

# Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session  
Minutes for Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Joe Crowley Student Union – President's Conference Room

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Harvey called Academics Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Room 406, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Dominique Hernandez.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senator Harvey, Ahmed, Collins, D. Hall, Scott, Westerman, and Donohue were present.

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

4. **MINUTES**

There are no minutes to be heard at this time.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Assigning Liaison Positions**

Senator Harvey said she would go over the positions. She knew they had some new people in the committee so she asked those who had goals to present them.

Senator Collins said there was a new thing happening with the psychology majors switching to the college of science.

Senator Westerman said she was also interested in that and she had spoken with some advisors. The psychology students were going to be stuck with their department advisors even though it was the most popular major on campus. She wanted to talk to them so they could be more familiar with the college of liberal arts requirements.

Senator Ahmed said he was a neuroscience major and they would also be moving.

Senator Harvey said she thought it would be beneficial to get advisors to their last meetings.

Senator Collins said those who were staying in reno they could schedule a meeting.

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Senator Donohue said he felt like this committee was the only committee that fit with his passion. He was just there to help.

Senator D. Hall said she was mostly here to help because she felt like she wasn't the most educated on the academics on campus. She was curious to see if the committee could look into scholarships.

Dr. Beattie asked if she meant ASUN scholarships or all the scholarships on campus.

Senator D. Hall said all the scholarships on campus.

Dr. Beattie said she could talk to Jeff who came to Senate. He came from the office of financial aid.

Senator Westerman said she and Senator Ahmed were working on a resolution for a scholarship database.

Senator Harvey said she was hoping that they would reach out to those in charge of their liaison positions within the next week so they could have a working relationship with them before the summer started.

**i. Faculty Senate**

Senator Harvey said faculty senate had the same jurisdiction as they did faculty wide.

Senator Collins said she wanted to take on that liaison.

**ii. Office of the Provost**

Senator Scott said he wanted to take on that liaison.

Senator Westerman asked if there could be more than one person per liaison position.

Senator Harvey said they could criss cross between senators. But she thought it would be easiest to have at least one person assigned to each liaison.

Dr. Beattie said in the past they could buddy up if they want.

**iii. Admissions and Records**

Senator D. Hall said she wanted to be a liaison for admissions and records.

Senator Westerman asked if she could be a liaison for the Career Studio even though she worked there.

Dr. Beattie said no because it was a conflict of interest. Since she worked there they had direct power over her.

**iv. Libraries**

Senator Ahmed, Donohue, and Westerman said there were interested in this liaison position.

Senator Collins said they should know she was drafting a resolution to have the library open longer.

Senator D. Hall said she thought multiple people assigned to one thing might cause the communication to go poorly.

Senator Ahmed said one person would be assigned officially and other Senators could come and follow.

Senator Harvey said collaboration would be fine. As long as one person was explicitly communication with their liaison position, that person could inform the other Senators on board.

v. Career Studio

Senator Donohue and D. Hall volunteered for this liaison position.

vi. Academic Help Centers

Senator Westerman and Ahmed volunteered for this liaison position.

Senator Harvey asked everyone to reach out to someone. She knew several of the positions would be active over the summer as well.

Dr. Beattie asked if anyone had reached out to undergraduate research.

Senator D. Hall asked if anyone knew the head of admissions and records.

Dr. Beattie said he did.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee on Academics meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.