

Senator Feil said the Black Student Forum was mentioned by her and President Jackson but they can talk more about it at Senate.

Senator Mata said a reminder email would be great.

Senator Feil said that was a great idea and she can do it.

- f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator McKinney  
Senator McKinney said Oversight will see a bill tonight about gendered pronouns in the Constitution. He sent a timeline to Dr. Beattie and they need to get that moving. The document reviews with Attorney General Moore is going great. He will file all the notes from the SAS, Constitution, and Senate Rules in the Legacy Box so the next chair knows what has been done so they don't repeat efforts. The Committee had a few things to look at. He is talking to the committee about what they can do outside of the committee and as Senators.

- g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Alvarez  
Senator Alvarez said the Veterans luncheon was great. Veterans Services appreciated the success and ASUN. Right now, the Committee is working on legislation and Democracy Plaza, which will

be implemented soon. They are talking about creating a new taskforce that would be under the Vice President to ensure continuous engagement. She reached out to Director Worrall about the primaries, divestment, and creating a council for the City of Reno made up of college representatives. A representative from Senator Cortez-Masto's office came and gave them a lot of good details about what the Senator had been working on. She will share the info with Senate. The Committee is also working on the K-12 outreach with Director Andrade, Associate Director Ortiz Flores, and Director Worrall for next semester since it was in the Committee's duties. She can something started about democratic and civic engagement with Senator Feil.

- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Mata  
Senator Mata said the Committee is struggling with finding a time to meet. They didn't meet quorum last meeting but they still had a good talk. They talked about sustainability with the Wolf Shop. Director Jickling and Senator Green are working on that. Other than that, Senator Mata had an idea to get petitions started after the town hall meeting and discussed them with Dr. Beattie. So far, there was an idea for petitions about bystander intervention trainings for racist or antisemitic acts. If you go through the training or sign the petition saying you will intervene, that can be attached to a resolution and that will give it more power. Senator Mata was also thinking of doing something with TKE but Dr. Beattie suggested against it since an investigation is going on; they should wait for the results before moving forward.
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Martinez  
Senator Hughes had no report from Speaker Martinez but she knew he did want to talk about their legacies and modifying outreach hours.

Senator Feil said outreach hours were especially helpful right now since there are many things they can do. She made a long list of what she wanted to accomplish. If everyone did that and they highlighted everything in common, they can create an overarching list of goals. That will be helpful for the Legacy Box for what ideas previous sessions have had. Former Senator Flangas gave her lots of ideas and it was really helpful.

Senator Hughes said that was a great idea. She asked the body if they would be willing to discuss that at the next Oversight meeting.

The body said yes.

Senator Hughes wanted to echo what Dr. Beattie and Senator Feil said about doing outreach that is meaningful. Last session, Senators rode buses and talked to constituents that way.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

There was a new business at this time.

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There was no new business at this time.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Hughes adjourned the meeting at 5:12 pm.