

87th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 29th, 2019 at 5:00 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 on Wednesday, May 29th, 2019 at 5:04 PM in the Great Room on the fourth floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Hughes, Senators Cocanour, D. Hall, Donohue, Doyle, Harvey, Komanduri, Melchor, Murphy, Prempeh, Rogers, Romero, Scott, Sivakumar, Supple, Westerman were present.

Senator Watt was tardy excused.

Senators Ahmed, Banfer, Davenport, Veltre, and Yang were absent excused.

Senators Ampie, Collins, J. Hall, and Hassen were absent unexcused.

Senator Watt entered at 5:09 PM via webcam.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

There were none at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none at this time.

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. Nomination, Student Outreach Coordinator for the Department of Legislative Affairs- Chase McNamara
- b. Nomination, Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion- Tiana Antonio

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

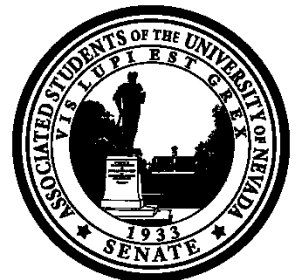
The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

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- a. President of the Associated Students, Anthony Martinez
Speaker Hughes read the report into the record: Anthony said he got back into town, but will be headed to a conference on Friday. He had been getting ready for the Board of Regents meeting and prepping with Vice President Flangas since he will be out of town. He also planned on attending a Nevada Safety Alliance meeting.
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Nicole Flangas
Vice President Flangas said she had been working on orientation sessions and needs help getting clubs and departments involved in orientation. She has multiple opportunities for those groups to get involved, including the infrastructure they would need. There will be a specific time for senators to outreach to incoming freshman students if they were available. The groups would have to be recognized by the campus or working on it, so unaffiliated Greek organizations would not be able to participate. She asked the senators to choose their priority for some of the orientation opportunities.

Senator Doyle said that he would be an orientation guide and asked how he could be of any help to Vice President Flangas.

Vice President Flangas said he could help at the overnight events.

Senator Doyle asked if he would still have to fill out the form.

Vice President Flangas said that as an orientation guide, no, but yes for everyone else. They need as many people possible for the overnight events.

Senator Melchor asked which dates?

Vice President Flangas said it would be on the form.

Senator Cocanour asked how he would be able to access.

Vice President Flangas said it was sent through the Senate list serve.

Speaker Hughes asked if she had Payton Hart's report.

Vice President Flangas said no.

Speaker Hughes said she would send it once she gets access.

- c. Chief Justice, Payton Hart
- d. Chief of Staff, Austin Brown
Speaker Hughes read the report into the record: Austin had been working with the internship coordinators and finishing the last meeting and what the internship program should look like. They should be promoting the internship program. He had also been working on the retreat. He had been working on a list of pack friendly businesses that offer discounts to students.
- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Davis Florence

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Speaker Hughes read the report into the record. There were 75 clubs that submitted their renewal paperwork. They decided on a speaker for iLead and were discussing the contract. He also mentioned the legislation that Senator Supple would be working on.

f. Director of Event Programming, Gabrielle Lew

Speaker Hughes read the report into the record. The first summer event was moved inside to the KC rotunda. They were meeting at Pack Place to set up. There was also a Coldstone Ice Cream event.

g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Joko Callies

Speaker Hughes read into the record. The department orientation would be that weekend. Legislation Affairs is working on a committee to have non-ASUN students to help with priorities. Updates to the SAS would be needed.

h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Ayanna Releford

Director Releford said on May 18th, they attended a dinner held by a Graduate student association. Senators should be attending multicultural events. The main focus was on Pride and a table for the Pride Parade and what they would be putting. They were still in the hiring process for commissioner positions.

Senator Harvey asked if it was July 27th for the Pride Parade.

Director Releford said yes.

i. Director of Sustainability, Zachary Green

Director green said UPass would be beginning July 1st. He would be sending out a graphic soon and planning events for the summer and fall. Art Town was trying to reduce plastic waste and having refill stations. They would need volunteers for the stations, and it would be good for outreach. He also had ideas for legislation if they were interested.

Senator Murphy asked if he would be having pamphlets for UPass.

Director Green said yes and they were working with RTC and having an event where people would learn how to ride the bus.

Speaker Hughes said an update was that at her internship, the other interns have access to a UPass system and had been receiving comments and testimonials for their own system.

Director Green said that it would be awesome.

j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kristen de Guzman

Director De Guzman said her and Chief of Staff Brown were working on Pack Friendly Businesses and items for freshman, as well as graphics. She was getting further training to help with her positions. She asked senators to utilize the hashtags like WeAreThe87th and NevadaPOV during their travels. She was also working on a pyramid to show the organization of the association.

k. Director of Campus Wellness, Claudia Feil

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Speaker Hughes read the report into the record: She said she was working on collaborating with different departments and the Senators would be able to get her email from Speaker Hughes if they needed it. She introduced the epidemic of loneliness and her weekly wellness tips.

- l. Attorney General, Omar Moore
Attorney General Moore said he was working on elections codes.
- m. Speaker of the Senate, Savannah Hughes
Speaker Hughes said to make sure to maintain senator duties and attending meetings.

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
No report at this time.
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Prempeh
Senator Prempeh said that a budget has been posted for the upcoming fiscal year.
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Doyle
Senator Doyle said he had been in contact with Amy Koeckes and was working on Service Palooza. He mentioned that he sent out an excel sheet to the senators.
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator Supple
Senator Supple said that her committee was reading the SAS.
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Westerman
Senator Westerman said that her committee were starting ideas for the Veterans Day Luncheon.
- f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness- Senator Komanduri
No report at this time.
- g. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Rogers
No report at this time.
- h. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Murphy
Senator Murphy said he was getting together information for the senate internship.
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Hughes
Speaker Hughes reiterated the importance of acting duties.

9. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none at this time.

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

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 10th, 2019:

- a. Nomination of Tiana Antonio to the Office of Projects and Events for Diversity and Inclusion

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 21st, 2019:

- b. Nomination of Chase McNamara to the Office of Student Outreach Coordinator for the Department of Legislative Affairs

Senator Doyle moved to fast-track the appointments by unanimous consent. There was no dissent. The motion passed.

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.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 10th, 2019:

- a. **NOMINATION OF TIANA ANTONIO TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PROJECTS AND EVENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Senator Doyle moved to approve and Senator Rogers seconded.

Director Releford said Tiana is a junior at the University, studying integrated elementary education and English. She has a unique perspective on diversity. She works for her sorority and church. Director Releford said she ample amounts of experience. She has initiatives that will benefit the students.

Nominee Antonio said she was born and raised on the East Side of Las Vegas, Nevada and that has taught her a lot about culture, race, socioeconomic status, and gender. She added that she was a part of a multicultural sorority, Kappa Phi Delta, and works at the Career Studio. She is the culture chair for her sorority and has planned events. She also handles the social media for the Career Studio. Her and her sorority co-chair held an event in the KC walkway where they tabled and had people write about good events in their lives. One of her goals is a culture cook off. It would help with being aware of the different cultures and races surrounding us. In the week before National Coming Out week, she would want to share stories. She wants to focus on groups that feel excluded. Finding people she related to helped her find her group on campus and feel better. She wants her peers to know that there is a group they could relate to. She said that working with ASUN would help her realize her goals.

The body moved into questions.

D. Hall asked in what ways is she going to use data to plan events with Diversity and Inclusion.

Nominee Antonio said if she were to get the position, she could send out a survey and tailor events. If there's need for more representation of a group, she would plan events around the need.

Senator Hassen entered the room at 5:18 PM.

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Senator Harvey asked how she would ensure that her events are beneficial and relevant to all students.

Nominee Antonio said that asking people how they feel about events is the best way to determine if the event was beneficial and ask why it does not relate and use the feedback.

Senator Doyle asked how the nominee wants to conduct surveys.

Nominee Antonio said through Google Form or SurveyMonkey. She mentioned incentivizing the surveys as well.

Senator Komanduri asked what kind of qualities the nominee will be looking for when choosing interns for the internship program.

Nominee Antonio said she would want to choose interns who embody the qualities of someone who understands and is educated about different social groups and would want to help with bettering our community. She also wants someone who understands their privileges.

Speaker Hughes clarified that the position would not be overseeing the internship program

There were no further questions and the body moved into a discussion.

Senator Doyle said she appreciated how the nominee had experience with SAB forms and that will make it easier for her.

Senator Collins entered at 5:24 PM.

Senator Supple said she used her own experience at the university to help better the university in her position.

Senator Rogers said she has worked with the nominee and is focused on inclusion and will do a great job.

There was no further discussion and the body moved into a vote. The appointment carried and Tiana Antonio was sworn in as Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senators Collins and Hassen abstained due to not being present during the discussion.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 21st, 2019:

b. NOMINATION OF CHASE McNAMARA TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

Senator Doyle moved to approve. Senator Rogers seconded.

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Director Cailles said Chase was passionate about community outreach and embodies it. He has lobbied in Washington DC and has had success in student turnout in past university events. The nominee was an Eagle Scout and studied abroad in the Netherlands in the Spring. Chase was not afraid to ask about the department's goals. He has enthusiasm about the department and would do a great job.

Nominee McNamara introduced himself. He said he was not involved in politics in the past until he received an opportunity to lobby for others. Being in an environment where he saw change happen allowed him to want to continue. He wants to serve the student, educate them on politics, and be involved. He wants to lead outreach events and extend efforts with different outlets. He wants to create a culture that is educated on politics. McNamara also wants to lead field trips to different political places in Northern Nevada. He asked the department why they would want to be in legislative affairs, and he knew he made the right choice.

Senator D. Hall said that the nominee mentioned the Sagebrush and Wolf Pack Radio and asked to elaborate what he would want to do with them.

Nominee McNamara said that having a section dedicated in the Sagebrush about policy and what is being passed at the Capital would be beneficial. He said it was a good avenue for that and having an educated base is important. As for Wolf Pack Radio, it would be great to have politicians have a dedicated podcast to help educate students.

Roll call was taken again for quorum. A quorum was present.

Senator Doyle asked if the nominee had any specific projects in mind.

Nominee McNamara said an idea was having an event with Nevada legislators come in and talk about what is going on. He added that he wanted to do voter registration drives.

Senator Harvey asked in what ways will the nominee make sure this his own personal bias does not get in the way of working for the students.

Nominee McNamara said he felt in the department, there are going to be people with different biases and working together on working with others to make sure that they are doing well rounded work.

There were no further questions and the body moved to a discussion.

Senator D. Hall said she liked how he wanted to work with student media and that will be very beneficial.

Senator Cocanour said he thought the events were interesting and beneficial for students.

Senator Hassen said that he liked how aware the nominee was about different levels of politics because they are all important.

There was no further discussion. The body moved to a vote. There was no dissent and the appointment carried. Chase McNamara was sworn in as the Outreach Coordinator for the Office of Legislative Affairs.

12. 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 Amending the Statutes of the Associated Students- Chapter 501, Section 06, Subsection C

13. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. S.B. 87- An Act Amending the Statutes of the Associated Students- Chapter 501, Section 06, Subsection C

Senator Romero moved to fast track by unanimous consent. There was no dissent and the motion was approved.

14. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

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

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

15. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. S.B. 87- An Act Amending the Statutes of the Associated Students- Chapter 501, Section 06, Subsection C

Senator Rogers moved to approve and Senator Cocanour seconded.

The body moved to questions.

Senator Murphy said the bill amends the SAS and before the apportionment, there were only 23 senate interns and now that there are 26 senators, it would make sense to have a full buddy system,

Senator Harvey asked about the deadline being June 1st.

Senator Murphy said it opens up on June 1st.

Senator Harvey asked if the amount of interns has to be approved by June 1st.

Senator Murphy said he just felt like the date needed to be included so it does not seem like he was only taking 23 interns.

The body moved to a vote. There was no dissent and the legislation passed.

16. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senator Reports

Senator D. Hall said she was working on creating a student media internship modeled after the ASUN internships.

Senator Donohue said he and Senator Komanduri and Senator Prempeh were working on trying to create a student council for community health sciences.

Senator Supple said she has been working on bill for clubs and organizations to help clubs with club support funding.

Speaker Hughes asked what she was doing for that legislation.

Senator Supple said the whole point was to change to a 3-tier system and only helping with events on campus and funding periods.

b. Senate Committee Changes

Secretary Godoy said Academics, Budget and Finance, Government Operations, and Public Affairs were open.

Senator Hassen moved to place himself in Public Affairs and Government Operations. There was no dissent and the motion carried.

17. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

There were no comments at this time.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hughes adjourned the meeting at 6:17 PM.