

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Minutes for Friday, May 1, 2020 at 12:00 pm
Zoom Meeting: email Vanessa Ribeiro at vribeiro@nevada.unr.edu

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Ribeiro called the virtual meeting to order at 12:00 pm. The presiding secretary was Viviane Ugalde

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senators Ribeiro, Luers, Harvey, Keller, Torres, Priess, Ramirez, and Romero were present.

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Ribeiro wanted to reflect on the townhall on DACA.

Senator Keller said that she did not attend the conference completely, but that the main takeaway she found interesting was that there was a high importance of renewal in case the program ceases.

Senator Harvey asked where the recording of the town hall was posted.

Senator Ribeiro said that they had not posted it yet, and it would probably be posted a week after the event. She said she would continue looking, and if it is not posted she would make a note sheet about the event.

Senator Priess said she would post a link in the chat where it should show up eventually.

Senator Ribeiro said she felt one of the most important things about this townhall was that people needed to stay informed about the program, and make sure all information is accurate. She said there would be resources for undocumented students, and there is a website that lists all of the resources. She asked the committee members to use their platform to share that information, and to use some of their outreach to reach out to DACA recipients and the rest of the constituents. She said she would keep the committee updated on any decisions made by NSHE or the Supreme Court.

4. **MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved at this time.

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5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to be discussed at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Liaison Positions**

The Committee will discuss the various liaison positions with different departments.

Senator Ribeiro said she wanted to discuss what liaison positions would be available, but they would not be assigning positions yet today. She said she created a folder in the committee's Nevada Box of the liaison positions and contact information that she already had for those departments, and facilitators. She said they would not necessarily be the liaisons, but are just a point of contact to start. She said that once these liaison positions are assigned, the agendas would have reports for senators to report back what they have been working on with those facilitators. She also said that some programs could have more than one liaison because of their size, and would recommend that each senator would try to liaison for two departments to create a teamworking environment. She said that Priya Bajwa would be a non-voting member of the committee because she is the department head for the department of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. She then listed the other liaison positions including First Generations Student Center with four different coordinators, The Center Every Student Every Story, The Disability Resource Center, The Equal Opportunity and Title IX Office, Veterans Services with three different coordinators, And The Office of International Students and Scholars. She asked the senators to research the departments that interest them, and they would comeback to discuss the assigning of the positions next week.

Accountability Contract

The Chair will check in with each senator regarding their accountability contract and how virtual content will be shared among the committee.

Senator Ribeiro asked if most people were able to sign the contract, and if not to have it signed by next week's meeting. She also said she wanted to make sure everyone had access to the Nevada Box and to the documents she shares there because that is where everything the committee does will be recorded.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senator Keller said that she was in contact with the associate Dean and another person in the College of Education to introduce her and Senator Priess as the senators of the college.

Senator Harvey said that the dean of the Liberal Arts College loved working with students and senators, and so she would hopefully try to have recurring meetings with her especially because it is a diverse college.

Senator Ramirez said she introduced herself to the Dean of her college to start to build a relationship in order to talk about further topics and issues within the college.

Senator Ribeiro said she encouraged to have the senators continue with outreach and meetings during the summer because people will be more available and they wouldn't have meetings.

Speaker Murphy said that Senator Ribeiro was doing a great job, and many senators have told him how well she was doing. He also said he would be available over the summer for any work.

Senator Ramirez said that the emergency funds for the CARES Act can still be publicized, in case there are any other students who had not heard about it.

Senator Ribeiro said that she wanted to encourage the senators to be conducting proper outreach and to stay informed as possible of marginalized groups, and to be aware of their biases and backgrounds based on what had been happening in the Committee on Oversight.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Ribeiro adjourned the meeting at 12:29 pm.