

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

Minutes for Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

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

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Hughes called the Senate meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretaries, Andrea Godoy and Frida Urena and Legislative Clerk Breanna Czerlanis.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ROLL CALL

Speaker Hughes and Senators Ahmed, Ampie, Collins, D. Hall, Davenport, Donahue, Doyle, Harvey, J. Hall, Komanduri, Melchor, Murphy, Prempeh, Supple, Veltre, Watt, and Westerman were present.

Senator Romero was tardy excused.

Senators Banfer, Rogers, and Yang were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from April 17th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of April 17th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- b. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from April 24th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of April 24th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

The minutes were unavailable at this time.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Hamma spoke about the bashing of white males in civilization and that there is a higher standard of living in the US. He said he was going to speak to the alumni council about the lack of diversity.

Jessica Wamsley said she was a nominee for the College of Liberal Arts seat and wanted to introduce herself. She was about to finish her freshman year and was a Political Science and International Relations major.

Director of Sustainability Sierra Jickling said: I want to come talk to y'all as my term is coming to an end. Mainly I have three things that I want to update you on things I've been working on. First of all, I hope some of you were able to attend some of the events we had last week for Earth Week. We were able give out 300 of these reusable bamboo utensils during the Earth Day festival thanks to the Department of

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Environmental Protection which was pretty exciting. Secondly, I've been working on getting a composting pilot program going with the DownUnder Café. The work on that is still going to continue. If anyone is interested in working on composting, please feel free to reach out to have a meeting with me. I'd love to pass on the work so that people could pick it up throughout the summer. Lastly, I am pleased to announce that negotiations with the Reno Transportation Commission have resulted in the ability to use grant funding from RTC to create a brand-new transportation program for UNR students. Starting July 1st, we will no longer have a Wolf Pass that students could buy for a discounted rate, but every student will be able to use their ID card to hop on an RTC bus free of charge. This is a one-year pilot program we're testing out. I'm really excited about it and I'm gonna need you guys to champion it next year. Please reach out if you have questions.

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

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda.

a. **Resignation of Kate Groesbeck, Chief Justice**

Kate Groesbeck said: Dear Speaker Hughes and the Senators of the 87th Session:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Chief Justice of ASUN.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in ASUN. In fact, my only regret is not getting involved sooner. Part of me is envious of everyone at this table, because you all have time left to make a difference. I advise you to slow down and enjoy it. I promise it'll go faster than you think.

First, I want to thank President Jackson for nominating me for this position. I appreciate her faith in me, and I am incredibly grateful that she gave me this opportunity. I am also grateful to Justices Campbell, Canfield, Smith, and Velazquez for their contributions to Judicial Council. I also want to thank the Judicial interns, Justin, Austin, Tori, and Payton. Working with them has been the highlight of my year. I am proud of the work that we all did in making Judicial a more legitimate branch of ASUN. I would also like to thank Dr. Beattie for being our advisor. I came into this position with absolutely no clue, and I appreciate him taking the time to make sure I understood what was happening.

And finally, to Speaker Hughes (you don't know how proud I am to call you that), it has been a privilege. I truly could not have asked for a better partner in the menstrual hygiene initiative. I so admire your dedication to public service and your desire to improve this university. You inspire me every day.

I wish the Association all of the best moving forward. Thank you for this experience.

b. **Resignation of Jessica Velazquez, Associate Justice**

Speaker Hughes read into the record: Dear Speaker Hughes and the Senators of the 87th Session:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Associate Justice of the Judicial Council of ASUN.

Being a part of the Judicial Council has genuinely been one of the highlights of my college experience. From the time I got nominated by President Jackson and approved by the ASUN Senate, I have been able to meet and connect with fellow ASUN representatives and gain first-hand experience in student government. I am extremely grateful to have been granted the opportunity to work alongside Justices Campbell, Canfield, and Smith. It was an absolute pleasure to work under Chief Justice Groesbeck. From reviewing and editing governing documents such as the Constitution and the SAS to discussing past cases, it was amazing to be a member of the Judicial Council and contribute to the Associated Students of Nevada.

Throughout the year I have experienced professional and personal development. Through ASUN, I have been granted access to connections with fellow students, professors, and administration. ASUN's commitment to improving this campus is inspiring. The tireless efforts to make even the smallest aspects more accessible, more diverse, more inclusive is truly moving. It has been an honor to have been a part of that.

I wish the Association nothing but the best moving forward. It has truly been a privilege to have this experience.

**c. Nominations, Open Senate Seat for the College of Liberal Arts**

There were none at this time.

**7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

**a. President of the Associated Students, Anthony Martinez**

President Martinez said: Hello Senators,

I am currently working on coordinating our first Presidents Cabinet meeting with Vice President Flangas, as well as a training for the entire Executive Board for the month of May. The goal of this training is to make sure that everyone is prepared to fulfil their job duties, even in the summer months. In addition, I have been in attendance to various meetings and club banquets just to speak to students and work with different administrators to figure out what committees I am missing to sit on currently. I attended the RHA Banquet this Sunday and I had the honor to speak and just recently we have hired three people for the department of Leg Affairs, Sustainability and our Chief Justice.

I am also looking forward to attending a dinner with Hillel for Nevada, one of the Jewish organizations and a future meeting we have coming up with President Johnson and Dr. Ellis. We also have a meeting with athletics and cheers this Thursday. Aside from the multiple meetings of admin and interviews I can speak for myself by saying i will be available the week of finals. So, if any of you would love to meet and talk more about the future of ASUN I would be happy to!

Vice President Flangas and I have also been working diligently on the ASUN Budget for Fiscal Year 20, which I am pleased to formally deliver to Speaker Hughes tonight to be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

With that I have no other information.

**b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Nicole Flangas**

Vice President Nicole Flangas said: Hello Senators,

Like I said in my email, I did meet with Mary T about orientation and I am really excited to say we came up with a really cool idea about how to make this workshop a lot more interactive. I'm gonna email you guys about this, but the idea is we put issues on PowerPoint slides like Women's Health, Safety, Sustainability and ask students when they come into the room what is something they care about. Then we'll poll the room and will rank them, and we'll be able to flip over and say what ASUN has done in terms of women's health in the past 5 years. We can say something about the feminine hygiene product program and so the idea is not only to show what has ASUN done, but what we have the capability to do and it'll be a lot more engaging. I'm hoping with each orientation session we get new ideas on things that they care about and that will help lead the association. I'm very excited about that workshop. I also really need volunteers to help me with that workshop - I have all of the dates for orientation. I'm going to be sending out an email. If you are here over the summer even for like a week, please help me or I'm going to be doing it all by myself. I would love to see you guys there and it is a really

good time to recruit for the internship program. Today I also went to the strategic plan workshop. If you guys have not read the strategic plan, I really recommend you do so. We have goals for 2021, we're still in the process of trying to achieve those. Look them over if they're things you're interested in and let's start connecting you with those programs that are working on it. I also had a meeting with Kim Woods. I had some students come to me when I was a senator with concerns about the conduct manual as well as Title IX. She discussed the possibility of having a student audit committee to audit that manual every year and make changes. I think this is something the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness would be really instrumental in doing and I know we want our Director of Campus Wellness to be there as well. Its kind of landed on me, so now I'm shifting it to you. Also, I met with a senator this week and he said is what would be really cool is if I told you all outreach ideas cause I'm the one who changed your outreach to be really intense. My outreach recommendation of the week is to go to the diversity graduations. I have a list of about 15 of them you can go to. It's a great opportunity for outreach - I will forward that email to you. It's a great idea to make those connections since the biggest thing that people talk about is ASUN doesn't connect with people. Let's connect with all those people I would love to see you at those graduations. I'm going to as many as possible.

Senator Melchor said that there was a graduation that day at the Joe at 7 p.m.

**c. Chief of Staff, Austin Brown**

Chief of Staff Brown said: Hello Senators. This past week I've been working hard with the President and Vice President to start planning out retreat, so we've been sitting down and looking at the curriculum, hopefully setting out the timelines, and seeing what we really want to be there. If you have any ideas for what you want to see at retreat, please feel free to email me and let me know some ideas, so that way we can get that in there. I've also met with the previous Chief of Staff Matthew Dutcher to talk about the internship and what worked and what didn't and some things that he thinks would help me in this position and I've scheduled another meeting with him next week, so I will have more information about that. We're hoping to get all the internship information out pretty soon, so we'll meet with the other intern heads to kind of talk about what we're hoping when they all get elected. Finally, we are going to start working on the new ASUN polos, so hopefully we can get those soon, but we are going to wait until everyone's hired to do that. That will be coming up here pretty soon.

**d. Chief Justice**

**d. Director of Campus and Public Relations**

**e. Attorney General, Omar Moore**

Attorney General Moore said: I have a few things today. Monday, we had the Traffic Unit Board meeting. In one of the cases we heard, there are a few campus updates that I wanted to share. Parking passes, as far as prices, will be experiencing a small incremental rise. That's to accommodate the deferred maintenance that people have been neglecting over the past few years. Stuff that we have already been talking about at this table, we'll be getting to use the UPass system coming up then the Pack Transit system. I'm really excited about it - so we'll be getting to use it for a year as a pilot program. For one year, starting in I believe July 1st, your Wolf Cards will be able to be used as an RTC pass. It's on us almost to kind of get the word out there because student usage is key, so that after the pilot program is done, we can kind of get the data back to them and convince the University to fund the program and show them that students are using this and it is a transportation resource that students use. Those are two exciting programs that are coming up. On campus, they're building a new parking garage on Lincoln Center. That should decrease a lot of congestion since I know a lot of people park on campus. Those are all of the updates outside of that meeting. This week I have a meeting with Director of Elections Little on Friday to finalize all of the revisions to the SAS. We'll be joined by Senator Hall from Government Operations. Lastly, just a good job to all of the Committees Chairs on getting all of those agendas out cleanly for the first couple of weeks. The first week they were definitely cutting it as close to the deadline as possible, but I think you were just

getting all of your access figured out, so it's ok. Something I want to bring up is last session a lot of the Committee Chairs used the ASUN calendar which is attached to all of your email accounts. We all have a shared calendar, so when we have events that we want to broadcast or make public, we can put it on there. It helps me keep track of the committee meetings, but it also serves to be more transparent within the Association. If you need help utilizing that feature, please come to me. Please make sure you're making those as public as you can.

Speaker Hughes said that she requested an opinion and asked if she could get it by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney General Moore said yes.

Senator J. Hall asked if there was a limit to how many times you could ride.

Attorney General Moore said no. To his knowledge, it should be: you swipe, you ride.

Senator Murphy asked if they are increasing fees every year?

Attorney General Moore said in the past, there had been larger raises. The changes this year and in the future would be incremental in size to make it easier on the students. This year the changes max at 3 percent. For some parking passes it might be four dollars, for others they might be a 10-dollar difference. These changes are the kinds that the committee wants to continue in the future.

Senator Ampie asked if there was a flyer to spread the word about using the Wolf Card on buses.

Attorney General Moore said not now. There was a digital copy, but not a hard copy. He would share the digital copy.

**f. Director of Programming, Gabrielle Lew**

Director of Programming Lew said: Hello, some quick updates and things I've been doing - obviously been working on hiring a new programming board and I'm really excited for that. I've also been working with Mary T on the Wolf Pack Welcome. Then, finally, I've been working with Learning 365 on the summer barbecues cause, as you know, when students pay for summer classes, they're also paying us. We are planning three barbecues for them over summer. One's a barbecue, then the two after are Coldstone Ice Cream socials. I would really love your help, particularly with the barbecue, because it is a lot of times just me. If you could help, I can get the dates. When I have dates to give you guys, would you prefer for me to say them now verbally, over email, over Facebook. I just want to gauge the best way to give you knowledge and also get volunteers, specifically for the summer barbecues.

Speaker Hughes asked to do a vote.

Senator Westerman asked if there would be an all of the above option.

The body voted on all of the above.

Director Lew said: Perfect, I just didn't want to start spouting out dates and times at you if no one was going to be receptive of them. Right now, I can tell you when the barbecues/ice creams are. The first BBQ is on May 30 from 12-1 in the KC lawn. We'll meet in the office at around 10:30 to gather all the items and start up the grills and burners. We'll grill for an hour and then we'll clean up. That's May 30th, 12-1. Then the next two are ice cream socials. Those are gonna be happening in the little sculpture garden by the Knowledge Center when you would enter into the @One. Those are also 12-1. The first one is on June 20th and the second one is July 25th.

Those are all Thursday's. I would love your attendance and I will send out an email letting you know when we're meeting ahead of time.

- g. Director of Sustainability**
- h. Director of Wellness**
- i. Director of Legislative Affairs**

Katie Worrall said: Hi everyone, I'm Katie if I haven't met you yet. I just have a quick thing to say about the State Legislative Session happening right now. Last Friday, Senator Westerman and I went to testify in support of AB 124, which just expands resources for sexual assault survivors in our state. Right now, it's in work session as we speak, so I can let you know whether it's passed through the committee and if it's going to go through a final vote on the Senate floor soon. Also, I want to highlight two bills that are related to one of the 86th session's legislative priorities, which was housing and food security. Actually, the Senate has passed resolutions in support of every goal except for this one - food security. Two bills that will be awesome to have an opinion on from this body is SB 178 which creates a Food for the People council that keeps food out of landfills. It basically helps to support businesses that will reduce their food waste. Then there is AB 326, which provides loans to fresh food retailers who set up a store in a low income or underserved area. If you would like to know more about those bills, I'd be more than happy to talk to you or send you more information. Thank you.

Senator Donohue said he was working on a resolution for SB 178.

- j. Director of Diversity and Inclusion**
- k. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Davis Florence**

Director Florence said: Hello everyone, I am working on hiring my commission. I am leaving the application open to fill my board with qualified individuals. If you guys could reach out to your constituents and let them know that's the case and recommend that they apply, I will continue that process to get the best individuals. Our club fair will be a part of Welcome Week and will be on August 29th. So, if you're involved in any clubs and organizations, let them know that is the date. This week at our weekly meeting, we will be going over some policy changes for our club support funding. I'll be having updates with that next week. Pretty serious changes going through. Lastly, I would love to meet with you all. You all have great ideas and I have great ideas as well, so if you'd like to meet at all, I'm always willing. Just let me know. Any questions?

Senator D. Hall asked how long the application is going to be up.

Director Florence said they do not have a date, but until all of the positions are filled.

## **8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting

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

Senator Harvey said that Academics had their first meeting that past week. They elected Senator Collins as the Vice Chair. At their next meeting, they are going to delegate liaison positions based on goals.

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

Senator Prempeh said that in that past week, they elected Senator Supple as Vice Chair. The committee also talked about goals and they are going to possibly meet on Tuesday evening to read and discuss legislation.

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

Senator Doyle said that the committee's first meeting was last Friday. They talked about goals, specifically that they're going to do civic engagement themes for every month to get in all their outreach hours. Their next meeting is on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator Supple**

Senator Supple said that at their last meeting, the committee elected Senator D. Hall as vice chair.

They talked about committee goals and having an understanding of the SAS. She would be giving a presentation and would assign portions of the SAS at the next meeting.

**e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Westerman**

Senator Westerman said that the committee met on Friday. They elected Senator Ahmed as Vice Chair. They also talked about committee goals and focusing on the legislative session and what to do after it ends. The committee wants to do more outreach, so they are going to collaborate with Civic Engagement to make more impact. Senator Westerman and Senator Ahmed also presented on how to write legislation and she said she could send out the presentation to those that are interested.

Romero walked in at 6:02

**f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness- Senator Komanduri**

Senator Komanduri said that there was no report, but that the committee would be meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**g. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Rogers**

There was no report available at this time.

**h. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Murphy**

Senator Murphy said that she was working with Chief of Staff brown and will be sending out an email about the legacy box since there is a lot it can be used for.

**i. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Hughes**

Speaker Hughes said that Oversight will be having a meeting next Monday. They will be seeing three nominees – Chief Justice, Director of Sustainability, and Director of Legislative Affairs. They will be fast tracked and put on the agenda for the next Senate meeting. They will be at the table next week if they are favorably recommended

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Westerman said that her and Director Worrall went to the Nevada State Legislature in support of a bill. She wanted to express how cool the experience was. She said that if they pass more resolutions for those bills, then the other senators could also do what she did. She said the sponsor was very thankful about them talking on behalf of students. Making testimonies means a lot since they represent so many students. She added that if another bill reaches the floor and someone wants to speak on behalf of it, she could help them out.

Senator Melchor said he was talking to the retreat coordinator and they were very interested in when the internships are gonna be out, so he could put whoever is working on that in contact with them. The coordinators want more low-income, first-gen students applying to ASUN.

**10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments to be fast-tracked at this time.

**11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

**a. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on April 23rd, 2019:**

**i. NOMINATION OF AYANNA RELEFORD TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Speaker Hughes motioned. Murphey moved. Doyle seconded.

President Martinez said: Ayanna is a third-year student double majoring in Information Systems with a Minor in Cybersecurity and Spanish Literature and Culture. She also has a passion for empowering those around her with her diverse major choice. First, I want to address the fact that Ayanna has two years of ASUN experience within the department of Diversity and Inclusion under two different positions. She knows a lot of the ins and outs of our organization, but she is also eager to try out new events and ideas within the department. I think that her experiences within the department and other organizations on campus makes her more than qualified for this position. Ayanna's experiences listed in her resume have given her a better perspective on what students on our campus are feeling. Ayanna has proved that she can effectively lead individuals towards a common goal. The one thing that stood out to me about Ayanna was her vision for the Department and her outlook on diversity, equity, and inclusion. As you will see in her portfolio, her vision for the Department is incredibly insightful and intentional. She hopes to work towards the mission of developing an inclusive campus that creates civic leaders while embracing diversity. Ayanna sees Diversity not as a problem to be managed, but a beautiful vision for the future that we should learn to celebrate. I have confidence that Ayanna will be an incredible leader for this department, and I am also incredibly excited about the positive changes that her leadership will bring to our organization. Without further ado, Ms. Ayanna Releford.

Releford said: Hello everyone, my name is Ayanna Releford. Just to start off, to me diversity should be seen as more than just a buzz word or an afterthought. I think diversity is ensuring that every student feels equally on campus and that making sure that they feel safe on campus is not just an afterthought or a chore. As stated in the SAS, diversity is so much more than just gender, race, and identity. It's very multifaceted in the sense that it is also religious views, sexuality, veteran's status, or if someone's a first-generation student. Just to go into my experiences, in 2017-2018 I was a Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity. One of the things that I did under that position was I worked very closely with the director to put on Pizza with Police in which students were able to have pizza with UNR PD and explain and share any grievances or concerns they had on campus safety. In 2018-2019, I was the Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy. One of the things I did was I worked with Queer Student Union to put on an event for National Coming Out Day, just so that students a part of the LGBTQIA+ community could feel safe in expressing themselves and embracing their true identities on campus. Also in 2018-2019, I was the president of Nevada Cyber Club. I have large amounts of experience delegating tasks and working at an executive level with other students. I also currently sit on the cultural diversity committee in which we plan the Northern Nevada Diversity Summit. In my opinion, having held both these positions as both commissioner of Projects and Events and Social Justice and Policy lets me know what to expect from these positions and what exactly could be challenging for these positions. Also, it lets me know what qualities to look for when hiring for these positions. For example, for Projects and Events, I would look for someone who is not only passionate about equal representation on campus, but also who has experience with programming events on campus like with going through Inkblot and SMAB. Also, with the Commissioner of

Social Justice and Policy, I would also look for someone with those same characteristics and someone who also understands legislation and is passionate about lawmaking. With myself coming from a very diverse background, myself being a woman in STEM, a person of color, an open queer person, and a Spanish speaker, I am able to relate to so many different communities. With that being said, that's not every community, so I feel like one of the biggest things I could do as director is to reach out to every organization on campus to ensure that I can make sure every student feels represented on campus. As told in my portfolio, there are so many organizations that I want to work with on and off campus. The most upcoming one would be in June - June is National Pride Day for the LGBTQIA+ community, and I would want to work with Northern Nevada Pride, The Center, and Queer Student Union to put on an event at Pride on our campus to make all students feel included. Thank you.

The floor was opened up to questions.

Senator Westerman said as per the SAS, chapter 206, Section 4, Subsection 4, it states that the director should give advice and recommendations to ASUN officers to create a more inclusive environment within the Association. She asked what were some ways Releford would advise them as senators.

Releford said something she appreciates that they do is cultural competency trainings for all senators. It is important that they understand every other student, senator, and officer in ASUN. Continuing to do that and working in each department so that they are all interconnected and understand what diversity is.

Senator Harvey asked how Releford planned on working with multicultural clubs on campus and collaborate with them.

Releford said that her being a part of a multicultural organization, she understands that a lot of things do not always trickle down. Organizations have amazing, bright ideas, but do not know how to use the platforms offered to them. She planned on going to their events and meetings. She attended an event and if she had not, then she would not have known that the Latino Student Advisory board was back on campus.

Senator Murphy said per the SAS, the director is supposed to meet with the Committee on University Affairs and with the Committee on Civic Engagement to have outreach for the senators to attend.

Releford said she thought working with different committees would be beneficial and she planned on meeting with various committees.

Senator Doyle said per the SAS, the director should convey student information and minority student enrollment and participation in campus activities. He asked how she planned on getting that information and to not only tell them, but to get it to the students.

Releford said that utilizing things like the campus climate survey and releasing surveys after something has happened would be helpful. She would also track things through Give Pulse and informing multicultural organizations about Give Pulse and its purpose.

Senator Ampie said that Releford talked about putting on events for different people, but those with disabilities were not really mentioned. She asked if Releford had anything planned to cater to those students.

Releford said that although she has a very intersectional background, she does not belong to every group. She would work with the Disability Resource Center since it would be out of her place to plan an event when she is not well versed on the matter.

Senator Harvey asked how Releford planned to work with the Chief Diversity Officer.

Releford said that she planned on meeting with them biweekly or once a month to update them on what the department is doing and how they could help the department. Proper diversity training and promoting equity on campus is achieved by getting faculty involved.

There were no further questions. The body moved into a discussion.

Senator Prempeh said he thought the nominee was very qualified and has the passion to match it.

Senator D. Hall said in regards her calendar that was sent through Nevada Box, Releford's goals are good for different identities on campus.

Senator Romero said Releford covered every group. She has representation and is aware that she does not belong to certain groups. She is also willing to work with campus officials.

Senator Westerman said that Releford exceeds the duties of the SAS and she appreciated her definitional take on diversity. She would make the university a more inclusive place.

The body moved into a vote and all were in favor.

Ayanna Releford was sworn in as the Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

ii. **NOMINATION OF KRISTEN de GUZMAN TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Speaker Hughes motioned. Senator Westerman moved. Ahmed seconded.

Vice President Flangas said: In our campaign, in our interviews, interacting with students we always ask the question - What do you think is ASUN's greatest weakness, and how do you think that we could remedy it?

Nearly every answer for the past couple of years has dealt with the public perception of ASUN government and how we can better communicate and serve students via social media and keeping students in the loop on vital situations.

When thinking about the person we wanted for this position. Anthony and I were looking for someone with a thorough understanding of Strategic communications, branding, how to creatively formulate ways to effectively bridge gaps between us and the public we serve. Someone who could help to make ASUN more accessible and welcoming to our students. We wanted someone who not only would be able to inform our students of what we are working on but all of ASUN as well. An individual with ideas to build professional development within the association and provide us with the opportunity to build a greater network with one another and the student body.

Kristin de Guzman is all of this and more and her perspective in this role is invaluable. Throughout her time at the University she has created strong connections across campus, in the state of Nevada and the world with her incredible involvement with the Thirst Project. All of Kristin's skills, passion and more will make her very successful in this role and we are very honored to have her here today to present to all of you the ideas she WILL accomplish. Without further comment here is Kristin.

Kristen de Guzman said: To reintroduce myself, I'm Kristen de Guzman and I the hopeful Director of Campus and Public Relations. I am grateful to have the opportunity to be here today. ASUN is what fuels the robust passion and civic engagement on this campus, I believe this insomuch that I was compelled to become part of it. I might look familiar because I am a front desk worker for the CSE, I have had so much interaction with our students and our community and have seen their concerns as well as have learned about their interests. Moreover, I am a transfer student from Berkeley, another 4-year institution that gave me perspective for ideas we can implement on our own campus. It also gives me the position to understand how hard it can be to integrate into this campus. I was able to transition from somewhere from not know where I belonged on this campus, to being proud of being part of this campus. That is what I want to help our students do. Accomplishing that is deeply rooted in the way this university and the students that represent them are branded. Lastly, I led a campaign over the past few years with a charity called Thirst Project. I raised over \$12,000 to build a freshwater project in a developing community. We have a mission to educate and empower young people to help us be the generation to end the global water crisis. Through this experience I have learned how to create value in fostering community, being driven by purpose, and working towards a mission -- ultimately, I found myself becoming a more servant-hearted person. More importantly, it helped me ingrain a deeper intrinsic value for students, to care about the communities they belong to. In terms of community and public relations -- I was able to create a campaign that nurtured reachability and credibility, both very important things for an organization to have. I was constantly in the public eye and learned the importance of self-presentation and being a face of an organization I represented. I have worked with their media and PR teams for press releases on my work as an individual and our work as an organization and how we can leverage social platforms for good. With this experience, I want to create more pride on this campus, and I will do so but instilling that intrinsic value and value of belonging to such a great university. In preparation for the confirmation process, I have gone through the SAS and reviewed how not only am I qualified for the position, but I also have a real, tangible visions for each duty. I would love to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Senator Westerman said one of the duties would be to advice the Senate on the efficacy of its outreach hours. She asked how de Guzman would accomplish that.

de Guzman said she would collaborate with the Committee on Civic Engagement to see what is happening on campus. She said it is important to provide a way on how the students can contact the senators and to be transparent. It is important that they are present, and students are able to talk to them and see what they are doing.

Senator D. Hall asked if de Guzman planned to form focus groups and committees. She asked how de Guzman was going to reach out to students to sit on those committees.

de Guzman said she has thought up of focus groups on areas where the university falls weak. Transfer students would be a focus group. She would send out surveys and have it be accessible to all students. Another example would be a focus group with dual majors. Getting two degrees should more streamlined if from different colleges. Another focus group would be international students and what they wish to see more of on this campus. She would take note on where to find these students.

Senator Supple said one issue she noticed was the transparency and the timeliness of announcing town halls. She asked how de Guzman would fix that.

de Guzman said that she noticed she has not seen a lot of town halls announced in advance. It is important to make the time more accessible since some of them were in the peak hour of classes. The timeliness in advertising would make the biggest impact. Graphics that are consistent would be made so they all look the same and are streamlined. If people are seeing a consistent graphic, they will be able to be more attracted to the event.

Senator Harvey said that one of the goals is to change the sense of pride on campus. She said how did de Guzman plan to implement that goal.

de Guzman said understanding what makes a community different is important. Stuff like Pack Provisions and Speaker Hughes's legislation should have been more publicized so that people can see what Senate is passing and what ASUN is working on. People would be able to say, "My school is doing this," and there would be more value in being here and people would be proud to be a part of the pack.

Senator Veltre recalled de Guzman saying she wanted to leverage social platforms for good to get across to students.

de Guzman said a big part of students to be aware. If not enough people are following the accounts, it becomes hard to publicize things. She wants to increase engagement on Instagram for the ASUN account since a lot of people use it. De Guzman said she wants to tell the stories of the faces of ASUN and on campus. Showing all the senator's faces feeds into transparency. She said that she did not know her senators when she transferred. She also had the idea to start Hashtag Nevada POV. A lot of people own Nevada Gear so when they travel, if they take a picture in their Nevada gear, the ASUN account would repost. It would be excited to engage with the school. She wants to start something for ASUN in particular so that there is an understanding of what they are accomplishing and what they stand for and what they are trying to accomplish for this year.

Senator D. Hall said in de Guzman's comprehensive goals, she mentioned crisis management which is a huge possibility in this University. She would be responsible to relay support in times of an emergency. D. Hall asked how de Guzman would relay the resources on campus.

De Guzman said that working at the Center for Student Engagement made her realize that there are a lot more resources on campus than she thought. Part of her job is relaying students to those resources. Something that bring that into fruition is her awareness of the social and political climate in the world and on campus. She can see what is going on right now and what is affecting students and she would be able to seek the resources that would be important. For example, for stuff like the vandalism on campus, she would create a focus group for students that are affected, and she would relay the appropriate resources.

There were no further questions. The body moved into a discussion.

Senator Westerman said that the candidate is great and has incredible ideas. She appreciated the level of detail in trying to end the negative stigma ASUN has with students. That has been one of her goals since training.

Senator Veltre said she has great campaign ideas and he hopes to see them accomplished.

Senator D. Hall said her coming from a strategic communications background in journalism, she sees de Guzman as a great candidate. She liked her crisis management response since it is a big deal that people do not know how to deal with. She liked how she would create a focus group specifically for affected students after the fact of an incident.

Senator Harvey said that she meets all the requirements for the position and came up with creative ways to come across these goals. She liked the idea of We are the 87<sup>th</sup> because it exposes who they are to the students and they could see their faces on a social media platform.

The body moved into a vote and all were in favor.

Kristen de Guzman was sworn in as the Director of Public Relations.

## **12. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

- a. NOMINATION OF JAY DON SCOTT TO THE OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING SENATOR** The Senate will appoint the above-named nomination to the Senate seat. According to Article II, Section 1, Subsection F - APPOINTMENT AFTER ELECTION OF SPEAKER. "After the election of the Speaker by the Senate, the first runner-up of the Speaker's college or school of which they were elected shall be appointed to the Senate at the meeting following the election of the Speaker. If there was no runner-up from the college of which the Speaker was elected, the Senate shall fill the vacancy as the Senate by law provides to fill any other vacancy of the Senate."

Speaker Hughes said that this item has not been used much before, but they will use it in the appointment of Jay Don Scott. Since she is no longer considered a College of Engineering senator, Jay Don Scott will be appointed as a College of Engineering senator since he received enough votes in the election. She added that senators can dissent to the consent agenda.

There was no dissent. Jay Don Scott was sworn in as a College of Engineering senator.

## **13. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. S.B. 87- An Act to Award Daniel Fred 2018 Faculty Member of the Year**

## **14. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate.

There is no legislation to be read now.

- a. S.B. 87- An Act to Award Daniel Fred 2018 Faculty Member of the Year**  
Speaker Hughes sought a motion. Senator Watt moved. It was approved through unanimous consent.

*For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.*

**15. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

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

**16. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. S.B. 87- An Act to Award Daniel Fred 2018 Faculty Member of the Year  
Speaker Hughes motioned. Senator Harvey moved. Senator Prempeh seconded.

Speaker Hughes said that every single year the Committee on Academics sends out a survey for Faculty Member of the Year. Students get to vote for their favorite faculty member classified staff and say how they're their favorite faculty. Daniel Fred received the most votes, so they were going to formally award him.

The body went into a vote to see if Daniel Fred should get the award. All were in favor.

Speaker Hughes said that Daniel Fred has made an impact on campus and awarded him Faculty Member of the Year.

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. **Senate Committee Changes**

Speaker Hughes said that Senator Scott needs to be added to two committees.

Senator Scott said that he knew some of them were full.

Speaker Hughes asked the chairs to state what time they met.

Senator Harvey said Academics met on Fridays at 4 p.m.

Senator Prempeh said Budget and Finance will meet next semester on Fridays at noon.

Senator Doyle said that Civic Engagement does not have a set time yet.

Senator Supple said Government Operations met on Thursdays at 3 p.m.

Senator Westerman said that Public Affairs has not decided what time they will meet next semester.

Senator Komanduri said Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness met Mondays at 6 p.m.

Senator Donohue said University Affairs met at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays.

Senator Veltre asked if he could remove himself from University Affairs and place himself on the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness. It was passed through unanimous consent.

Senator Scott said he chose Academics.

Senator Donohue said he was only sitting on one committee – Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness. He asked to sit on the Committee of Academics. The motion was passed through unanimous consent.

Senator Scott chose Academics and Civic Engagement. The motion was passed through unanimous consent.

Senator Doyle asked if Civic Engagement was full.

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis replied yes.

**b. Senator Reports**

Speaker Hughes said she would pull up the Senate tracker. She had been working on a Faculty Awards Agreement with Provost Carman and Vice Provost Jill Heaton. They will be adding two additional Faculty Awards and it would be going to Budget and Finance on Monday. They may have to amend some of the agreements. She asked Senator Donohue about SB 178.

Senator Donahue said he finished research that day and it should be done by Thursday.

Speaker Hughes asked Senator Prempeh about AB 60.

Senator Prempeh said he started writing and he would try to get it done by the next day.

Speaker Hughes said that if anyone wanted to start a document if they needed help, she could help with the writing. She asked Senator Veltre about 227

Senator Veltre said he was in the process of researching.

Speaker Hughes asked Senator Romero about SC R1.

Senator Romero said her and Senator D. Hall were cowriting it. She had a meeting with the Director of Sustainability and was adding some final stuff.

Speaker Hughes asked Senator Supple about SB 194.

Senator Supple said that she was just doing research.

Speaker Hughes asked for a projected timeline.

Senator Supple said she was aiming for Friday.

Speaker Hughes asked Senator Westerman about AB 176.

Senator Westerman said she is in the process of trying to figure out what aspect from her previous resolution can be carried on to this one. They are on the topic, but this bill is lengthier, and she is trying to figure out how to tackle it and not do it line by line.

Speaker Hughes asked Senator Ahmed about AB 155.

Senator Ahmed said that he spoke with Director Worrall and Dr. Beattie and he advised him not to write on it since the bill has been passed another way and they prefer it. He was not writing until further notice.

Speaker Hughes asked Senator Westerman about AB 216.

Senator Westerman said that she and Senator Ahmed are working on it. They split up the bill into two. The expected timeline was most likely the next week.

Speaker Hughes asked Senator Harvey about AB 219.

Senator Harvey said she was in the process of researching for her legislation. She would be meeting with Speaker Hughes early next week about it.

Speaker Hughes asked Senators Murphy and Ampie about SB 502

Senator Ampie said they were still trying to figure out their stance because there are different opinions about how it would affect social work students. She said they were going to meet with the coordinator of the social work program. Some students have already spoke on it, so they are going to talk to them.

Speaker Hughes asked if there were any other resolutions or projects.

Senator D. Hall said she was added to Senator Romero's SC R1 project. After meeting with Director Jickling, she planned on meeting with Dr. Sagebiel to discuss more facility changes in regards to legislation and the manager of the DC. They wanted to talk to as many university officials as possible.

Dr. Beattie said that Dr. Sagebiel the Director of Environmental Health and Safety on campus.

Senator Murphy said that he and Senator Komanduri were working on AB 159, a bill regarding food insecurity. It should be completed by the end of the next week. He and Senator Supple were working on a revision to the SAS.

Senator Watt said she was working on AB 485. She asked if anyone was knowledgeable about AB 485. It was a bill in support of getting rid of past policies on having motorized scooter riders be DMV certified. She was not well versed in legislation and asked if someone could help.

Dr. Beattie said that the Department of Legislative Affairs had policy on it and she could ask them to help analyze.

## **18. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none at this time.

## **19. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Beattie said that he had a few things. If the senators could not stay for the summer, then they would have to call in or they would have a hard time making quorum and it would be an issue. Also, the Senate body has experienced three public comments from the same person about the same thing. Through Nevada State Law, ASUN is considered a government because of the \$5 per student fee. Every meeting there will be a public comment and the speaker could put a limit for no more than two minutes. Every senator has the right to challenge public comment. When public comment is limited, they could yield the floor to allow someone else to speak. Some senators challenge and some do not. By law, Senate has to let public comment speak. Dr. Beattie thanked the senators for their patience.

Assistant Director Green talked about NevadaBound. The fairs happen on Friday and it is a good opportunity to table and recruit potential new students. The senators could discuss what ASUN and CSE are. It would happen at 9 AM in the ballrooms.

Senator D. Hall said she was already employed for NevadaBound.

Senator Romero asked if they had to sign up on Give Pulse.

Green said that he would create a Give Pulse. Students coming to NevadaBounds are constituents.

Senator Romero asked if she should just show up.

Senator Watt asked if it was typically at 9 a.m.

Green said that it depends on the flights from Vegas – most are at 9, some are at 8.

Dr. Beattie said NevadaBound counted as outreach hours. Attending the special graduations also counted and is an incredible outreach opportunity that impact the perception of ASUN.

Green said that the senators should wear their nametags when they do outreach.

Senator Prempeh asked if they had to do outreach in the summer.

Speaker Hughes said that the Senate rules are suspended over the summer.

Senator Westerman said that she attended the Student Advisory Board meeting and she is not sure when the announcement will be sent out, Psychology is moving out of the College of Liberal Arts.

Senator Doyle asked if they would remove two senators.

Speaker Hughes said they will still have seats, but for the 88th session, they will reapportion them. She added that they have touched on what they should do when people come in. There are students that do not know about ASUN and that they should think about that at the table. Only six people were looking at the nominee. Throughout the session, they are going to talk to a bunch of people. Some will be great nominees, but that will not always be the case, but they should still give everyone the same courtesy. She said to remember the training and how to be active listeners and think about how they are representing ASUN. As far as outreach, no one will receive points for that period, but some people only did half or none at all. She said she will be sending a thorough email but knows that some people were not able to access their email addresses. Constantly checking their emails was something they should be getting the hang of.

Senator Harvey asked when the deadline for the next outreach hours was.

Senate Secretary Godoy said at the start of the next period.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Hughes adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



From:  
To: Kate Groesbeck, Chief Justice of Judicial Council  
Date: ASUN Senate  
Subject: April 23, 2019  
Resignation Letter

Dear Speaker Hughes and the Senators of the 87th Session:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Chief Justice of ASUN.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in ASUN. In fact, my only regret is not getting involved sooner. Part of me is envious of everyone at this table, because you all have time left to make a difference. I advise you to slow down and enjoy it. I promise it'll go faster than you think.

First I want to thank President Jackson for nominating me for this position. I appreciate her faith in me, and I am incredibly grateful that she gave me this opportunity. I am also grateful to Justices Campbell, Canfield, Smith, and Velazquez for their contributions to Judicial Council. I also want to thank the Judicial interns, Justin, Austin, Tori, and Payton. Working with them has been the highlight of my year. I am proud of the work that we all did in making Judicial a more legitimate branch of ASUN. I would also like to thank Dr. Beattie for being our advisor. I came into this position with absolutely no clue, and I appreciate him taking the time to make sure I understood what was happening.

And finally, to Speaker Hughes (you don't know how proud I am to call you that), it has been a privilege. I truly could not have asked for a better partner in the menstrual hygiene initiative. I so admire your dedication to public service and your desire to improve this university. You inspire me everyday.

I wish the Association all of the best moving forward. Thank you for this experience.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Groesbeck'.

Kate Groesbeck  
Chief Justice of ASUN



From: Justice Jessica Velazquez, Associate Justice of Judicial Council  
To: ASUN Senate  
Date: April 24, 2019  
Subject: Resignation Letter

Dear Speaker Hughes and the Senators of the 87th Session:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Associate Justice of the Judicial Council of ASUN.

Being apart of the Judicial Council has genuinely been one of the highlights of my college experience. From the time I got nominated by President Jackson and approved by the ASUN Senate, I have been able to meet and connect with fellow ASUN representatives and gain first-hand experience in student government. I am extremely grateful to have been granted the opportunity to work alongside Justices Campbell, Canfield, and Smith. It was an absolute pleasure to work under Chief Justice Groesbeck. From reviewing and editing governing documents such as the Constitution and the SAS to discussing past cases, it was amazing to be a member of the Judicial Council and contribute to the Associated Students of Nevada.

Throughout the year I have experienced professional and personal development. Through ASUN, I have been granted access to connections with fellow students, professors, and administration. ASUN's commitment to improving this campus is inspiring. The tireless efforts to make even the smallest aspects more accessible, more diverse, more inclusive is truly moving. It has been an honor to have been apart of that.

I wish the Association nothing but the best moving forward. It has truly been a privilege to have this experience.

Best,

Jessica Velazquez  
Associate Justice of ASUN



FROM: Anthony Martinez, President  
TO: Savannah Hughes, Speaker of the 87<sup>th</sup> Session of the ASUN Senate  
DATE: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
RE: Nominations to Association Offices

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To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate the following individuals to their respective offices:

1. Nomination of **Ayanna Releford** to the office of Director of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion
2. Nomination of **Kristen de Guzman** to the office of Director of Campus and Public Relations

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Martinez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Anthony Martinez**  
President  
*The Associated Students of the University of Nevada*



From: Hayley Collins, Senator for the College of Science

TO: Speaker Hughes

Date: April 23, 2019

RE: S.B 87 – An Act to Award Daniel Fred for 2018 Faculty Member of the Year

Hello Speaker Hughes,

This piece of legislation is regarding the 2018 Faculty Member of the Year, Daniel Fred, who was determined as the award recipient by ASUN's 86<sup>th</sup> session Committee on Academics.

This award is time sensitive, as the recipient has already been notified. In order to maintain the timeline of this award, I would like this bill to be fast tracked. The current chair for the Committee on Academics, Senator Harvey, and I have thoroughly reviewed the piece of legislation.

Respectfully,

Hayley Collins

Senator Collins, Senator for the College of Science

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**S. B. 87-**

**An Act to Award Daniel Fred 2018 Faculty Member of the Year**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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APRIL 19, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR COLLINS

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**A Bill**

**To Award Daniel Fred 2018 Faculty Member of the Year**

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2.       *Whereas*, there is an established ASUN Faculty of the Year Award according to Title XXIV in
3. the Statues of the Associated Students (SAS);
4.       *Whereas*, according to Title XXIV, Section 2, the purpose of the ASUN Faculty of the Year
5. Award is to recognize exceptional University of Nevada Faculty;
6.       *Whereas*, according to Title XXIV, Section 6, the Senate Committee on Academics holds
7. purview over the selection of award recipients from applications received;
8.       *Whereas*, the Committee on Academics is responsible for creating appropriate channels for
9. students to submit applications;
10.       *Whereas*, students’ nominations were collected through a survey sent across the University’s
11. undergraduate student email list serve;
12.       *Whereas*, the following question was posed to the undergraduate students:

13. “Who do you recommend as an outstanding faculty member at the University of Nevada, Reno to be  
14. selected as the 2018 Faculty Member of the Year? This may include any part-time or full-time  
15. professor, administrative, or staff personnel on campus. (Last name, First name)”;

16. *Whereas*, Daniel Fred received the most nominations from the total 502 nominations;

17. *Whereas*, Daniel Fred received qualitative feedback that stated, “Daniel Fred goes out of his way  
18. to not only be an exceptional professor but he is an inspiring person and outstanding leader on this  
19. campus,”

20. *Whereas*, another student stated, “This professor has truly gone above and beyond to not only  
21. make sure his students get the most out of his class but he has also does an outstanding job being  
22. there for his students and only makes improvements going forward when it comes to his class,”;

23. *Whereas*, according to Section 6 the chosen winner shall receive a plaque of recognition and  
24. legislation naming them the ASUN Faculty Member of the Year.

25. *Be it enacted*, Daniel Fred be formally awarded as the 2018 Faculty Member of the Year.

26. *Be it further enacted*, “*Daniel Fred*” receives a plaque from ASUN to be recognize as 2018 Faculty  
27. Member of the Year.

28. *Be it further enacted*, for this legislation to be sent to the University President Marc Johnson, the  
29. Provost Kevin Carmen, Dean Trudy Larson, Director Nancy Roget, and the award recipient Daniel  
30. Fred.