

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.
Ballroom C, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Martinez called the Senate meeting to order at 5:36 pm in Ballroom C, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Speaker Martinez and Senators Ahmed, Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Burton, , Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Lemus, Mata, McKinney, Rogaczewski, Rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, and Yeghiayan were present.

Senators Clemons and Wilday were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. **The minutes from September 12th, 2018**

The minutes from September 12th were unavailable at this time.

b. **The minutes from September 19th, 2018**

c. **The minutes from September 26th, 2018**

Senator Burton moved to approve the minutes from September 19th and September 26th by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

d. **The minutes from October 3rd, 2018**

e. **The minutes from October 10th, 2018**

f. **The minutes from October 17th, 2018**

g. **The minutes from October 24th, 2018**

The minutes from October 3rd, October 10th, October 17th, and October 24th were unavailable at this time.

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5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaker Martinez said: Hello everyone. I would like to take a moment to give a bit of a framework for the public commentary. First of all, on behalf of everyone sitting at the table, I would like to thank all of you for taking time out of your day to be here with us and to voice your opinions on the matter. Thank you for being brave enough to come forward and share your thoughts. This gives senators the ability to better understand your perspective, so we can work together create a better community for everyone on campus. I understand that many of you may feel passionate, angry, or even disenfranchised. I want you to know that we are here to listen. So, again, we would like to discuss the following:

- Anti-Semitic acts
- Past experiences of racism and prejudice on campus
- ADA accessibility on campus and ways to move forward
- Sexual harassment on and around campus (near apartments and surrounding streets)
- As a community, what steps should we take moving forward?

Because many of you do not attend our meetings on a regular basis, I wanted to remind everyone that we, as a body, run in accordance to Nevada Open Meeting Law. With this comes a couple things:

- The body cannot move into action on anything, unless it agendaized prior to the meeting. So, considering that, our main role today as senators is to listen. Any questions that are posed to the body will be written down by our senate secretaries and will either be addressed at a future meeting or sent in a response over email.
- Senators, I want to remind you that you have an obligation to listen to what will be said tonight. Furthermore, any texting that happens at the table is a violation of Nevada Open Meeting law. So, I please ask that during this time you close your laptops and put away your cell phones - and that everyone give whoever is speaking your full and undivided attention

To everyone, Keep in mind the value of civil exchange and civil discourse throughout this process. I would also ask that you hold your approval or disapproval for each speaker's comments to a minimum, I have the jurisdiction and will take the initiative to gavel the meeting back into order if necessary. Everyone sitting at this table is a student, just like you. We are here to listen and to hopefully take action after. The purpose of this tonight is to actively and collectively bring attention to the issues happening on our campus and to have the student voice be heard. We really want to be able to hear from everyone tonight, so EACH SPEAKER will be limited to a 2-minute time period. And please, before you speak, please state your name and Academic College for the record. Is there any additional public comment at this time?

Public comment, College of Liberal Arts. UNR couldn't address sexual assault by students by punishing it. UNR has never expelled perpetrators, never, not even in cases of multiple convicted occurrences. Perpetrators have received 2 semester leave max; that is slap on the wrist. It is not enough and welcomes and makes perpetrators feel safe to continue behavior without reprimand. On the topic of antisemitic acts, UNR had the chance to deal with it with Peter Cytanovic, a UNR student and employee that attended the Charlottesville riots with Nazis. The University didn't take a stance and instead protected him and made sure he felt welcome and safe. That is why they have seen a rise in antisemitic actions. Nazis on campus feel safe, and they are. ASUN can change it by challenging this and by telling the University to change policy. As students, make sure Nazis and rapists are not safe. Tell friends that telling rape jokes is wrong. It is time to move forward.

Tyler Perry, College of Liberal Arts. To go off of the previous speaker, Marc Johnson has made it clear – especially with his actions in dealing with Peter – that Nazism, racism, and homophobia is not only accepted on UNR campus, but it is also welcome. Those that attended the Bernie Sanders rally are familiar with students at UNR who were photographed and recorded making racist remarks. But he had not heard of those students receiving disciplinary actions. In his opinion, it was time for ASUN to do its job and represent students by enforcing a code of conduct that goes over Marc Johnson's inability to act. They must protect

students. He asked what needed to happen next – beatings, killings, what – before they draw the line on this issue. That is all he had to say.

Dominic, President of Hillel. Hillel of Northern Nevada is an organization for Jewish students. Before beginning, he asked the audience if they had experienced acts of anti-Semitism. He tried to think hard of what he would say tonight but struggled with finding the right words since there is no easy solution. No one person was capable of putting a full stop to hate on campus. But knowing that they individually can't doesn't afford them the ability to not take action, especially considering antisemitic acts are growing. Trends for antisemitic acts are growing, this is not new. It would appear it is escalating quickly. He wanted to ask them as student representatives to call events what they are; a cigar is a cigar. He wanted them as students to say they condemn antisemitic acts. It may not seem like a lot, but using words has power. No progress can be made until they identify the problem.

Michelle Nye, member of Alpha Omicron Pi (sorority). Sexual harassment and assault needs to be addressed. It is bypassed and many victims don't speak up because there is too much going against them. Women aren't always looking for a police report. They want to be acknowledged and heard but that is not happening. As a member of Greek life, she was disappointed that someone that who isn't part of the community is looking at them thinking Greek Life condones sexual assault when it isn't. She believed that what was addressed in the article showed a pack mentality. If they are in a fraternity and knew it was happening, keep your brothers accountable. The lack of accountability within the foundation needs to be addressed. There needs to be more acknowledgement and accessibility of what happens afterwards. It is put under the mat too much and needs to be addressed more. Thank you.

Patricia, College of Liberal Arts. Not to beat a dead horse but, sexual assault and rape was very much an issue on campus; many turn a blind eye. The first speaker noted that not a single rapist has been expelled. As a sexual assault survivor on campus, she went through the process and can wholeheartedly tell them it wasn't doing justice. The punishment that perpetrators get from the Title IX office is semester or two away, as if it was a long term spring break. They then get to come back. She didn't want to say that rapists or predators are being encouraged, but they are not being discouraged, and actions are not taken seriously. They get a slap on the wrist for raping someone. Inappropriately touching a male or female in making sexual comments based on physique was completely disgusting. The University hasn't done anything in years and nothing has changed. She was asking the people of ASUN and the community to care more about this issue that has affected everyone in the room. Everyone in this room knows someone that is a survivor. She thanked the body for listening.

Nicholas Hummel, College of Liberal Arts and member of Hillel of Northern Nevada. He wanted to read something into the record sent to the Director of Hillel:

“Last year, when I was living in Nye Hall, a young man from Chico came to visit his friends who lived next door to me. My dorm mates, their friend, and I were all hanging out in the hallway. I tried to explain something about an Israeli, having just been on a birthright trip that year, and this man cut me off as soon as he heard “Israeli” and said, “I f---ing hate Jews!” I was infuriated and stormed off immediately. As I was opening my door, clearly angry, he said, “What? Are you Jewish?” thinking I would be locking myself in my room for the rest of the night, I fired back, “Yeah, I am actually!” and slammed my door. Multiple people heard what had happened, including my roommate. I heard him approach my dorm and ask my roommate to open the door for him because he needed to “apologize.” She said, “Yeah, you do!” and opened the door, thinking she was doing me a favor. His despicable human being stood in my doorway, and said, “I’m sorry, BUT the f---ing Jews and Israelis are killing my people!” this is when I learned he was a Muslim man supposedly of Palestinian origins and from the West Bank. He verbally harassed me for about 15 minutes, but what felt like forever. He kept screaming at me, telling me that Israelis are evil murders, committing genocide against Muslims on “stolen” land. According to him, because Israelis are Jewish, all Jews are evil, Muslim-hating people.

Despite my instance that there are good and bad people in every religion and ethnic group, he would to end his verbal abuse against me and my people. The more time that passed, the more fearful I became, as I realized he was purposefully blocking my doorway and my only chance to escape if he decided to physically harm me. I probably did not help myself by defending Israel and the Jewish people but I have been taught to always stand up for what I believe in and for what is right. Eventually, he realized he could not win the argument, which would have required me admitting that he was right and essentially justifying anti-Semitism. After many prolonged, fearful minutes, he asked me if I was going to accept his apology, as if he actually apologized! Obviously, I refused. He finally threw his hands up in the air, exclaiming, "Well, I tried!" and left. Recently, swastikas were found carved into Peavine Hall. This act of anti-Semitism has received a lot of attention and has been met with adamant criticism from the university. But why does the university now care about swastikas affecting their Jewish students when only a year ago, they couldn't care less about one of their students being publicly harassed in Nye Hall? Is it because 11 Jews were just murdered and they feel obligated to speak up now? Will the university continue to support and protect their Jewish students as the months go by, and people start to forget about the Tree of Life massacre? What will happen as time passes and anti-Semitism is no longer at the front of everyone's attention? These are important questions that must be considered. I am tired of feeling afraid to be a Jew on my own campus, and I am only one of many Jewish students who feels this way! How are we, as students and as a university, going to fix this problem and fight against anti-Semitism?"

Hallie, College of Business. Recently, a swastika was carved in a res hall. She was one of the staff members that found it on her floor. She took it personally as she identified as Jewish. She appreciated them being reactive. It was better than nothing, but being more proactive and have conversations was better. If they don't talk about sexual harassment, antisemitic acts, or other big topics, who will. If they don't do anything about it, they are a part of the problem.

Senator Hudson read a comment into the record from an active member of a female sorority who wanted to remain anonymous:

"I feel the need to voice my opinion in opposition to the one that was published by the Nevada Sagebrush this Tuesday, November 6th in relation to Tau Kappa Epsilon. Olivia Ali and Jazmin Orozco have framed TKE in a very poor light. However, the article does not present any other sides of the story. This article has focused on documents found left open on a library computer, which is first of all an invasion of privacy. Secondly, without anyone from TKE commenting on the matter, it seems unfair to the men of this fraternity to be painted in this light without the chance to defend themselves. The article states that Masen Confetti did not respond for comment, but I am sure that he was advised against responding due to the sensitive nature of this situation. Not to mention, his chapter has been accused of horrible things, and what could he say in response to this? But it comes down to one thing. Songs. This argument against TKE and the men of this fraternity, comes down to songs. Songs that have not been written by any current members of the chapter, but instead passed down for years before they joined this chapter. No current members should be held responsible for these songs because they do not reflect who the men of TKE currently are. But who are the current men of TKE? The men of TKE are some of the kindest and friendliest men who I have ever known. They are leaders on this campus. They are philanthropists working to help St. Jude's. They are ASUN Senators. They are Orientation Guides. They participate in intramural sports. But aside from what they do, they are genuinely good people. I have never felt unsafe or threatened around any of the men in this chapter. They will always be the first to check in with you and make sure you are okay. They will never take advantage of a girl in a compromised situation, even though these released songs seek to say otherwise. So, to the editors of the Nevada Sagebrush, I am disappointed. I do not believe that you have put in the time and effort to see the other side of the picture enough to know that the men of TKE would never act upon the things depicted in these songs. You have painted them in an awful light, a light

which many people on this campus will now believe since you have only offered up one side of the story. I feel you owe these men an apology, as well as the rest of the campus, because you have made people look down upon these men who have not actively done anything wrong.”

Jessica Wamsley, ASUN intern, member of Greek Life, and College of Liberal Arts. She came up to talk about the article that was published. This behavior is disgusting, unacceptable, repulsive, and normalized as seen by the previous testimony. This document was meant to be kept in secret and shared with new members, meaning they are practiced. If this was supposed to stay a secret, what else is going on that is done in the name of brotherhood. She was disappointed that it made all of Greek life look terrible, even if they are not that. For the record, she didn't care who wrote it. No one stepped up to say it was wrong, to evaluate what was going on and being perpetuated. The bottom line is if they are not part of the solution, they are part of the problem.

Rachel Katz, alumni. She thanked those that spoke before her. She spoke last year and got emotional. She thanked her fellow Jews. It was hard to speak about Judaism because you can pray in your synagogue and, as they learned two weeks ago, people shoot you for it. It was hard to defend Judaism but she was proud of them. It was difficult to defend who you are. You can choose it or be born with it, and killed for it. She was telling them not because they can change it, but because they are bright people that will make laws and rules one day. The people at the table will defend people like her and those in the room one day. She knew they will be the change when they run for Congress or the Senate or as President. Think of those you defend and govern. Do your job to defend those that can't or don't have a voice. Her father was denied access to the boy scouts because he was Jewish. That was 45 years ago, which was not that far away. Marriage equality was achieved in their lifetime. Keep going for change.

Matt Levin, former student/president of Jewish fraternity and member of Hillel of Northern Nevada. He wanted to start out by thanking Ms. Kats for that moving talk. Currently, he worked for an organization that fought antisemitic acts around the country. He worked from the pacific northward, including UNR. He wanted to share that through his experiences in this job, the telltale signs of wars are happening on this campus. As they know, the UC's in California are having a crisis about antisemitic acts as well. It started with little things, like what is happening on this campus. Proactive actions need to be taken to avoid a tide and prevent worse things from occurring.

Kayla, College of Business and member of Greek Life. It was hard to speak; she felt her heart beating out of her chest. As a survivor of sexual assault, she can say it was an issue on this campus. She knew it was talked about everywhere; when you join Greek life or at orientation, they tell you “Don't do this,” “Watch out for that.” She thought you can't be reactive about it; you had to be proactive. She tried to go through the Title IX office and Reno PD. All they did was ask her if she drank, if she was sure it happened, what she wore. They basically told her that without evidence, they couldn't help her because no one would believe her. On the topic of TKE, it was embarrassing because it puts a pinpoint on Greek life. Not all fraternities are like that, they don't participate in this, and this is not what Greek life is about. They participate in philanthropy and good values and felt that they got thrown into chaos. Not everyone in that fraternity was bad, but not one person stood up to say it was wrong and handed the songs down.

Senator Hughes left the room at 6:09 pm.

Senator Alvarez left the room at 6:10 pm.

Sylvia Stevens, Division of Health Sciences. She didn't prepare anything since she came prepared to listen. But due to the courage of others, she had to speak on the issues affecting her. She was aware of the white nationalist incidents last year and racist comments at the University. As they talk to African-American students, one thing they had in common was that they expressed racial comments or incidents happening

to them or those they care about. They don't go away because they are not addressed and there was no transparency from those that can do more. Regarding the incidents with UNR PD, they still hadn't gotten transparency for what happened, what steps were taken after. She is calling for more transparency and talking about issues to find solutions so they can move forward productively instead of using flashy campaigns.

Delany Jacobson, College of Liberal Arts and member of Alpha Omicron Pi. As reiterated by her sisters, it was obvious this is a problem with Greek culture, not just fraternities but all Greek Life that accepted this as a community. The Sagebrush article touched on the violence and harshness of sexual views of women. The use of "faggot" on campus has not been addressed, nothing was said on campus about how LGBTQ students are treated. As a member of that community, she thought it was important to touch on how the word is used in the songs and viewed in everyday life. She got harassed with her partner when they were walking to get coffee at the Joe. She had a poster shoved in her face and called a dyke. After studying in Prague, she saw a new light on the Jewish community. She was not a part of the community. The University claims to be diverse but doesn't support it.

Zachary, College of Engineering and member of Hillel of Northern Nevada. He came to listen to others, not talk, but after hearing everyone talk about what incidents they experienced, he had to speak. The best thing to do when they see something happen was not be a bystander; involve yourself and stop it. That is the best thing they can do.

Senator Hughes entered the room at 6:15 pm.

Senator Rogers left the room at 6:16 pm.

Nick Hummel, member of the Jewish community and fraternity. He wanted to speak about the first amendment. They all have right to free speech, everyone had the right to say what was on their mind. However, he thought that in this day and age, they forgot the value of words. Words cannot heal but they can divide and silence them. They can make them feel like they are inferior and have no place in a normalized society. Here is the about the first amendment. Yes, they had the right to free speech. But it stops when you say something that incites violence against a specific group. Someone mentioned the use of "faggot." Personally, as an openly gay man, he had not been called a faggot, but the word still stings. People need to understand that while not saying something that directly incites violence, you never know how words will affect someone.

Unknown public comment said someone brought up that not all members of TKE are criminals. They have met them, many are nice. But he thought that when your response to song being made public is to say they are not all bad, ignores the fact that while members of the fraternity didn't write the song and may not engage in those activities, the fact they sang it in comfort and integrated it as part of their rituals trivializes sexual assault and aggression. This affords people the comfort to engage in the behaviors and to think it is okay when it isn't. At some level, it contributes to the escalation of violence against women, which is never acceptable under any circumstance. It was upsetting that in light of the song being made public, everyone responded by not condemning it. Beyond that, the individual thanked those that spoke, especially victims and survivors, and commended them.

Senator Rogers entered the room at 6:21 pm.

Daniel Ott, College of Education. He was speaking as a member of the Jewish community. He is a History major. Back in the days leading up to the Holocaust, people didn't say anything. They ignored hate speech and violence. He has not heard much from the University. It was appalling. As a previous student mentioned, what needed to happen for something to be done: beatings, killings, when? He asked when they will learn something from the University. He understood that protecting the first amendment was important but he

didn't think anyone's rights would be violated if the University asked people practicing this hate to stop. Anti-Semitism is terrible and there is nothing stopping the University from doing that. To not hear it made them assume the worst.

Simone, College of Liberal Arts. Racism and things like that on campus are not just individual but also passive. Students say things to their faces, not just their friends. Racism was not just individual but was institutional, even in their education system now. The was now diverse but didn't show it. They had the real Nevada shirts last year but that didn't do anything. Peter could have gotten a shirt and no one could tell him to take it off. She wanted a real change in the policy to make the campus better.

Senator Alvarez entered the room at 6:24 pm.

Ally. When she read the article about what TKE had been singing, she was repulsed. It was disturbing and they shouldn't justify it by saying it was the first amendment. They should say it was weird and not pass the songs on. The fact these songs were getting passed on, still being sung, and no one said it was wrong described them as a whole. It was weird, straight up.

Taylor Johnson, Reynolds School of Journalism. She was severely worried about the atmosphere on campus. Walking in the dorms and hearing the n-word being said makes you feel unwelcome. She was a freshman and remembered coming in and seeing the Peter situation. It made her wonder if she should apply because she is black and a minority that is targeted by white nationalists. It was worrying to see those people being protected. She understood the first amendment, but there was a problem and it needed to be addressed.

Speaker Martinez asked the body if there was any further public comment at this time. He will pose the questions again: what actions would you like ASUN to take as a government and what actions would you like the administration to take moving forward.

Atty Garfinkel-Berry, Director of Hillel of Northern Nevada. She didn't have a voice since she is not a student but she recommended a student resolution be written. They go a long way and show that racism, anti-semantic acts, and rape area not okay.

Delany Jacobson, College of Liberal Arts and member of Alpha Omicron Pi. She thought it was important to talk to administration. She graded Peter's final paper and read many homophobic comments from him. He refused to participate in an extra credit assignment because she was king and he was a noble. It was obvious in class. She brought it up to a highly ranked professor in class and nothing was done. When she saw the comments, she was not surprised. This goes back to the bystander mentality that this University has. They needed to speak up when they hear things in class and make sure that the people being paid to run classrooms are ensuring the safety of students before their own political agendas.

Daniel Ott, College of Education. Many have come up and talked about antisemitic acts. Everyone at this forum is talking about the cons of anti-semantic acts. No one is talking about the pros of it. It was clear that the students that care the most are here. If no one who deeply cared about the pros, he asked what harm there was in saying anti-Semitism was wrong and that they are against it. It didn't sound like anyone was for it. If the audience believed it was wrong, why not come out and say they agree with students. Anti-Semitism is wrong and shouldn't happen on this campus. It was deeply disappointing students had to say it was wrong, not the University.

Matt Levin, former student/president of Jewish fraternity and member of Hillel of Northern Nevada. He said the main action that can happen anti-semantic attacks happen, or attacks related to certain groups of people, is to reach out to the people facing these occurrences. In the past, things that related to Jewish students were occurring but they were not being reached out to. There were forums for other groups but

the Jewish community was not contacted. Though this may sound like a small step, it showed that the University was there for everyone. This needed to start happening.

Unknown public comment. On the topic of sexual assault, they need solutions and accountability. Punishment for predators is not enough. Title IX is a great resource and was wonderful for helping survivors get through. Their support should be more advertised. As far as punishments for predators, that needs to be changed as soon as possible. If someone rapes a person, that person should not be allowed to come back. It was unfair for survivors to feel unsafe on campus. Along with that, she didn't know if they had heard about Take Back the Night. From her understanding, ASUN planned this event. Last year, it was poorly planned. She wanted them to better plan it in April.

Sylvia, Division of Health Sciences and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She asked if they will be talking to Megan Pepper about this situation.

Speaker Martinez said right now, they don't have action planned but they can put it on her radar to be addressed. He asked her to state her first and last name and college.

Sylvia, Division of Health Sciences and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She believed Megan Pepper shouldn't be the only one deciding in this situation. Two fraternities were in trouble for chanting something inappropriate and they reprimanded right away, but nothing had been done for this.

Unknown public comment, Orvis School of Nursing and a member of Kappa Sigma. In working with health and wellness, reports of sexual assaults and harassment are disturbing to say the least. As a victim of sexual harassment, it was absurd the University only allowed girls to take defense courses. The culture surrounding males and sexual harassment was sad.

Jessica Wamsley, ASUN intern, member of Greek Life, and College of Liberal Arts. In reference to what actions she wanted to see taken, she wanted TKE and any other group or individual that perpetuated this to be banned from campus; anything less not enough.

Daniel Ott, College of Education. He asked if the body had any plans to respond.

Speaker Martinez said the body is trying to have this town hall to compile concerns. Then, they will consider different solutions. They had nothing set in stone yet but Senator Hughes is working on this.

Senator Hughes said you need to make an appointment with administration. However, many of the administration is here. She reiterated that students can reach out to her and she will write a resolution about the concerns and not condoning the hateful acts.

Speaker Martinez said the secretaries are documenting everything right. They will see which comments overlap and collect data.

Mr. Ott said a resolution would be great if that is what is necessary. In the meantime, an announcement from the University was overdue that addressed everything from rape to anti-Semitic acts.

Tyler Perry, College of Liberal Arts. Over the course of the nights, they have seen many comments. He wanted to ask the entire body to stand up right now and say that that anti-semantic acts and homophobia and racism is wrong.

Speaker Martinez said he cannot ask the Senators to do that. This forum was made for them to listen to students. He wanted to ensure they had all the information possible to present to the administration.

Mr. Perry said it was disappointing to see so many senators working in the recent election cycle using their voice as private citizens to support and campaign for candidates but not here in front of their constituents as they represent their students. They are asking for the same things the body did with their elected officials.

Ally. She thought TKE should be kicked off because other people will think it was okay to say that you can dig up a dead body and fuck it and stick a finger in a girl until she says take it out. It was inappropriate to say and represented and showed what they are doing. In her opinion, kicked off was best. Otherwise, other organizations will think it was okay to say this.

Peyton, member of Delta Delta Delta. Tri Delta was one of the sorority's mentioned by TKE. She seconded the previous speaker. TKE should be kicked off for being disrespectful of women and encouraging sexual assault.

Emma, College of Liberal Arts and Reynolds School of Journalism and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She wanted to add that her sorority was suspended about eight years ago for singing about peeing on someone's lawn. They were put on probation for something not as bad as singing about sexual assault. This being posted on a Facebook page in the last couple years and being passed down to pledges represents TKE. If they didn't agree with it then they shouldn't be using them and defending the brothers that it didn't report the songs. Many of her sisters said they felt safe at TKE and that meant they were okay. It was sad that was the standard for Greek life; it was disappointing for her to see that.

Unknown public comment, College of Engineering. What happened with TKE is swept under rug. Students are saying that all Greek life has songs like this. TKE doesn't care about it since they haven't said anything. Kicking them off campus was out of their hands, but as a community they could do nothing but move forward as they deal with this.

Cyrus, President of Lambda Chi Alpha. To start off, he is an Irani-American and has been discriminated against. He was not a victim of anti-Semitism or sexual assault but knew what it was like to be discriminated against. He has received many things throughout life. The most important thing they can do now spread awareness out to everyone not in this room. As far as the Greek community goes, being a president, he felt it was his obligation to speak on the matter. This made the Greek community look bad. It has suffered casualties at UNR and it didn't help to let this slide. Their reputation is at stake here. He thanked the body for its time.

Natasia Mata, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts. There are a lot of students here felt the need to speak. Senator Mata cannot speak on behalf of the other senators but wanted to say Senator Mata didn't support anti-semantic acts, sexual assault, homophobia, or any type of violence against people. Senator Mata had experienced them all and that motivated Senator Mata's decision to get involved, but this isn't a one person job. Senator Mata liked that they are having this town hall so that students can voice their opinions. This wasn't just on ASUN but also on faculty. They are the ones with power and needed to respond. ASUN is doing what it can, but it can only do so much.

Speaker Martinez asked if there was any further public comment at this time.

There was no further public comment at this time.

Speaker Martinez said, seeing no more public comment, he thanked those that came and spoke. Their insight was invaluable. If anyone knew of anyone that was not able to attend, they can send an email to him at: speaker@asun.unr.edu. Again, he appreciated their input and thanked them for coming.

Senator Burton moved to recess for ten minutes return 7:02 pm.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Motion carried; the body recessed.

Speaker Martinez called the Senate meeting back to order at 7:07 pm in Ballroom C, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

Roll Call to Re-Establish Quorum:

Speaker Martinez and Senators Ahmed, Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Burton, , Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Lemus, Mata, McKinney, Rogaczewski, Rogers, Sewell, Wilcox, and Yeghiayan were present.

Senators Clemons and Wilday were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

President Jackson first wanted to acknowledge the people that spoke for their courage and bravery. It took a lot to share their stories and experiences. She wanted to talk about is prioritizing safety after the incident that happened in Peavine. She went to one of the floor meetings and there was not a lot of knowledge of the resources the campus has. They will be doing a promotion of the SafePack app. She encouraged them to download it if they didn't do so already and encourage their constituents to get it. She also wanted to remind them of the spring campus climate survey. She asked they encourage people to take it when it comes out because it will help the university her more stories and experiences from students.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley

VP Bradley said on the topic of sexual assault and safety, she reminded the body to take the sexual assault survey. It launched as of 11/1. ASUN is tabling with the Office of Student Persistence. She posted a poll on Facebook with tabling hours. The point of the survey was to help them understand the camps climate. A quick update about the Suit Up event. They had 200 students come; they all enjoyed the Campus Escort availability and being able to get discounted clothing. She gave a shout out to Director Bittar, Senator Rogers, Senator Amaya, Speaker Martinez, and Commissioner Fullmer for attending and volunteering. On Friday, she has an interview with News 4 for the blood drive against UNLV.

c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck

Chief Justice Groesbeck said they are working on the same thing, the pamphlets. She gave a shout out to Senator Mata; it took courage to speak up. She respected that and thanked students that came out.

d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“The majority of my time these past couple of weeks has gone to the ASUN Mackay Endowment Fundraiser and the internship program. For the endowment fundraiser, my intern Kevin Finkler and I have been meeting with pro-staff to discuss our primitive ideas. There will be more to come in future weeks regarding this. My work with the internship program has been filled with many check-in meetings of my interns and the other heads of the internship programs. Besides Endowment fundraising and internship program, I am going to be heading up the marketing items for future Student Town Halls. I will keep you posted on future dates, times, and locations once we have them.”

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar

Director Bittar said he met with Daniel Little, the Elections Chair, to craft a message to send to clubs on getting involved in ASUN elections. With that, there is a funding hearing this Friday and Saturday. They had 120 apps. If anyone wanted to stop by, the agendas have been posted. Last Friday, he and Senator Feil gave a presentation to Budget and Finance. Let him know if they are interested in hearing that presentation.

f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

Director Lensch said thanked the Senators and Exec members that attended the outreach with the School of Arts this past Monday. It meant a lot. He wanted to continue the tradition of working with smaller groups and representing different groups on campus. Speaking on that, the rest of the semester, his Department will be planning for the spring semester. He will be giving them a calendar by the last meeting with the events so they can plan ahead to attend. Attending events is a great way to speak to constituents and interact with students.

g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall

Director Worrall said with the results of the elections, they can now reach out to the new Senators. If they had BDR ideas, reach out to her Department for planning for the spring.

h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“Hi all, I hope you're all having a great week! I'll leave you with a few brief updates. I met with the search committee for the chief diversity officer for our initial meeting last week. We are excited to get search going and find the right fit for our campus' needs. Our department held a workshop at the Fraternity and Sorority Life Summit this past weekend where we worked through issues that our FSL community has been facing regarding race, religion, socioeconomic status, and disabilities. It was a goal of mine to be able to use the training I developed and adapt it to different campus entities, so I'm excited to see this start to happen. I met with a few individuals from the Cultural Diversity Committee on a sponsorship with ASUN for the Diversity Summit and some planning entities. We are currently in search for a speaker that can speak upon advocacy and acceptance, with the theme of the summit being "Building Bridges in a Changing World." As always, feel free to email me with any questions!”

i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling

Director Jickling said in light of the town hall public comment, she wanted to encourage them to reflect on the comments they heard and think about practicing compassion to themselves and others. There is a lot of hurt on campus and the world and it manifests everywhere. As individuals, they have the power with how they see and speak on things. Practice compassion. For her report, the Food Services Committee had a meeting today. There is an event coming up in 12 days and she wanted them to inform constituents. Once a month every month, Pack Provisions and Dining

Services partner with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to host a Mobile Monday donation event. They also give away food, teach students how to cook meals, and what vegetables are in season. It will be on Monday the 19th from 12-3 pm in the KC Rotunda.

- j.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
Director Andrade said Donuts and Democracy was last Monday. She thanked those that attended and hung out. If they couldn't make it, the next one will be on the 29th. She encouraged them to invite anyone and everyone they know to go to ASUN. Be on the lookout for that. She is working with her intern to start Insight's blog for the ASUN info outlet to submit issues about the campus. It was based more on opinion and they can write whatever they want. She composed an email to follow up for tonight. She will figure out a way to track down everyone that spoke. If any speakers resonated with the body, send a personal message to thank them for speaking. Thanking them personally will be a great way to reach out.
- k.** Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:
"Senators, as we head into flu season, I hope you all have received your flu shots. If you don't have one, the health center gives them to students for free. Make sure to let your constituents know of this resource as well. With that said, please be sure to practice good hygiene during this season to protect those that may have been unable to get their shot. In other news, I will be having a meeting tomorrow with NVCares to discuss the content of our "Man Enough" style video that highlights the male side of the conversation surrounding sexual violence. If you have anything you would like discussed in the video or would like to contribute, please email me before 11am tomorrow. Stay Healthy and Well."
- l.** Attorney General, Omar Moore
Attorney general Moore said brief. Friday attended committee on status of women as Bradley's proxy expanding lactation rooms on campus and coming late Jan or early February bringing Angela Davis . met with Gov Ops consolidating past work they had done. Most reports will come from McKinney since will be better able to rept. Sent email to all chairs bout department heads remember Monday is veterans day count it for veterans day.
- m.** Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez
Speaker Martinez thanked them all. This would not have been possible if the body hadn't sat and listened. If they couldn't tell, many constituents are hurt and want something done. He hoped the students' words will inspire them to write something. Show students that ASUN cares. He will work with them to get it out to the students. He thanked Secretary Godoy and Legislative Clerk Hansen for being here, documenting it all, and for all the work they do. He asked they give them a round of applause. He encouraged the body to take what had been said by their constituents to heart. Although they can't do much, they can do something. As of right now, many of them have not returned their forms about training and outreach hours. As of right now, there was no reason to change outreach hours. Get the forms in to compile a list of what needs to be changed and what needs to be touched on for future trainings. He will be out of the country tomorrow. He paid for internet service and will be available if they need to contact him. Senator Hughes will lead the November 14th meeting. He asked the body be kind; there will be guest speakers and legislation so be prepared. He hoped to see them get started.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a.** Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins
Senator Collins said the committee had a brief meeting last week. They heard legislation in opposition to the new proposed Latin honors criteria. They had some changes that needed to be made. They will hear the legislation again this Friday at 1 pm to get on next Senate agenda.
- b.** Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
Senator Grant said last week, the committee heard reviews for Legislative Affairs, NSURJ, and Campus Escort and they recommended legislation favorably. This week, they will meet at 10 am to review the Capital Account, New Student Initiatives, and Brushfire.
- c.** Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil
Senator Feil said the committee usually would do a monthly civic engagement event but they will not do one in November since there are many things going on in the community. They wanted to push donating to drives and helping for the veterans parade this Sunday at 11 am. Many organizations needed help for the veterans parade. If they wanted to help, they need help from 11:30-12:30 to get ready for the event. There is no meeting this week; they will meet next week to plan the December event. She hoped to see them all there.
- d.** Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
Senator McKinney said the committee had a meeting this morning. Attorney General Moore came in. The passed legislation passed at Oversight for the constitutional amendment. It needs to be sent to legal before being seen by senate. He told the body to expect it later.
- e.** Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
Senator Alvarez said there is no meeting this week because the veterans luncheon is tomorrow at 11 am. She asked the body to be at the Blind Onion by 10:45 am in their polos and nice pants/shoes. She had said that there would be a debrief meeting after Senate for the luncheon but she was no longer in the emotional capacity to do so. Please keep an eye out for an email.
- f.** Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
Senator Mata said to be transparent, Senator Mata had been absent for a couple of weeks because of private issues. But Senator Mata has dealt with them with the support of family and friends and is now back. Senator Mata misgendered this week but the committee will still meet this Friday at 12 unofficially. Many of the things discussed today fell under University affairs. It's a small committee but it can still do something. Senator Mata said something because Senator Mata felt that on the record, needed to say something. The committee talks about everything from diversity and ADA and all that so come to the next meeting. Personally, Senator Mata wanted to say that many people came to Senator Mata to say thank you for speaking up. Senator Mata appreciated it but didn't need thanks for doing the job.
- g.** Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
Senator Hughes said the interns are learning how to write whereas clauses and research legislation. They also went over how to title legislation this week. They will go over campaigning this semester since they decided to continue the internship through next semester and they didn't want campaigning to interfere with elections to avoid conflicts. She has seen some legislation that the interns are working on and it is phenomenal. If the body was interested in it and wanted to sponsor it, let her know. Much of intern legislation can be seen at the table.

Speaker Martinez said when sponsoring legislation, they must include the interns' names.

Senator Amaya asked if intern hours were due today.

Senator Hughes said yes. Like she mentioned at the last meeting, intern hours will be due at the same time that outreach hours are due.

- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez
Speaker Martinez said there is no meeting this week but there will be one next week. For those concerned about Thanksgiving, Oversight won't have a meeting that week but will meet the after Thanksgiving.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Feil said she will be writing a resolution about anti-semantic acts. She asked who would like to be included.

Senators Hudson, Alvarez, Mata, Hughes, Burton, McKinney, Ahmed, Rogaczewski, and Green.

Senator Hudson said she will write a resolution about the statements and opinions from tonight from women since she ran on a platform in support of women. If interested, let her know.

Senators Yeghiayan, Hughes, Rogers, Alvarez, Feil, and Sewell.

There were no further comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions received their first reading and were considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Make Budget Adjustments Within ASUN Accounts**
- b. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate All Gender Pronouns**
- c. **S.B. 86 – A Resolution Not in Support of the Proposed Latin Honors Criteria**

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

There was no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions received their second reading and were considered:

a. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Make Budget Adjustments Within ASUN Accounts**

Senator Mata moved to approve S.B. 86 – An Act to Make Budget Adjustments Within ASUN Accounts.

Senator Hudson seconded.

Senator Grant said they are seeing the official rollover numbers from FY18. With those numbers in, they are re-allocating money back into the accounts they can see listed: Programming, Campus Escort, and The Center for Student Engagement.

There was no further discussion at this time; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried.

b. **S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate All Gender Pronouns**

c. **S.R. 86 – A Resolution Not in Support of the Proposed Latin Honors Criteria**

Agenda items 17b and 17c were not heard at this time.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. **Senate Committee Changes**

There were no committee changes at this time.

b. **Senator Reports**

Senator Reports were not heard at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker Martinez told Dr. Beattie that he had asked Speaker Martinez to remind him about elections and legislation.

Dr. Beattie said if anyone on the body is looking at the elections data and wants to change anything about elections, do it this semester. The Director of Elections wanted to post the candidate packets so that people considering running can look through it over break and know the election process. If not, he asked they make the changes for the following year because they don't want to change the rules right up to the elections. You have about 5-6 weeks to get that done.

Senator Mata asked what the name of the elections chair was.

Dr. Beattie said Daniel Little. He will get them Chair Little's email since he didn't know if the email had been finished. He is in the cubicle closest to the kitchen and is tall with dark hair and a beard. He is a nice guy. Right now, he is learning all about elections. He thanked the body for putting so much attention to their constituents. It can be hard to listen without providing feedback but the purpose of this meeting was to listen and take time to reflect, then come up with plans. He thanked Speaker Martinez for taking time to hear students. A less invested Speaker might have moved on right away and only 4 students might have had the chance to speak. But Speaker Martinez kept at it. It was hard to speak in this big fancy room with a podium and 23 people. It was great to her so many students say, "I didn't plan on speaking but...". That means that something in this room, the body listening or the stories of others, inspired them to speak. From here, they need to look at the data that is being collected and figure out if they will write a resolution or meeting with administration or whatever. ASUN is a big name and many times, people confuse ASUN with

things they didn't do. It was hard to not stand up and say that ASUN didn't do something. But, the purpose of this was to let students say what they needed to. Thank you for listening.

Senator Alvarez wanted to share a statement of things that have affected her personally:

I am 21 years old and a senior in college. Three years ago, I was 18 years old, a freshman in college, and I was raped behind a fraternity house. Today, I sit at the same table where my rapist sat when he was a senator. I still remember the sound of my bobby pins falling out of my hair as I was getting raped and I still think about those bobby pins on the floor of his car. I no longer wear bobby pins. I still remember sending my friends a text that said, "I'm about to have sex, help," although sex is not what I participated in. No, because sex is a mutual act between two consenting individuals. I became friends with men in hopes they will protect me until they became perpetrators themselves. I still remember the fear and sometimes, I feel my body become paralyzed when someone holds my back the same way he did. I remember the extensive shower I took at 3am and the denial in the morning when I woke up that this had happened to me. I grew out my hair, stopped wearing my favorite lipstick, and read the results in fear all the way in London as he was elected into his position. I speak on behalf of my experience simply because of the fact that he is no longer a student at this university. He spoke on behalf of students and I speak on behalf of survivors. We exist. I speak today not with the intention of being a public figure for a crime that should not have happened to me, but because we neglect the fact that there are people these crimes happened to. You know me. You have spoken to me, laughed with me, and today, you will forever recognize the injustice done to my body and my soul. I was raped. My vulnerability, my innocence, and my choice was taken away from me. His life continued and mine was destroyed. We acknowledge the crime, but we will never acknowledge the severity of the crime. Today, that ends. But I've taken my body back. Today, I ask us to continue the conversation, acknowledge all those who have said #MeToo, and fight the injustice against our students on this campus. I am a survivor, but the burden should no longer be weighed on my shoulders. I challenge each and every single one of you to speak against the toxic nature of sex on our campus, hold each other accountable, and protect one another. This systematic culture we have allowed should no longer be tolerated. Words contribute to the culture as much as the actions do. We must to acknowledge that. We cannot continue to enable this type of behavior. We cannot stay silent any longer. I quote Blythe Baird's Pocket Size Feminism and I ask you all, "How am I to forgive myself for doing nothing in the mouth of trauma? Is silence not an act of violence too?" To survivors on this campus, I believe you, I see you, I hear you, I have been you, and I am you. I refute the idea that you had to have this experience to stand with us. So, stand with us."

There was no further public comment at this time.

Speaker Martinez said go home and get some rest.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.