

Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Minutes for Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 12:00pm
Zoom Meeting: Email Joshua Luers at senatorluers@asun.unr.edu

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Luers called the committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness to order on Thursday, April 30, at 12:02 pm. Presiding secretary, Breanna Czerlanis.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Luers, Ahmed, Chantyanon, Lopez, Nugent, Ramirez, Romero, Stoddard, and Torres were present.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Guillen said she has been waiting on her email to start her biggest plans. In the meantime, she has been brainstorming ideas to make programming more sustainable. She asked the committee of any expectations they have of her. She should be getting her email this Friday, so they can email her after that. She wants to be very involved in this committee and honest about what she's doing.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to be heard at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of a Vice Chair

Senator Luers explained the duties of a vice chair to the committee.

Senator Ramirez nominated herself.

Senator Torres nominated herself.

There were no further nominations.

Senator Torres left the meeting at 12:06 pm.



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Senator Ramirez listed her professional qualifications. She is a virtual assistant for a realtor so she works on a lot of marketing and is used to working with different programs. She was a secretary for her high school environmental club. She is very passionate about the environment. She was a Co-Editor for her high school yearbook. She was a member of the Peavine Leadership Council. She is huge on organization. She would like to be a part of liaison positions and do the most to help our community. This committee is very important to her and she feels very passionate about it.

There were no questions for Senator Ramirez.

Senator Ramirez left the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Senator Torres entered the meeting at 12:10 pm

Senator Torres listed her qualifications. She is a triple major in International Affairs, Political Science, and Philosophy. She was involved in a high school program with the Nevada State Legislature. She job shadowed different assembly women and lobbyists. She was also an ASUN intern for the legislative branch for the 87th session. She is a student ambassador and can work with other clubs and organizations to promote sustainability and wellness. She is involved in the Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. She is a bi-weekly volunteer at the Carson City Senior Center. She has been involved in gender, race, and identity events. She has always had a passion for safety, sustainability, and wellness. She has been researching sex trafficking research for the past two years. She qualified for nationals for her sex trafficking awareness speeches. Her goals for this committee focus on three different pillars. She would like to work with senators to focus on legislation for blue lights on campus and would like to increase more continuous schedules for the sexual assault awareness groups. She would also like to work with university police to get more information on safety and work with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to help minority groups on campus feel more safe and welcome. She would like to work with committee members and other senators to create more sustainable alternatives using ASUN events. She would also like to ask for student feedback on what could be changed. Lastly, she would like to implement additional recycling options and waste management in buildings on campus. She would like to work with the Director of Wellness to promote Wellness Week and other events. She is a big advocate on mental illness awareness and destigmatizing different things that occur with that. She wants to promote counseling services for students. She would like to help this committee attend sensitivity and empathy training workshops to start working on gaining more experience with other training workshops.

Senator Ahmed asked how she planned on working with the Student Health Center.

Senator Torres said she thinks they should have different meetings to try and outreach what different problems they have.

Senator Stoddard asked Senator Torres to clarify what the workshops were for.

Senator Torres said she got this idea from the nominations for the Director of Wellness. They were talking about having sensitivity and empathy training for different university faculty. She thinks they should also have training on how to work with different aspects and different people.

There were no further questions; the committee moved into a discussion.

Senator Torres left the meeting at 12:13 pm.

Senator Stoddard said he felt that Senator Torres was more expansive on her goals. He feels she was more vocal on her standpoints.

Senator Ahmed said he appreciated she sent her presentation that she would be going for the position before the meeting.

Senator Chantiyanon said she thought both had good backgrounds, but Senator Torres seemed more transparent. Her ideas also seemed more laid out.

There was no further discussion.

The committee moved into a roll call vote.

Senators Ahmed, Chantiyanon, Lopez, Nugent, Romero, and Stoddard voted for Senator Torres.

Senator Torres received the majority vote.

Senator Luers sought a motion to approve nomination of Senator Torres as vice chair.

Senator Stoddard moved to approve the nomination of Senator Torres as vice chair.

Senator Nugent Seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senators Ramirez and Torres entered the room at 12:17 pm.

b. Committee Goals

Senator Luers said he had a long extensive list for goals for this committee. He was wondering if anyone had any specific goals they would like to work on for this committee.

Senator Lopez said he liked Senator Luers idea for the implementation of compost and distribution of meals to the homeless.

Senator Stoddard said he campaigned on including a juice bar or shake bar around or within one of our fitness centers.

Senator Luers said he could put any new goals in his timeline.

Senator Chantiyanon said she really liked the counseling services he included.

Senator Nugent said he would like to expand on services for people struggling with mental health at this time given the circumstances of COVID.

Senator Stoddard said he would also like to see what they could do to make counseling services more accessible as they can't have meetings for an extended amount of time.

Senator Romero said she wanted to draft legislation to help with the student outreach clinic. One of the things that Pack Provisions have right now is having professors be able to give part of their salary to help Pack Provisions, so she would also like to make it so they could donate part of their salary to the student outreach clinic.

Senator Luers said if that isn't part of their committee they could also establish that in a liaison position.

c. Liaison Positions

Senator Luers said the goals he has for these positions aren't required. They are just something to go off of.

Senator Stoddard said he wants to save this for next meeting. He asked if there was a way to look into these positions for the next meeting.

Senator Luers said they could google search these different parts to get information on what they do.

Senator Ramirez asked if it is one for each goal.

Senator Luers said these positions don't have goals. It is all about what they want to make of their liaison positions. They are just a point of contact. What he listed is just extra. He asked if they would like to assign these positions next meeting.

Senator Ahmed said next meeting so they could reach out to their corresponding people.

Senator Nugent asked if there will be a list of different positions.

Senator Luers said there is a list of different positions. If they need help figuring out who to reach out to he can help them with that.

d. S.R. 88 – A Resolution in Support of Implementing Bicycle Paths in Washoe County

Senator Luers passed the gavel to Senator Torres.

Senator Torres accepted.

Senator Torres sought a motion to favorably recommend S.R. 88- A Resolution in Support of Implementing Bicycle Paths in Washoe County.

Senator Ramirez moved to favorably recommend S.R. 88- A Resolution in Support of Implementing Bicycle Paths in Washoe County.

Senator Nugent seconded.

The committee moved into a discussion on the legislation.

Senator Stoddard asked if going across Washoe County was everywhere or specific locations.

Senator Luers said it was generally an all overtype deal. RTC is the jurisdiction that decides where the bicycle paths go. He explained that the legislation is about someone who came in and talked about regional transportation for 2050 and protecting bicycle paths was not discussed and recommended they write legislation on it.

Senator Stoddard asked if they have a way to implement that.

Senator Luers said this legislation doesn't have a plan but is in support of a plan.

There was no further discussion.

The committee moved into a vote to favorably recommend S.R. 88- A Resolution in Support of Implementing Bicycle Paths in Washoe County.

The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Torres passed the gavel to Senator Luers.

Senator Luers accepted.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Romero said that the director should have good contact with dining facilities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Luers adjourned the meeting at 12:41 pm.