

# 86<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Hughes called the Senate meeting to order at 5:33 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Speaker Martinez and Senator Alvarez, Rogers, and Wilday were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. **The minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Senator Burton moved to approve the minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent, motion carried.

b. **The minutes from September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

c. **The minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The minutes from September 19<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 have already been approved.

d. **The minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

e. **The minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

f. **The minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

g. **The minutes from October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

h. **The minutes from November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Hughes said she will be limiting public comment to two minutes for the sake of time.

Bill Hamma said tonight, what they hadn't been taught about Martin Luther King. It was now matter of public record that not only was he a womanizer, that he plagiarized his PH.D dissertation in theology of all subjects. What's much worse is that he left his country a legacy of lawlessness. Some years ago, there was an

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article published that said the only thing that distinguished civilization from the third world was superior technology and that in another generation, they would have that. On the contrary, the one thing that separates the two since ancient times is rule of the law. What happens when individuals take the law into their own hands. These questions have troubled western thinkers and theologians since ancient times. To MLK, the whole thing was simple. There were two kinds of laws: just and unjust. And, you don't have to obey unjust laws. And who decides what laws are unjust? Everyone decides it for themselves. Once that happens, you have no right to be surprised when your opponents decide which laws are just and unjust that are different from yours and therefore, they don't have to respect your legal rights. King went to jail for disobeying the law but how can you go to jail when you have a moral obligation to do so. This is a contradiction in terms and they see the results of the lawlessness everywhere. They see it with demonstrations everywhere against conservatives.

Senator Hughes said that was time; thank you.

John Knott said it the veterans day parade was outstanding and wolf pack attendance was on point. It was great to bring the community together. Thanks guys.

Senator Clemons thanked Mr. Knott for his service.

Todd Renwick, Assistant Director of Police Services. He thanked the body for having him. He apologized on behalf of Director Garcia since he was in Las Vegas for meetings and for the board meeting on Friday. He was in attendance because there were some things he wanted to talk about and show the body. He has been here for 21 years; before that, he was probably part of the problem like the body. The University was home to him and he was thrilled to be able to do what he does on the campus. He was going to pull out the annual security report. He asked if the body knew why they file this report with Student Services and other campus groups.

Senator Burton asked if it was because they were required to.

Assistant Director Renwick said correct. They can get it through their website on the righthand side of the main page. There is a lot of information and components. First was programs and services they offer at the University for students as well as fire safety information and crime reporting information. There is a heavy component as it relates to reporting. Obviously, they want to make sure they doing their due diligence with reporting and that they had the correct information. More importantly, they wanted to make sure students are aware of what is going on with the campus related to crime. He will show them some crime stuff so they can understand the crime picture of the campus. When they look at the main campus as a whole – not the satellite campuses that fall into their reporting criteria – there was good news and bad news. People forget that those other campuses, like the Redfield campus on Wedge Pkwy and on Valley Rd fall under their reports. Anyway, the good news is that violent crimes are extremely low. The bad news is that property crime rates are high. This means that statistically, you will probably have something stolen from you before something bad happens to you. They want to preface that with never letting students get complacent; they still had to take safety as a priority on campus and in their communities. Police cannot be everywhere at once. They needed them to take control of their personal safety. The biggest piece of that was to be aware: look up, make eye contact with people, notice what is going on around you, and safeguard your stuff. Safeguarding your stuff was the single most important thing. When they talk about property crimes they are talking about laptops, book bags, books, bikes, etc. Last year, they had a total of 37 bikes stolen. They had 53 this year. he was hoping to show them a video of how quick a bike will get taken on this campus and the challenges they face as police in trying to detect it. They are in prevention mode now and needed their help to take away opportunities for folks doing it. Part of it was locking up your bike the right way but also using the right type of locks. Cable locks are \$9 at Walmart but if you plan on security a \$600 or \$1000 mountain bike, a \$9 lock is not a good investment. They needed them to invest in a steel lock and lock their bikes the

right way. What they did at this last orientation they showed students pictures of how to properly lock up a bike. This was to help them understand what the problem is and why they tell students this. Typically, what they see is bikes not locked up the right way or locked up using a \$9 cable lock. A couple of weeks ago, they had a bike stolen that had been tied down using a ratchet tiedown. The thieves just cut the strap right off. In the "Crimes" section of the report, they can see the different stats. They look at two crimes: violent crimes and property crimes. Murder, manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, rape/statutory rape, incest, robbery, and aggravated assault all fall under violent crimes. They will see that aside from rape, their numbers are extremely low. Even if you look at the sexual assault/rape categories, they are still low. However, he believed that was because of underreporting. The department's goal wasn't to see the numbers go up because of more crimes occurring but because more people are reporting and feel comfortable reporting. One of their missions is to get victims of interpersonal violence/sexual assault to feel more comfortable to come to the police. Their concept was to give the victims control and have the police be the passengers. The victims drive the bus and at any time they can ask the police to get off the bus. But, if they allow the police to stay on the bus, they will get them to where they need to go. And, bring justice. That is what they want to promote. There was other stuff: burglary, vehicle theft, and arson. Vehicle theft included things like mopeds and golf carts under the Cleary Act. Only one or two of the total is actually vehicles and the rest are golf carts and mopeds. Golf cart thefts tend to occur after major events on campus, like football games. They can see where they are making their arrests. Predominantly, they make arrests for things like marijuana and liquor possession and illegal weapons. That was a look at their crime picture. He felt confident and good and hoped they felt confident and good that the campus was safe. Things happened no doubt but statistically, the campus was safe. They just did a safety walk and some of the results of that are in motion to get fixed. He needed to disclose something else; in addition to being assistant director, he was a dad of a female student here. Don't think for a second that he didn't have a vested interest in this place. He had a stake not only as his employment but also as a parent. He was very confident and pleased with support they get from the University relating to safety initiatives and anything they bring to administration. They are welcoming and supportive of their mission relating to faculty, visitor, and student safety. That is where they are as far as safety. As far as alcohol, he asked who thought they were too hard regarding alcohol on campus. After all, this is college and their parents send them here to party. Wrong, they come here to get an education and degree. And then move on to the professional world or to grad school. They knew that; but students also had to understand that they deal with poor decisions from excessive drinking that leads to severe medical issues. That is why they had to take the stance they had. That is how they fulfill making them successful students and making the campus safe. He was sorry if they know someone that has been cited for minor possession or taken to jail/minor detox. That is how they do their business to make them safe and how they can tell parents at orientation how their children will be kept safe. He asked if there were questions.

There were no questions at this time.

Assistant Director Renwick said he will move onto how the body can help them. First, they needed partners. They accept and want their help. As leaders of this government, if they haven't already, take a ride along to see what the men and women of the department do. He think you can know what the men and women face without sharing that experience. He encouraged them to do that first. Second, talk to constituents about the problems he told them about and things they can do to. He just did a presentation to a group for risky business week. They went around a building and found bags, open offices/unlocked doors, purses in desk drawers, things unattended. They see students just get up and get a cup of coffee and leave their things setup on tables thinking it will be there when they get back. There was a high probability it might not be. It wasn't necessarily them stealing from each other but rather folks from the community that understood what kinds of opportunities are here. They need students to turn around that mentality and not provide others the opportunity. That is how they can help. Any time there are questions or concerns, visit their interactive website. They can also email them. They love to hear from students and get back to them right away. They can email with questions or concerns or if they need anything or want someone to come and talk to them

and their respective colleges. Anything they can do to help they will. But they need to do it together and as a team, not apart. Eh gets frustrated of things on social media and had to dispatch an officer. He would hope to learn of something not through social media but someone picking up the phone and reporting it right away. This is how to make good steps forward in working together. He will show them the video he mentioned earlier on. As they can see, in less than 19 seconds that individual took the bike. That is what they battle with every day. This individual had a hat on, a backpack on, and it looked like he was just unlocking his bike. This is where they needed help. They had some success at the res halls where a student noticed some suspicious activity and called in as it was happening. In over two nights they made three arrests but his was happening on a regular basis. He hoped to arm them for a reason and hoped they spread the word and call them if they see anyone suspicious around bike racks. Their nonemergency number is 334-COPS/334-2677. If you ever think something is an emergency, call 911. He will never describe what an emergency is; if you believe something is an emergency, call 911. If they want to report something that is not an emergency call 334-COPS. He asked if there were questions.

Senator Amaya asked if you had to register your bike with Parking Services.

Assistant Director Renwick said you don't have to. If you do register your bike, there was no fee. They encouraged students to register their bike because you don't normally write down the serial number, make, and model of your bike. When you register your bike and get that parking permit, they get a record of how many bikes there are on campus. If your bike ever gets stolen and it was registered, then police know where to go to get that information. If they get the serial number, they can enter it into the National Crime Information Center. If that bike gets pawned or they get stopped and the serial number is run, it comes back hot and know who it belongs to.

Senator Amaya suggested that when people register their bike, that would be a good time to educate them on cable locks.

Assistant Director Renwick said Police Services is in contact with Parking Services about distributing that kind of information. They will start seeing flyers being placed on bikes about how to lock bikes, what kinds of locks, other information, and registering bikes. He encouraged them right now to take photos of the items and their serial numbers and keep them. Nothing is better than a picture of their property and serial numbers if it gets stolen. He was talking phones, laptops, and anything that had value.

Senator Yeghiayan knew there wasn't a report for 2018 yet but asked if they had rough estimates of numbers for hate crimes.

Assistant Director Renwick said no. He knew about the swastikas and other things they see but it took more than that to become a hate crime. Just because they see a swastika on the wall, that didn't mean it was a hate crime.

Senator Burton guessed that one of the biggest reasons students don't report is because they don't know the nonemergency number and also a lack of knowing when to call the nonemergency number and when to call 911. Senator Burton asked what was the best way to educate constituents on that.

Assistant director Renwick said a lot of it was education and talking about those numbers. The other thing he tells people is take yourself off campus and put yourself at home and whatever you're experiencing is happening at home. Say you live in Las Vegas and you're at home in Las Vegas and you have to call the police. Ask yourself, "What would you do there?". It was no different on campus, either call the nonemergency number or 911. A lot of it was telling people there were two ways to call: emergency and nonemergency. By the way, they can download the safety app: Safe Pack University of Nevada. If they don't have it already, please do. It had great information in the app and the phone numbers as well. They can send

texts, report tips anonymously or not anonymously, and they can send emails. just open the app and all mechanisms to communicate as well as resources are there.

Senator Feil asked what the definition of a hate crime was and what justified it being classified as a hate crime.

Assistant Director Renwick said it had to be targeted to a specific group, gender, or nationality. Part of it was that if someone committed an aggressive crime on someone, like battery, and verbalized that because of their gender/ethnicity/religion that is why they assaulted the other person, that is a hate crime. If there was a swastika on a Jewish temple, that is a hate crime. A swastika on a wall is not necessarily a hate crime.

Senator Hudson asked how often the blue lights had been used.

Assistant Director Renwick said they had over 100 blue lights on campus and they get used quite often but at a low frequency. What he meant with “quite often” is 2-3 times a week. Of those 2-3 times a week, over 95% of the time someone pushed the button and didn’t realize what they did or they push it and walk away. Other times, it gets pushed and then they ask for directions, so people don’t always understand what it was for. They have also people deploy it for legitimate reasons, like medical emergencies.

Senator Amaya was confused from Senator Feil’s question. Last year, two incidents occurred with graffiti and that was considered a hate crime.

Assistant Director Renwick said last year when.

Senator Amaya said 2017.

Assistant Director Renwick said he was being asked about this year.

Senator Amaya understood that.

Senator Feil believed that Senator Amaya was trying to ask why those incidents were hate crimes but a swastika on a door of someone that is Jewish is not a hate crime.

Assistant director Renwick said he was not aware of it being drawn on someone that was Jewish.

Senator Feil asked if it was reported incorrectly.

Assistant Director Renwick said maybe they had more information.

Senator Yeghiayan asked why the location of the swastika made it different since the location doesn’t redefine what it means.

Assistant Director Renwick said that is how the law was written; a swastika in itself is not illegal. He wished he could change that.

Senator Burton said he did some digging and found the daily crime log that is published and noticed some extreme descriptions to them, like grand theft auto. He asked Assistant Director Renwick to it so that students who might see this don’t freak out.

Assistant Director Renwick said GTA, grand theft auto, was exactly what it sounds like. For Cleary purposes, if a moped or golf cart is taken in the City of Reno, it was considered grand larceny, not grand theft auto,

like on campus. Sometimes, golf carts get taken. Other times, business owners in the community call and say there is a university golf cart on our property.

Senator Hudson asked how often crimes of any scale occur in parking garages.

Assistant Director Renwick said pretty low. They had an overwhelming amount of vehicle crashes and hit and runs in parking garages. As far as other crimes, it was low. He can attest to this since he was here when they build the first parking garage. But what they did is a ton of research. They found that parking garage crimes are pretty low. There are burglaries and cars do get broken into and of course accidents.

There were no further question at this time.

Senator Hughes thanked Assistant Director Renwick for coming. She yielded the rest of her report time to Dr. Beattie.

Dr. Beattie said he normally doesn't read from things but this was important and he didn't want to miss anything. He wanted to talk about the open forum last week. He met with some senators on Friday informally after their committee meetings to talk about how people were feeling. There was an overall theme of disenfranchisement that Senate may or may not have and he wanted to clear it up. He really appreciated this Senate body. In organizational theory, they talk about individuals always growing and learning. He can tell them that since he started in 2013, the overall student government has gotten better. Part of it is the previous officers learning from their mistakes and training the incoming officers better. Senate is very procedural and this body is good at jumping into action when things happen. The hard thing about being the legislative body is that things take time. The legislators legislate and the executive branch executes. President Jackson and her cabinet gets to move very quickly. President Jackson can work with her Director of PR to release a statement right away when things happen. And that is all y'all's first line of offense when combatting a problem. If there is anything that needed to get out quickly, feel free to communicate with Director Andrade. He didn't know if the body had seen what Director Andrade has put out but she writes really well and addresses problems really well and in a way students appreciate. Going back to Senate's powers, everyone wants to jump in right away. What Senate did last week was incredibly hard. You had to listen to incredibly hard issues as a body and not act as individuals. What was discussed last week impacted everyone on the body in one shape or form. He knew they all had strong feelings about it and their voice was legislation. He was the type of person that wanted to fix problems right away. People come to him and tell him about their day and immediately he comes up with solutions. But then his mom or whatever will tell him to shut up, they just wanted him to understand not fix the problem. Whether or not the body feels as if they did something wrong, he can guarantee them that students at that meeting respected them listening to what students were saying and just wanted to be understood. Steven Cubby, his favorite author, says "Seek first to understand, and then to be understood." In order for someone to feel understood, their feelings need to be validated. That is what they needed to remember moving forward. If they thought back to their Senate training, he gave them the example of Tigger and Winnie the Poo. Tigger sees something happen and jumps into the tree but it was the wrong move and now he's stuck in the tree. A senate body can't move that way. They needed to figure out what students are saying. The data collected by the secretary staff and Legislative Clerk has been sent out. He encouraged them to find the meaning of what students are saying. Sometimes, you hear an initial overview and you assume that is what they meant. To seek what they are really saying, don't connect it to your experiences because it will be different. There was some frustration on the part of senators from what administration is not doing since they had power. He didn't know if they know this but he is an administrator. All the administrators that he works with are happy to listen to students and collaborate with students on projects. Everyone, the Regents and President Johnson, read the legislation. He gets emails on weekends where people ask him if what's really written in the legislation is what students want. And he says yes and gives them the context for it. President Johnson reads all the legislation. Their job was to be the liaison between administration and students. He guaranteed them that moving forward, if

the body wanted to talk to administration, they will listen. There were like seven people from Housing taking notes because they wanted to know what students think. He tried to come up with some stuff as examples. First, the reason there was gender neutral bathrooms on campus was because senate passed legislation and the administration listened. Moving forward, every new building that is built will have gender neutral bathrooms on campus. He was sorry to repeat this for those that were there on Friday. The EL Wiegand Fitness Center the was created from a fee that this student body wrote saying students wanted a fee to build a gym that they could use. GSA wrote legislation saying they didn't want it. What did the Regents do? They approved a fee for undergrad students because that's what the students said. It was built and then the grad students wanted to use it. So now a fee was imposed since that is what students wanted. Some things are more difficult to do than others to do but administration wants to work with students. He felt that many of the Senators have this urge to fix problems. This is what they call wicked problems. Wicked problems are almost, if not, impossible to fix. He wanted them to focus on moving the needle. The tech fee was raised because of legislation, the graduation fee was raised. Dr. Choroszy came to them with all the information so they can make a decision. If Senate hadn't supported it, there wouldn't have been an increase in the fee. The legislation they write was meaningful and people listened. Now, if they write legislation and sent it to Trump, it won't be as powerful as it is in NSHE. But in the State, it speaks large things. Regent Geddes listens to students because his position could swing based on them. It was small but the success Senator Hughes and other officers have had with feminine hygiene products was because administrators listened. He didn't want them to think their voices were useless. The senators that have travelled have met with students from other universities and those students are amazed with how much power students have at UNR. Every time, ASUN officers go to national conferences, the students they meet are blown away because their administration tells them how and when to do things and determine if they even get money. They heard about proactivity. They can take it or leave it but he came up with some ideas. Outreach: one of the best things last year's Senate did was outreach. Proactivity before things happen is always better. Senators went and sat in TRiO and the Veterans Office. They had a Senator who rode the shuttles and listened to students after pitching an elevator speech. They came and reported every week on what they heard. He wanted to work with Speaker Martinez to have five or ten senators report on outreach every week. It would be really powerful if every senator at the table knew all the students sitting on the audience. Second, educate students on ASUN. Many of the Senators sitting at this table thought ASUN could change the world and fire Marc Johnson if they wanted. He challenged them to educate students by working with the exec board to create 15-minute presentation on the powers of ASUN, what it has/doesn't have, differences between bill and resolution and binding resolutions, and how they work with students. Go out to clubs, sit in the Center, sit in TRiO and McNair, and Veterans' Affairs. Right now, it was an us versus them thing; fix that. Work with the Director of Campus and Public Relations for strategic messaging about what ASUN is doing. Students aren't looking at agendas from the ASUN website. There was some misinformation give out to students about ASUN and administration. Students talked about Take Back the Night being planned poorly by ASUN. But, you know VOX planned it. Address those things when you go and talk to people. That meeting wasn't the right time to address that since it was their job to listen to student concerns. A couple of years ago, President Pereira did a monthly blog about what ASUN was doing. Maybe they can start it again. Also, attend events and talk to constituents at the events. There is an ASUN master calendar with all the events. Be strategic with your outreach. Government officers are not always going to be popular, just ask Directors Bittar and Lensch. They get consistent nasty emails and are dragged on social media. They know they are doing the work that is best for students and they work within their limitations, so they plug on. He is going to ask them to have faith that their administrators want to work with ASUN and have faith in their collective voices. They won't fix this problem; if this problem could have been fixed it would have a long time ago. But, they can move the needle on campus and show students they are trying. Don't feel powerless because when you give up your power you give up your voice. They are very lucky to be in a system of higher education that respects their power.

*Senator Green left the room at 6:01 pm  
and re-entered at 6:06 pm.*

*Senator Wilcox left the room at 6:05 pm  
and re-entered at 6:13 pm.*

*Senator Clemons left the room at 6:19 pm.*

The body moved into Agenda Item 6. Receipt of Petitions and Correspondence to the Senate and Referral.

The Nevada Alumni Association, The Young Alumni. The Nevada Alumni Association said they represent the students' connection to the University after graduation. Alumni are always asking what they can do for students. They don't have a way to reach out to students. That is why they are there to work with Senators. They are the best way to connect students to Nevada companies as well since they want to hire Nevada graduates. They want to work with students because as senators, they have clout and can influence their peers. They would like to plan tours of companies located in Nevada so that students have the opportunity to see the different areas that you can work in. They want to take the Senate to the Nevada Legislature to tour it. It was still tentative. They also wanted to set up tours of places like Microsoft and NV Energy as part of the pilot. They picked these places as a pilot because the Alumni Association had connections with them and they are located next to each other and because they can speak about the places as a whole since they had members that worked there. The visit to the Legislature was still tentative but they are working with committee members. If a time and dates permit it, they will get the Senators down there. For the tours, they planned on providing lunch and a portion for speed networking. This way, students don't get board and they aren't being lectured at. It would be 2-3 hours on a Friday afternoon. They asked if there were any questions before they move on.

Senator Hudson asked how students would sign up for this.

The Alumni Association said they will work with President Jackson and what students use. Maybe they can do something with Event Brite and email students to inform them. The big ask they had for this body was connecting students of different disciplines to this network. The jobs at these companies encompass different colleges. They asked the Senators to promote this event within their colleges and get students signed up. They want students to know that you don't have to be business major to work at a certain company. They have PR and HR departments and opportunities for other degrees. So often when think of one company, you only think about what they are known for. Microsoft does more than technology and spreading that visibility is beneficial.

There were no further questions for the Alumni Association.

There was no further public comment at this time.

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

**a. Resignation of April Wilday, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts**

Senator Hughes read the resignation into the record:

“Dear ASUN Senate,

I am regret to inform you that I must resign from my position as a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts. Due to chronic mental and physical conditions, I am unable to put in the necessary work required for Senate. I recently registered with the Disability Resource Center, so I'm getting help and learning! Working in ASUN has been one of the best experiences of my life and I am so happy to have done it with all of you. Please never hesitate to reach out to me and best of luck to you in all the amazing things you'll do!

Best,

April Wilday”

## **7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

### **a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson**

President Jackson wanted to add on to what Dr. Beattie was saying. Last night at the BSO forum, many of the senators were there. There was a great quote shared last night and she wanted to share it with them: “Many times change doesn’t come from the top down, it’s student led. Push and keep pushing, the push is what people will hear.” She asked the body to remember that their voices have power. After the town hall as they sift through and process the information and stories, it was important to sit together and clarify the issues, like Dr. Beattie said. It was important to act as soon as possible. She wanted to get a gauge to see when they would be available later this week or weekend to go through the testimonies that were given to get to the core of the issues, figure out how to best move forward, and best delegate the responsibilities. This way they can have a whole list of them and say who is working on what. And this way, they can push it out to students and follow up on things they find and actions moving forward. she asked to do a quick straw poll to see who was available this Friday night.

Senator Hughes said it looked like only one or two senators.

President Jackson asked who was available Saturday afternoon or any time Sunday.

President Jackson said Sunday looked their best bet. If they can’t make it, that was okay. She was pretty sure they won’t get through everything, which was okay. They will schedule follow up meetings. Like she mentioned, it was important to get things going ASAP. She will send out an Outlook calendar invite. She had a couple of housekeeping things. First, as they may have noticed, there is food on the table. That is because the Young Alumni will be coming to talk about an event ASUN partnering on with them in the spring. They will explain it more but it was basically career exploration. Students will be given the chance to learn about some different career options in various disciplines. She will pass around a thank you note and hoped the body would all sign it. she encouraged them to stay after and speak with the Young Alumni as well. Second, in partnership with the Res Hall Association, they will be hosting another ASUN town hall. This will be structured like a roundtable. It will be an open conversation on Monday November 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm. she wanted to have as many ASUN officers there. Marketing materials will be out soon so they can push them to constituents. She will meet with the Director of Title IX and Student Services to follow up on some of the concerns from last week’s town hall. If they had anything she should ask, let her know by tonight.

Senator Hudson asked President Jackson to repeat the date for the town hall.

President Jackson said it will be Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. she will also send out a calendar invite.

### **b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley**

VP Bradley said she will make her report as quickly as possible. The blood drive is next Wednesday from 11-4. If you are still in town, it will be a great thing to attend. Monday, at Mobile Mondays, they will table about it so students know. They were on News 4 last night to give more information out to the community about their options for donating blood. They are slightly ahead of UNLV, which was great. She gave a shout out to Director Andrade and her intern for also attending with her. Director Andrade also wrote a great a press release. The canned soup drive is going well. She has been in communications with Pack Provisions. The numbers have been steadily increased, and they are still waiting for some of the numbers from other locations. That will all go towards their

count. They met with RHA last Friday to discuss the town hall. She knew many of the body members had mentioned issues within the res halls. She asked them to bring them to the town hall since ASUN and RHA had a great working relationship this year.

Senator Clemons asked when Mobile Mondays was.

VP Bradley said it was the 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 in the Rotunda. She will put it on the Facebook page with details. Basically, she and her intern will hand out hand bills and get programming involved since it was tied to Beat UNLV.

Senator Clemons asked if it could be posted on GivePulse.

VP Bradley said she could post it there if they wanted to track hours.

**c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck**

Chief justice Groesbeck said her report was really short. The pamphlet was coming along well. She met with Inkblot last week and is waiting for it to get approved. Other than that, they are just working on SAS revisions. She needed to talk to the Attorney General and Dr. Beattie about it. They can email her if there are questions.

**d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher**

Chief of Staff Dutcher said he is working on the same stuff. He is planning the Mackay Endowment Fundraiser and working to get infrastructure set up. He hoped to have that roll out in the spring. Obviously, he is working on the internship program. As far as graduation stoles as they pertained to Senate, if you are elected official and graduating this year you get a stole. He believed he had a list but will send it to Speaker Martinez. If you are graduating this year and are not on the list, let him know since they are entitled to a stole. He was trying to order them to stay restocked. Finally, he is working on the promotional items for the RHA-ASUN town hall. He asked they please attend since the more ASUN officials were there the better, and it was great outreach for them as senators. It will be from 7-9 pm in the Great Basin Hall Multipurpose room on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Beattie said if they are not graduating this year, they are still entitled to a stole. You can come back next year or the year after and pick it up.

**e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar**

Director Bittar said he had a meeting last week with the Student Director from Front Desk since there have been issues with the condition in which club resources have been returned, or even if they have been returned. They need to plan a way to keep clubs accountable so that other clubs have access to them. The department also had its Fall II funding hearing this past Saturday and Sunday. They are working on getting the final allocated numbers. Next week, he will present on the numbers since Assistant Director Hickman is aggregating the numbers now. They started preliminary planning for spring club fair. They want to figure out a location given the number of clubs since they have out grown the Joe. Finally, with Assistant Director Hickman graduating, the position has been opened up. If you know of anyone that would be interested, let him know.

**f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch**

Assistant Director Thummel had a quick report on behalf of Director Lensch. They just wanted to thank the representatives that came to the diversity event last Monday; it was really great.

**g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall**

Director Worrall said recently, she was scrolling through Instagram and saw photos posted by the Nevada Humanities. The photos showed about 20 tents set up on a recently grazed lot in downtown Reno. Just up the roads, are luxury apartments where you can rent a one bedroom apartment for \$1300/month. Based on the campus wide civic engagement survey from last spring, 83 of the participants, students, indicated they didn't have a permanent home. Affordable housing in this town is becoming scarce and they should be trying to find the resources for students so they can be housing secure. This was one of her goals when she applied for the position. There was a lot of work being done in the community. That is why the Department of Legislative Affairs has partnered with some of the community members doing this to put on an affordable housing teaching event. It will be on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Great Room in the Joe. They will talk about the housing crisis, what caused it, and what has been done to fix it. In small groups, students will share their stories. All student solutions will be given to University administration, the City Council, the County Commission, the Legislature, and the Senate body. She hoped they will share the event on social media, their classes, and constituents. It was already on ASUN social media. Additionally, she has a thank you to the senators that have worked on BDRs. She has met with some of them already and thanked them for responding quickly to her emails. If they received an email from her, please fill out the when to meet form. Her team has been working diligently to give them all the information; don't hesitate to reach out to them.

**h.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

Speaker Jackson read the report into the record:

“This week is Transgender Awareness week! We have trans visibility flyers circling campus with lots of important information regarding trans awareness! I sat on the committee on online learning today and they're in the process of demo-ing new systems to replace our current online proctoring system. I was able to join the Judicial Council's interns at their meeting to do a diversity workshop and discussion. If you're interested in doing something similar for your interns feel free to reach out! Thank you!”

**i.** Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling

**j.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade

**k.** Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan

**l.** Attorney General, Omar Moore

Attorney General Moore said he has been working with Raul. There will be in this week, an updated opinion form so that you don't need to download a pdf, type on it, and then scan it and send it back. It will be something they can fill out online and goes straight to his email so that the process is streamlined. For those of them that have been popping into his office to pick up doc reviews, those will be online soon. Speaking of opinions, he wanted to clarify an opinion from earlier this week since it might have some outstanding issues. The Association in the past has worked hard to maintain accountability and transparency for students. Some senators have explained to him they have had difficulty conducting meetings and making quorum since next week is Thanksgiving. He hoped that the “plan ahead or get points policy” that has been steadfastly applied in the past will continue. Next week however, will be treated with circumstantial leniency for those that have spoken with him under the rationale that it constituted a full week. However, this should not serve as precedent and you should always plan on meeting every two weeks. Thanksgiving next week will be the exception. He thanked the senators that realized that early on and approached him. Otherwise, if they have questions, his door is open.

*Senator Clemons entered the room at 6:22 pm.*

Senator Hughes said as President Jackson mentioned, the Young Alumni Association has brought the body food. She will allow them to get up and get food if they want.

**m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez**

Senator Hughes yielded this time to Assistant Director Todd Renwick and Dr. Beattie to speak during Agenda Item 5. Public Comment.

Senator Burton moved to recess for five minutes and reconvene at 6:41 pm.

Senator Hudson seconded.

There was no discussion on the motion; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried; the body recessed.

Senator Hughes called the Senate meeting back to order at 6:42 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

Roll Call:

Senators Ahmed, Amaya, Aziz, Burton, Clemons, Collins, Feil, Grant, Green, Hughes, Lemus, Mata, McKinney, Rogaczewski, Sewell, Wilcox, and Yeghiayan were present.

Senator Hudson was tardy unexcused.

Speaker Martinez and Senator Alvarez, Rogers, and Wilday were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

**8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

**a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins**

Senator Collins said during last week's meeting, the committee favorably recommended the Latin honors legislation that they will see tonight. There is a meeting this Friday at 1 pm. on top of that, they should have gotten an email regarding the undergrad research awards. Dr. Scott Mensing is looking for senators to be a part of the panel for selections. They need 6-7 STEM majors, of which 1-2 should be engineering, 2-3 from social sciences, 1 psychology, and 1 from the arts, like theater, music, or art. For the arts senator, he will take a liberal arts major but preferred the arts. Basically, they will review 1-2 page proposals using the given instructions on grading them. She hoped to have the proposals set up on Nevada Box by Friday but if not, by Monday. They are due December 3<sup>rd</sup>. the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> will be the discussion. While they aren't mandatory that they attend, it was recommended. The arts reviewer should take about 30 minutes, the social science reviewers about an hour, and the STEM reviewers will take the longest, around 2 hours. She only had one persona that had responded, which was an issue. She asked if anyone was interested in the STEM reviews.

Senators Ahmed, Rogaczewski, Aziz, and Green volunteered.

Senator Collins said she will send their contact information to Dr. Mensing; they should get emails soon. She asked who was interested in the social sciences, preferably one from psychology.

Senators Mata and Yeghiayan volunteered.

Senator Collins asked if there was anyone from the arts.

Senator Mata had a contact that could be sent over.

Senator Collins knew that getting anyone from the arts would be hard; if they knew anyone, let her know. They preferred a senator but it didn't have to be a senator. Just email her.

Dr. Beattie wanted to make sure that everyone that signs up is committed to it. If you drop out last out, then Dr. Mensing is left scrambling at the last minute to find people to replace you. Dr. Mensing counts on this so please commit.

Senator Rogaczewski asked if this was for the Nevada Undergrad Research Award.

Dr. Beattie said ASUN generously came up with an agreement where it would fund \$25,000 of the awards. The Office of Undergrad Research said that since ASUN was funding it, they should be the ones to review the applications.

Senator Rogaczewski asked if it was a conflict of interest if he applied.

Dr. Beattie said yes; he would be voting on who gets funding and it would be hard to not vote for yourself.

Senator Collins asked if anyone was able to take Senator Rogaczewski's place in STEM.

Senator Rogaczewski said his application didn't go through.

Senator Collins said that was fine then. However, she only had 5 people but needed 1-2 more. She asked if anyone else could volunteer.

Senator Hughes asked Senator Collins to repeat the dates.

Senator Collins said they will get the about 10 proposals that are 1-2 pages long; it should be hard. They receive the proposals either Friday or Monday. Then, you have from then until December 3<sup>rd</sup> to review them and submit the rubrics. It wasn't mandatory but December 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> is the meetings to select the recipients.

Senator Sewell asked if she would be reviewing all of STEM or if she could just review engineering since she applied under biology.

Senator Collins said that was a conflict of interest because you would be grading other people and that would be an unfair advantage.

**b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant**

*Senator Burton left the room at 7:00 pm.*

Senator Grant said the committee had a lot of fun last week. They did reviews for Brushfire, New Student Initiatives, and ASUN Capital Account. That concluded their financial reviews but they may see a few others at the end of the semester.

**c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil**

Senator Feil said she will go over a couple of things. President Jackson talked about how they will move on from the town hall with a task force they will create. President Jackson mentioned that this was not a job for just one department but for everyone. That is why they wanted to push

everyone come to it. She and President Jackson will put it Another thing, there is an antisemitic forum tomorrow from 6-8 pm in Ansari 203. There was a room change. They are bringing in cool speakers who worked with Jewish organizations. It was really great and interactive and a great way to create great conversations become informed on issues that affect Jewish students. There is a committee meeting this week; Associate Director Koeckes will present on the engagement survey. They will meet at 2 pm in the President's Conference Room.

- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney  
Senator McKinney met with Attorney General Moore last week. There is no meeting next week. The constitutional change is chugging along and lots of things are cooking in the workshop.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata  
Senator Mata had a couple of updates. First, there is a committee meeting tomorrow at 9 am. Second, since Senator Wilday did resign, Senator Mata needed more people to join the committee. Other than that, Senator Mata talked to Chief Justice Groesbeck about the Student Union Advisory Board and question they had about the Joe. One of the biggest was about homeless people in the Union and if they should do anything. They wanted student opinions; gathering it would be great outreach. The committee will plan an event with James Cox, who was the Assistant Director of the Joe. They will table inside the Joe and ask students those questions.

Dr. Beattie had concerns about it because many people may not want to be identified as homeless; he had concerns about how that would be done.

Senator Mata said this would deal with homeless people coming in, not with students. Recently, nonstudents that are homeless are coming into the Joe and sleeping. There have been complaints about it.

Dr. Beattie said they will talk later.

- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes  
Senator Hughes said the internship is going well. They are talking about the legislation the interns are writing. The legislation was the framework for the project for the internship. The legislation doesn't have to be implemented but it goes well with hands on experience for research and writing. One intern is doing legislation about getting an ultrasound machine in the Heath Center and another is advocating for rape kits at the Health Center. Another is writing legislation about having the Health Center open on weekends. Another wrote legislation on making elections a national holiday. Many of the interns planned on running for senate.
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no 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 resolution received its first reading and was considered under item 16 of this agenda:

**a. S.B. 86 – A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Latin Honors Criteria**

*Senator Burton entered the room at 7:05 pm.*

**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 resolution received its second reading and was considered:**

**a. S.Res. 86 – A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Latin Honors Criteria**

Senator Wilcox moved to approve S.Res. 86 – A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Latin Honors Criteria by unanimous consent.  
Senator Burton dissented.

Senator Burton moved to approve S.Res. 86 – A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Latin Honors Criteria.  
Senator Hudson seconded.

Senator Collins said the Latin honors criteria has been a hot topic for the Committee on Academics. Originally, they had legislation in favor but after discussion, they created new legislation in opposition to the proposed criteria that Provost Carman showed them. Based this on the data presented. The legislation gives their reasons for why they don't believe this new criteria should be implemented as well as examples for how other schools do Latin honors. The resolution isn't necessarily saying that how it is right now was the best way; they do think the Latin honors needs to be changed and they give examples of what can be implemented. Towards the end on the third page, they include examples from Harvard, Utah, and Oregon. The resolution included facts so it was not opinion based.

Senator Aziz said on page 2 lines 22-23 and page 3 line 1, the resolution included the current magna cum laud criteria for the College of Business but on their website and on Provost Carman's data the current figures don't match. He was wondering why that discrepancy existed.

Senator Collins said it was a typo. She pulled the information from Provost Carman's presentation.

Senator Aziz moved to amend page 3, line item 1 to read: "3.835-3.691".  
Senator Burton seconded.

Senator Aziz said he phrased it this way so that you only qualify for one of the two, otherwise someone who qualified for cum laud would also qualify for magna cum laud.

There was no further discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.

Amendment carried.

The body moved back into discussion of the resolution as a whole.

Senator Burton asked Senator Collins if adjustments will be made to GPA again.

Senator Collins said as of now, nothing has happened. Provost Carman and the deans had a meeting a while back to discuss changing the honors criteria because incoming freshmen had problems with knowing what GPA they needed to have by their senior year to receive Latin honors. They saw concerns since they change the GPAs every year. What Provost Carman presented to him was a proposal, but it hadn't been implemented. He wanted the student body's support before implementing it.

Senator Burton when he and Senators Hudson and Grant met with Dean Mosier, they talked about how flexibility within the colleges, where if you come you are told this is what you need to get, sounded good. But if you change it half way, it skews it. Leaving it up to the individual colleges makes it flexible and less skewed.

Senator Aziz said he read the numbers wrong. Senator Collins had already accounted for that one thousand.

Senator Aziz moved to amend page 3, line 1 to read: "3.836-3.691"  
Senator Feil seconded.

There was no discussion on the amendment; the body moved to a vote.

Amendment carried.

The body moved back into the legislation as a whole.

Senator Amaya said that adding the perspectives of other colleges was a great idea.

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

Motion carried; Senator Aziz voted nay

Senator Aziz said Senator Aziz believed the Latin honors criteria does need to change since it shifts every year. this resolution somewhat carries the voice that they reject a change to Latin honors.

## 18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

### a. **Senate Committee Changes**

Senator Hughes said, like Senator Mata stated, University Affairs needed an additional person. This committee sees a lot of legislation so it was important they make quorum.

Senator Mata said right now they meet Thursdays at 9 am but they are trying to find a new time.

Senator Feil asked what time the committee was changing to.

Senator Mata said that needed to be discuss with the committee first.

Senator Feil said before any senators are added to the committee, the committee should decide on a time and let the body know.

There were no committee changes at this time; the body moved back into Agenda Item 20.

**b. Senator Reports**

Senator Reports were not heard at this time.

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Burton said that Senator Aziz's approach to removing the amendment was correct but he could have also said, "I move to reconsider the amendment" and that would make it quicker. Same thing, if there is a controversial issue on the table, you can also move to reconsider the legislation and voice your opinion within the discussion of the legislation.

Senator Grant said if you are on Budget and Finance and were assigned a review summary, get it in to him by this Friday so they can be posted on the website.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Mata asked if they were doing Miscellaneous Business.

Senator Hughes said she was not planning on it and asked if anyone needed it done.

Senator Mata said it was hard for University Affairs to make quorum and they needed more people to join. The time can change and if anyone would join, that would be great.

The body moved back into Agenda item 18a.

Dr. Beattie thanked Senator Aziz for being prepared on the legislation and owning his mistakes.

There was no further public comment at this time.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Hughes adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.