

Committee on Academics
Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Agenda for Friday, November 15th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union – President’s Conference Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Harvey called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm in the President’s Conference Room in the Joe Crowley Student Union. The presiding secretary was Viviane Ugalde.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Harvey, Collins, Sivakumar, and Hall were present.

Senators Romero and Veltre were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) David Shintani – Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
He did not appear.

4. MINUTES

- a) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 1st, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from November 1st, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- b) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 8th, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from November 8th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

Senator Harvey seeked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 1st and 8th, 2019.

Senator Collins moved to approve the minutes for November 1st and 8th, 2019 by unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

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5. OLD BUSINESS

Senator Updates

Senators will report on their liaison positions, progress on committee goals, and any other projects relevant to the committee.

1. Faculty Senate – Senator Collins

She said that she sent out an email with the data from the software programs that professor use. She said that they could still send out the survey they were working on, but they may need to change the questions.

2. Office of the Provost – Senator Veltre & Senator Collins

There was no report at this time.

3. Admissions & Records – Senator Sivakumar

Senator Sivakumar had no report at this time.

4. Libraries – Senator Collins & Senator Sivakumar

There was no report at this time

5. Career Studio – Senator Veltre

There was no report at this time.

6. Academic Help Centers – Senator Hall & Senator Romero

Senator Hall said she may sit on a academic hearing next week and that she will ask about policy changing questions then.

7. Office of Undergraduate Research – Senator Harvey

Senator Harvey said she was going through the humanities applications for the NURA scholarship. She gets to vote for three of the six applications. Her comments will be submitted by Monday and she said she was thankful for the opportunity and to learn about the process. She also said that she was going to change how she agendizes senator reports to make it less stressful and more organized.

8. Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal – Senator Harvey

Senator Harvey had nothing to report for the Journal.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on legislation ideas

Senators will report at least two ideas for legislation or pieces of legislation they are currently working on that pertain to the committee.

Senator Harvey asked if anyone had legislation ideas for the committee, or if there are potential for ideas that could use legislation.

Senator Collins said that she was still interested in writing a resolution for support for students to submit a research article to NSURJ as an option besides writing a thesis. She asked if anyone wanted help with that.

Senator Hall said she had an idea to write a resolution not in support of some academic policies because they are too strict. She also said they should have a discussion on the 24 hour study space because the legislation has been engaged many times but there seem to be different discussions on it.

Senator Collins agreed that a discussion would be great because the legislation could change to extended library hours or something slightly different in order to get more opinions and feedback covered.

Senator Harvey said she would add it to the agenda for next week so they could have deeper conversation about library hours legislation. She also said that she was curious about raising the minimum requirements that you need to become a senator.

Senator Collins said that the legislation from Jackson's tenure was to change the minimum credit requirement from 7 to 12 was because of a full-time student requirement. Collins said that it didn't pass because senator represent all students, including those who are enrolled in less than 12 credits and discussing the old legislation would be interesting.

Senator Harvey said that she had an idea for legislation or a resolution on textbook prices that will be based off of Senator Collin's access codes research and resolution idea for her data collection.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Harvey Adjourned the meeting at 4:17 pm.