

**88th Session of the
Senate of the Associated Students
Minutes for Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.
Zoom Meeting: Email Breanna Czerlanis at LegClerk@asun.unr.edu**

1. CONVENING OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE SENATE

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis called the virtual meeting to order at 5:31 pm over Zoom. Presiding Secretary was Viviane Ugalde.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis, Senators-elect Ahmed, Bourgalt, Casildo Rios, Doyle, Harvey, Huber, Keller, Lopez, Luers, McElhoes, Murphy, Nugent, Riberiro, Romero, Supple, Stoddard, Tores, Taylor, and Yang were present.

A quorum was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

President-elect Hall wanted to congratulate the new senators, and new session. She said she was meeting weekly with President Johnson and former President Martinez, as well as other administration about the Wolf Shop and other policies within the university. She said the executive and president's cabinet officers will go through Oversight this Friday.

5. INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

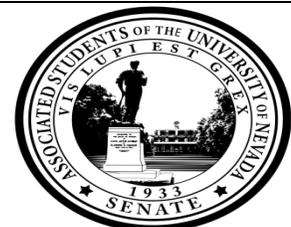
The Senate will pause for the Inaugural Ceremonies of the ASUN President and Vice President. The Chief Justice will administer the oath of office to the ASUN President and Vice President. Chief Justice Payton Hart gave President-Elect Hall the oath of Inaugural ceremonies: "I, state your full name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President/Vice President, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve and protect the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada."

Chief Justice Payton Hart gave Vice President-Elect Brown the oath of Inaugural ceremonies.

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis Congratulated President Hall and Vice President Brown.

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6. ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis read the main duties of the Speaker of Senate:

“To act as the signing authority for all accounts under control of the Senate, administer oaths and affirmations, produce the agenda and call meetings of the Senate, direct the Senate to maintain proper decorum, vote in matters of business where a vote would be decisive, and sign all Acts of the Senate.”

She accepted nominations to the senate floor.

Senator-elect Supple nominated Senator-elect Connor Doyle for Speaker of the Senate.

Senator-elect Yang nominated Senator-elect Keegan Murphy for Speaker of the Senate.

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis gave the rules for the presentations for the Office of the Speaker.

Senator-elect Murphy left the room at 5:45 pm.

Senator-elect Doyle gave a presentation. He thanked the University, ASUN 87th and 88th session, and the Center for Student Engagement. He gave his mission as the potential Speaker of the Senate. He also gave his background in his three years at ASUN, and what work he did. He then gave his goals on how to improve ASUN’s accountability, efficiency, and collaboration.

Senator-elect Luers asked how Doyle planned to let senators feel confident enough to talk at the table.

Senator-elect Doyle said that he believed it was very important that all senators were heard because they are the voices of many constituents, and represent many different students.

Senator-elect Yang asked how Doyle he would help the association in uncertain times.

Senator-elect Doyle said that the association can make the difference in infrastructure and other things on campus. He said that he had a strategic COVID-19 plan in order to continue to allocate funding, create resolutions, and reach out to constituents. He said he would also like to make accountability important over the virtual aspect of the session.

Senator-elect Supple asked how Doyle would communicate effectively with other departments, besides just department reports.

Senator-elect Doyle said that he would like to sit in on department meetings, to send emails for outreach and events that the department are holding, and make sure the two bodies are communicating together effectively.

Senator-elect Luers asked Doyle how he would plan on being more transparent and using his report time in the agenda.

Senator-elect Doyle said that he would like to move around the order of reports within the agenda, so the department knows what senate is looking at. He also would like to send an email of his report to senators so that they are completely transparent.

Senator-elect Huber asked Doyle how him and Vice President Brown will work together without a conflict of interest.

Senator-elect Doyle said it was important to him that they are separate branches of government, and that their conversations should be transparent. He said that he has always been an advocate of senate and that regardless of who it is, they treat senate with respect.

Senator-elect Harvey asked Doyle how he would ensure objectivity within session.

Senator-elect Doyle said that his main focus of his facilitation goal was to be objective, but still incite debate, and ask questions.

Senator-elect Doyle left and Senator-elect Murphy entered the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Senator-elect Murphy gave a presentation on his goals for the university during the pandemic, goals of inclusivity, accountability, service, safety, and being connected with constituents. He gave his background within ASUN, and talked about what he has learned within the government.

Senator-elect Luers asked Murphy how he would get more senators to talk at the table.

Senator-elect Murphy said that he would want to encourage all senators to speak, and balance the conversation. He said that it was also important to differentiate between intent and impact. He said it was also important to not put voices down, because they represent hundreds of students.

Senator-elect Supple asked Murphy how he planned to ensure legislation had sustainable plans.

Senator-elect Murphy said that there would be legislation they have to write as senators, but programming needs would be appropriate to reach out about sustainability of those programming and administration leaders.

Senator-elect Yang asked Murphy what weakness he may have, and how he can learn from it.

Senator-elect Murphy said his weakness is that he is a people pleaser, and that college has helped him get rid of that weakness, and focus on development instead. He said it was important to recognize that senate is also full of students, and that they are all there for each other.

Senator-elect Keller asked Murphy how he would promote pride and togetherness within ASUN and students.

Senator-elect Murphy said that doing what they could as senators to keep normal operations, and conducting the outreach they can on behalf of students would help. He said that learning from other university governments also helps learn how to collaborate with each other.

Senator-elect Taylor asked Murphy what he planned on discussing with senators in their one-on-one meetings.

Senator-elect Murphy said he would like to know how the senators are doing personally, so that they feel confident, and do not feel mentally drained in their position. He said he would also ask about ideas for goals and legislation, and how to talk to students, administrators, or other senators within collaborating ideas.

Senator-elect Luers asked Murphy what he could approve from Speaker Hughes tenure.

Senator-elect Murphy said he would like to utilize the Committee of Oversight more than Speaker Hughes did. He also wanted to call on more executive boards and university administrators, in order to be involved in conversations that affect students.

Senator-elect Ribeiro asked Murphy how he would plan to have a balance of professionalism and a welcoming environment.

Senator-elect Murphy said that he wanted to focus on parliamentary procedure during senate meetings, but one-on-one meetings and office hours would allow for a more personal connection outside of the representation they need to have at the senate table.

Senator-elect Supple asked Murphy how he planned to hold himself accountable within the association.

Senator-elect Murphy said that he would work with the parliamentarian and Speaker Pro-Tempore a lot to keep all three of them accountable, and that he is not immune to the rules that other senators have with censure, points, and impeachment.

Senator-elect Murphy left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis commenced for a general debate of the two candidates.

Senator-elect Supple said that something important about the candidates is that the association has viewed both senators in an outstanding way, more specifically Senator-elect Doyle.

Senator-elect Huber said that the senate found Senator-elect Murphy exceptional within the internship program as well.

Senator-elect Luers said that Senator-elect Murphy conducted the internship program nearly flawlessly both personally and professionally. He also said his triple-zero point goal was something very achievable.

Senator-elect Taylor said he liked how both candidates have talked to administration within the university, and that senator-elect Murphy talked to other university government on how to handle the current situation.

Senator-elect Harvey said both presentations and portfolios were similar, but that Doyle emphasized collaboration within general ASUN officer body. However, Murphy emphasized accountability and other qualities outside of the association find important.

Senator-elect Nugent said that both candidates are excellent, but he would vouch for Murphy, because of the way he ran the internship program.

Senator-elect Stoddard said that he found both candidates to be equally proficient for the position, but that Murphy has had prior experience being Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Senator-elect Yang said that she has worked with both candidates and they are both phenomenal. She said that Doyle had a strategic plan for COVID-19, which deserved attention. She also said that Murphy had actionable steps for each of his goals and his approach to having a sustainable action to legislation was beneficial.

Senator-elect Supple said he spoke with Vice President-elect Brown and previous interns spoke about issues and problems that they had within the internship program, and it wasn't as successful as the association thought it would be. She also said that a committee chair is a closer step toward Speaker rather than Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Senator-elect Taylor said it was important to not count out Doyle because of how he ran committees, but Murphy's running of the internship program should not be against him because it was a large program this year.

Senator-elect Huber really like Doyle's COVID-19 plan, and that Murphy has one, but it is changing daily along with the virus. He said that hearing former interns within the meeting now would help hear about the way Murphy ran the program.

Senator-elect Luers said he agreed with a lot of what Supple said, and that a lot of the reasons the internship may not have worked was on the part of some senators, and maybe not Murphy.

Senator-elect Ribeiro said that she was a part of the internship, and that a large part of the interns not running for senate positions may be because Keegan made it sound too scary, although it was because he did not blow it out of proportion, and just didn't sugar coat it. She said that it depended on what you were looking for within a Speaker.

Senator-elect Supple said that the internship is almost a replica of senate, and that if Keegan could not keep senators accountable and involved within the program, he may not be able to do it within senate either.

Senator-elect Harvey said that a strength of Murphy was that he was committed to upholding professionalism and accountability, which was extremely important during the virtual aspect that senate is in currently.

Senator-elect Stoddard said that he was more focused on what the speaker could do with accountability and professionalism in the future, and not what the candidates have done or did not do in their previous positions.

Senator-elect Ribeiro said that she found it important how the speaker would reach out and build relationships, which was important to think about with both candidates.

Senator-elect Luers said that he would like to see the Speaker as an equal and not a boss as well.

Senator-elect Harvey said that Doyle proved to be committed to bringing in all different perspectives of senators, constituents, and other factions.

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A roll-call vote was taken.

Senator-elect Ahmed voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Bourgalt voted Doyle.

Senator-elect Casildo Rios voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Harvey voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Huber voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Keller voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Lopez voted Doyle.

Senator-elect Luers voted Murphy.

Senator-elect McElhoes voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Nugent voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Ribeiro voted Doyle.

Senator-elect Romero voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Supple voted Doyle.

Senator-elect Taylor voted Doyle.

Senator-elect Yang voted Murphy.

Senator-elect Tores voted Doyle.

Senator-elect Stoddard voted Murphy.

Senators-elect Doyle and Murphy entered the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis read: "I, state your full name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Associated Students; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter."

Senator-elect Murphy was sworn in as Speaker of the Senate.

7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS TO SPEAKER AND SENATORS

Legislative clerk Czerlanis passed the gavel to Speaker Murphy.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to recess.

Senator-elect Ribeiro made a motion to recess.

Senator-elect Luers seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy called the meeting back into order at 6:58 pm. A quorum was still present.

Speaker Murphy read the oath to the senators-elect: “I, state your full name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Associated Students; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.”

The Senators of the 88th Senate Session for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada were sworn in.

8. ELECTION OF THE SENATE OFFICERS

a. Speaker Pro Tempore

Speaker Murphy read the duties of Speaker Pro Tempore: “The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall run Senate meetings in the Speaker’s absence, sit on the Committee on Oversight, oversee the Legislative Internship Program, and maintain the legacy box.” He accepted nominations.

Senator Ahmed nominated Senator Supple.

Senator Supple accepted the nomination.

Senator Ribeiro nominated Senator Luers.

Senator Luers accepted the nomination.

Senator Keller nominated Senator Ribeiro.

Senator Ribeiro accepted the nomination.

Senator Stoddard nominated Senator Taylor.

Senator Taylor accepted the nomination.

Speaker Murphy read the rules of the presentation and listed each nominee:

Senators Ribeiro, Taylor, and Luers left the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Senator Supple presented her background within ASUN, her goals of the internship program, her goals for the legacy box, how to be accountable.

Senator Nugent asked Supple how she would address the issues that were voiced to her from the previous internship program.

Senator Supple said the one on one meetings with interns would help with those issues, as well as making sure interns are engaged.

Senator Yang asked Supple what the biggest thing was that distinguished her from other candidates.

Senator Supple said her experience as chair and previous experiences within ASUN have helped her learn how to do duties that Speaker Pro Tempore would do.

Senator Keller asked Supple any end of the year project ideas she had for the interns.

Senator Supple said that it would remain to be legislation, but they can begin and work on the legislation whenever they need, or can, as well as building a reward system.

Senator Stoddard asked if there were any project she worked with Speaker Murphy on in prior sessions.

Senator Supple said they have worked on changing the SAS and writing legislation together, as well as sitting on Oversight and Government Operations, and Budget and Finance committees together.

Senator Supple left and Senator Luers entered the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Senator Luers presented on his background, passions for Speaker Pro Tempore qualities, and goals for the position.

Senator Harvey asked Luers how he would plan to create good relationships between interns and senators.

Senator Luers said that he would like to match interns and senators together through passions and personalities. He said that one-on-one meetings with interns would help with inspiring interns and growing relationships with them as well.

Senator Doyle asked Luers what new ideas he had for the internship.

Senator Luers said he would like to implement informal meetings more between interns in-order to talk more and build relationships.

Senator Tores asked how Luers would hold senators and interns accountable.

Senator Luers said he would make sure he would quickly be able to contact and check-up on senators, and talk to the interns with honesty and a comfortable relationship.

Senator Casildo Rios asked Luers how his goals as senator would conflict with Pro Tempore goals.

Senator Luers said his goals would not conflict because they both have similar goals of inclusivity and accountability.

Senator Luers left and Senator Ribeiro entered the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Senator Ribeiro presented about her goals, mission, and vision for the senate branch, and how it affect the student body as a whole. She talked about her governmental background and involvement in student groups. She talked about her internship background, and what she learned needs to change or stay within the program.

Senator Yang asked Ribeiro what actionable steps she would take to reach the goals she mentioned.

Senator Ribeiro said that she would talk to the interns at the beginning of the program about what will be difficult within the program, and keep in place some of the paperwork that is already designed to keep interns accountable.

Senator Doyle asked Ribeiro to explain her legacy box plans.

Senator Ribeiro said that writing legislation would be the first project for interns, and that is where she would utilize the legacy box as examples.

Senator Harvey asked Ribeiro how she would plan to pair senators with interns.

Senator Ribeiro said she would follow the previous template by filling out personality tests, and perspectives on who has similar goals.

Senator Harvey asked Ribeiro what goals she has for improvements for the internship program.

Senator Ribeiro said that she would introduce writing legislation, and resolutions earlier, and making the process more interactive with department heads.

Senator Ribeiro left and Senator Taylor entered the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Senator Taylor presented his background within ASUN and other student programs, his goals as Speaker Pro Tempore, and new ideas for the position.

Senator Yang asked Taylor what distinguishes him from other candidates and their goals.

Senator Taylor said that his internship position was unique to others, and that he is extremely motivated.

Senator Harvey asked Taylor what his idea was for rotating interns.

Senator Taylor said they would rotate their mentors and committees within their smaller group of six.

Senator Tores asked Taylor how he would insure the internship doesn't overwhelm interns.

Senator Taylor said he would keep the document of organization checklists that he had as an intern, which would take some of the stress of, as well as building trusting relationships with the interns.

Senator Taylor left the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Speaker Murphy commenced for general debate.

Senator Harvey said she found Senator Taylor's rotation schedule a good idea, but she was skeptical because of how large the body of interns and senate is.

Senator Huber said he thought all candidates had great presentations and were qualified, but they need to take into account who will work best with Speaker Murphy.

Senator Yang said she have worked with Senator Supple since high school, and she is always serious in any roll she takes on.

Senator Doyle said that a couple candidates received different questions than others, which was slightly unfair, and to keep that in mind when making a decision. He also appreciated Senator Supple's aspect of adding a fun part to the internship.

Senator Huber asked Speaker Murphy who reached out to him.

Speaker Murphy said Senator Supple was the only one that did not reach out.

Senator Harvey said how well they work with the speaker is not what would make someone a good Speaker Pro Tempore, because it is more important to see how well they would work with interns.

Speaker Murphy moved to a roll call vote.

Senator Ahmed voted Supple.

Senator Bourgalt voted Supple.

Senator Casildo Rios voted Supple.

Senator Doyle voted Supple.

Senator Harvey voted Ribeiro.

Senator Huber voted Luers.

Senator Keller voted Ribeiro.

Senator Lopez voted Ribeiro

Senator McElhoes voted Luers.

Senator Nugent voted Supple.

Senator Romero voted Supple.

Senator Yang voted Supple.

Senator Tores voted Supple.

Senator Stoddard voted Supple.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve Senator Supple as Speaker Pro Tempore.

Stoddard moved to approve Senator Supple as Speaker Pro Tempore.

Senator Bourgalt seconded the motion.

Speaker Murphy called a roll call vote.

Senator Ahmed voted yay.

Senator Bourgalt voted yay.

Senator Casildo Rios voted yay.

Senator Doyle voted yay.

Senator Harvey voted yay.

Senator Huber voted yay.

Senator Keller voted yay.

Senator Lopez voted yay.

Senator McElhoes voted yay.

Senator Nugent voted yay.

Senator Romero voted yay.

Senator Yang voted yay.

Senator Tores voted yay.

Senator Stoddard voted yay.

The motion was carried

Senators Supple, Luers, Ribeiro, and Tyler reentered the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Speaker Murphy announced Senator Supple as the Speaker Pro-Tempore for the 88th Senate Session.

b. Parliamentarian

Senator Murphy read the duties of Parliamentarian: “The Parliamentarian shall serve as an expert in rules of order and the proper procedures for the conduct of meetings of deliberative assemblies. The Parliamentarian shall also assist the Senate in the drafting and interpretation of bylaws and of Roberts’ Rules of Order, and the planning and conduct of meetings.” He accepted nominations.

Senator Doyle nominated Senator Bourgalt.

Senator Bourgalt accepted the nomination.

Senator Yang nominated Senator Harvey.

Senator Harvey accepted the nomination.

Senator Harvey left the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Senator Bourgalt presented on his goal to making a difference in his community, his qualifications, and his goals.

Senator Keller asked Bourgalt how he would recommend ASUN to incoming students.

Senator Bourgalt said that he would tell students that the student body actually affects the community and makes change, and ASUN was a great institution to help the community.

Senator Supple asked Bourgalt what action he would take to make sure the body is following all rules.

Senator Bourgalt said that he has read all of the rule books for the senate body, and he looks at them objectively. He does not want to make friends or be subjective, but uphold all of the rules.

Senator Doyle asked Bourgalt what action he would take when any procedures are broken.

Senator Bourgalt said that they could use Roberts Rules to make it apparent that procedures have been broken, and he has no problem with doing that.

Senator Bourgalt left and Senator Harvey entered the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Senator Harvey presented on her qualifications, background, and her goals for parliamentarian.

Senator Doyle asked Harvey what she would do to remedy breaks in procedures.

Senator Harvey said that she would point out problems as she sees them, but also suggestions for improvement in her report would be important because she wouldn't want to break the efficiency of the conversation.

Senator Ribeiro asked Harvey why she felt that abiding by the level of professionalism was important to continue moving forward.

Senator Harvey said that getting infrastructure for meetings is from all forms of procedures, and they are a public body, which needs to be accountable.

Senator Harvey left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Speaker Murphy appointed Senator Harvey as parliamentarian pending approval of the Senate Body. He moved into a roll call vote to confirm Senator Harvey.

Senator Ahmed voted yay.

Senator Casildo Rios abstained because he had a personal relationship with the candidate.

Senator Doyle vote yay.

Senator Huber voted yay.

Senator Keller voted yay.

Senator Lopez voted yay.

Senator Luers voted yay.

Senator McElhoes voted yay.

Senator Nugent voted yay.

Senator Ribeiro voted yay.

Senator Romero voted yay.

Senator Supple voted yay.

Senator Taylor voted yay.

Senator Yang voted yay.

Senator Tores voted yay.

Senator Stoddard voted yay.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion to approve to the appointment of Senator Harvey as Parliamentarian.

Senator Supple moved to approve the appointment of Senator Harvey as Parliamentarian.

Senator Luers seconded the motion.

Speaker Murphy moved to a roll call vote.

Senator Ahmed voted yay.

Senator Casildo Rios abstained because he had a personal relationship with the candidate.

Senator Doyle voted yay.

Senator Huber voted yay.

Senator Keller voted yay.

Senator Lopez voted yay.

Senator Luers voted yay.

Senator McElhoes voted yay.

Senator Nugent voted yay.

Senator Ribeiro voted yay.

Senator Romero voted yay.

Senator Supple voted yay.

Senator Taylor voted yay.

Senator Tores voted yay.

Senator Stoddard voted yay.

The motion was carried.

Senator Harvey and Bourgalt entered the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Speaker Murphy announced Senator Harvey as the Parliamentarian for the 88th Senate Session.

9. CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

a. Committee to Notify the President

Speaker Murphy saw that the President was in the gallery. She was informed that the Senate is organized and is ready to proceed with business.

b. Notifying the President of the Election of the Speaker

Speaker Murphy saw that President Hall was in the gallery. She was informed that the Speaker was elected and that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed with business.

10. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Speaker Murphy sought motion to adopt the Rules of the Senate.

Senator Supple moved to adopt the Rules of the Senate.

Senator Stoddard seconded the motion.

Seeing no discussion, Speaker Murphy moved to a roll call vote,

Senator Ahmed voted yay.

Senator Bourgalt voted yay.

Senator Casildo Rios voted yay.

Senator Doyle voted yay.

Senator Harvey voted yay.

Senator Huber voted yay.

Senator Keller voted yay.

Senator Lopez voted yay

Senator Luers voted yay

Senator McElhoes voted yay.

Senator Nugent voted yay.

Senator Ribeiro voted yay.

Senator Romero voted yay.

Senator Supple voted yay.

Senator Taylor voted yay.

Senator Yang voted yay.

Senator Tores voted yay.

Senator Stoddard voted yay.

The motion was carried. The rules of the Senate for the 88th Session had been adopted.

11. DISPOSITION OF VACANT SEATS

Six seats were declared vacant: One for the College of Business, one for the College of Education, three for the Community of Health Sciences, and one for the Division of Health Sciences.

12. FAST TRACK APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS

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

- a. NOMINATION OF LESLIE RAMIREZ TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
- b. NOMINATION OF NICOLINA PRIESS TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion to fast track the approval of agenda items a and b.

Senator Luers moved to fast track the approval of agenda items a and b.

Senator Tores seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

13. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS

- a. NOMINATION OF LESLIE RAMIREZ TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Senator Ramirez presented her background, goals, and committees she was interested in.

Senator Taylor asked Ramirez how she would conduct outreach.

Senator Ramirez said to reach out to College of Business clubs, Women in business, and business student council. She would also like to go talk to popular professors within the college.

Senator Supple asked Ramirez if there was anything externally she saw negative about ASUN, and what she would fix.

Senator Ramirez said that she had not seen anything specifically negative of ASUN, and heard great thing. She said a weakness would be that senators aren't known by students very well, or the legislative process, and that she would make that more aware by students.

Senator Casildo Rios asked Ramirez what ways she would build a larger LatinX community.

Senator Ramirez said that she would work with clubs and club commissioners to find people who would be a part of something larger that would support the LatinX community.

Senator Huber asked Ramirez if she would be willing to attend or join the Business Student Council.

Senator Ramirez said she would be committed to sitting into all of the meeting to hear different opinions and outreach.

Senator Tores asked Ramirez how she would work with other senators to promote diversity and inclusion.

Senator Ramirez said the primary focus was having a good line of communication with other senators, and connecting to have help with her goals would show a community that would promote diversity and inclusion.

Senator Ramirez left the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Speaker Murphy moved to a general debate.

Senator Harvey said Ramirez was refreshing coming from the college of business.

Senator Supple said she liked that Ramirez brought up legislation from the 87th session.

Senator Ribeiro said that no one should be deterred by the fact that she was new to ASUN.

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion to approve the appointment of Leslie Ramirez for the office of Senator for the College of Business.

Senator Doyle moved to approve the appointment of Leslie Ramirez for the office of Senator for the College of Business.

Senator Taylor seconded the motion.

Senator Luers abstained because he had a personal relationship with the candidate.

The motion was carried.

Senator Ramirez entered the meeting at 8:49 pm.

Speaker Murphy read Ramirez the oath: “I, state your full name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Associated Students; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

Senator Ramirez was sworn in.

b. NOMINATION OF NICOLINA PRIESS TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Senator Priess presented her background, goals, and ideas for the college of Education.

Senator Yang asked Priess if she had any plans on K-12 outreach for underrepresented schools.

Senator Priess said that a mentor program through the university would be a good idea, and showing them what is possible at the higher education level would be powerful for younger and older students.

Senator Harvey asked Priess what committees she would like to sit on.

Senator Priess said she was unsure, but she was interested and willing to learn overall.

Senator Supple asked Priess why she did not run for the senate seat during the campaign.

Senator Priess said the application had closed already while she was a part of a third party organization, so she applied the second way.

Senator Taylor asked Priess what ways she would conduct outreach.

Senator Priess said office hours would be very important, and virtual surveys and reaching out to HDFS clubs would be some of her ideas.

Senator Casildo Rios asked Priess how she would plan on reaching out to ELL students.

Senator Priess said that reaching those students as they are receiving support and services that the university is providing them, and working on the in-person wellness aspect when we return to campus was important.

Senator Priess left the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Doyle said he appreciated Priess honesty to the committee question. He said he also appreciated her understanding of what a senator does with outreach within administration and colleges.

Senator Supple asked Senator Keller how he feels about working with the candidate.

Senator Keller said she would be a good person to work with and they have similar passion and goals for the college.

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion approve the appointment of Nicolina Priess to the office of Senator for the College of Education.

Senator Stoddard moved to approve the appointment of Nicolina Priess to the office of Senator for the College of Education.

Senator Luers seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Priess entered the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Speaker Murphy read Priess the oath: ““I, state your full name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Associated Students; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.”

Senator Priess was sworn in.

Senator Doyle moved for a ten minute recess.

Senator Harvey seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy recalled the meeting into order at 9:18 pm. A quorum was still present.

14. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEES

The Senate shall elect Chairpersons and Senators to the following standing committees:

a. Academics and Student Affairs

Speaker Murphy accepted nominations for the Committee Chair on Academics and Student Affairs.

Senator Harvey nominated Senator Yang.

Senator Yang accepted the nomination.

Senator Yang gave a presentation on her background, experience on other committees and ASUN duties. She talked about the liaison positions for the committee.

Senator Supple asked Yang how she would dedicate time to the chair position.

Senator Yang said that her schedule would be lighter this year compared to last session, and she is very passionate about the committee.

Senator Harvey asked what specific ideas Senator Yang had for the senators within the committee as well as liaison positions.

Senator Yang said she would encourage the committee to bring their own ideas, but assigning liaison positions would grow collaboration.

Senator Yang left the meeting at 9:29 pm.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Luers said that Yang was one of the best senators at the table and any leadership position she goes for she deserves.

Senator Harvey said that as previous chair of the committee, no one else would be more fitting as a successor in the position.

Senator Murphy sought a motion to approve the appointment of Senator Yang to the Chair for the Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affairs.

Senator Supple moved to approve Senator Yang to the Chair for the Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affairs.

Senator Luers seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Senator Yang entered the meeting at 9:33 pm.

Senator Yang was elected to the Chair for Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affairs.

b. Budget and Finance

Speaker Murphy opened for nominations.

Senator Yang nominated Senator Huber.

Senator Huber accepted the nomination.

Senator Huber presented his background, goals, and ideas and qualifications for the committee.

Senator Supple asked if Huber had met with Dr. Rodriguez to go over the budget, or done anything else to prepare for changes in the new budget.

Senator Huber said he met with Dr. Rodriguez and concluded that they could not do too much to change the budget right now due to the constant changes. He did not have many experience with financial legislation, but met with the previous chair.

Senator Yang asked if there were plans for the slow periods within the committee.

Senator Huber said that for the slow periods, he would use the time to inform the committee on the complexity of the budget.

Senator Doyle asked how Huber would increase transparency within the committee.

Senator Huber said he would expand on his weekly reports, and explaining changes made within the budget at the weekly reports.

Senator Supple asked if allowing everyone on the committee to speak would draw better conversations on the committee.

Senator Huber said he did, because in previous sessions, the same senators would ask questions, and other who don't speak may not be understanding the financial reviews or budget.

Senator Huber left the meeting at 9:44 pm.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Yang said she like Huber's initiative with a simplified budget, to hold transparency to the student body.

Senator Supple would like senators who sit on the committee should follow up on the speaking initiative that Senator Huber is requiring.

Senator Harvey said she found that initiative productive and that it would allow for more questions.

Senator Ribeiro agreed with Senator Harvey and that Huber's initiative would promote further collaboration into the committee's tenure.

Senator McElhoes also liked Huber's initiative because it would reflect at the senate table.

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion to approve the appointment of Senator Huber to the Chair for Senate Committee on Budget and Finance.

Senator Luers moved to approve Senator Huber to the Chair for Senate Committee on Budget and Finance.

Senator Nugent seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Senator Ribeiro abstained because she didn't get to hear his whole presentation.

Senator Huber entered the meeting at 9:49 pm.

Senator Huber was elected to the Chair for Senate Committee on Budget and Finance.

c. Democratic Civic Engagement

Speaker Murphy opened for nominations.

Senator Harvey nominated Senator Doyle.

Senator Doyle accepted the nomination.

Senator Doyle presented his goals of engagement for the committee, and four problems he would like to speak to the state legislature on behalf of the student body about.

Senator Supple asked Doyle how he planned to expand pack provisions and other student services.

Senator Doyle said that Pack Provisions relies on volunteers, and promoting it is important because twenty-two percent of the university is food insecure, and Pack Provisions needs advocacy to support those constituents.

Senator Yang asked Doyle what improvements he would make into the next session.

Senator Doyle said he would have a better communication with one of the liaison positions, and working with her more closely.

Senator Doyle left the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Yang said she was vice chair for the committee last session and that Senator Doyle put a lot of work into the restructuring of the committee. She also said that the committee will have a lot on its plate, and Senator Doyle would make a great impact on the committee and its work.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve Senator Doyle as Chair for Senate Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement.

Senator Taylor moved to approve Senator Doyle as Chair for Senate Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement.

Senator Keller seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Senator Doyle entered the meeting at 9:58 pm.

Senator Doyle was elected to the Chair for Senate Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement.

d. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Speaker Murphy opened for nominations.

Senator Luers nominated Senator Ribeiro.

Senator Ribeiro accepted the nomination.

Senator Ribeiro presented her goals for the committee and her outreach to diverse clubs and committees on campus.

Senator Supple asked Ribeiro how she would keep senators accountable on her committee.

Senator Ribeiro said she would keep senator reports, and already have faculty project and initiatives in place that each senator can use as outreach.

Senator Harvey asked Ribeiro how she will move away from the idea of only focusing on diversity, and also focusing on equity and inclusion.

Senator Ribeiro said that there are a lot of groups that are a part of Equity and Inclusion initiatives that do not get enough attention, and outreaching to them more would allow ASUN to represent equity for the entire student body, and groups that are still marginalized.

Senator Harvey asked Ribeiro how she would foster within the committee members a vulnerable attitude to learning about identities and communities that they are not usually exposed to.

Senator Ribeiro said that it was vital to have compassion as a leader, and she cannot represent students without finding out their needs and informing themselves as a committee what their constituents ideals and goals are in the first place.

Senator Supple asked Ribeiro how she planned to get senators in the committee to write legislation.

Senator Ribeiro said she would like to track senator's progress and goals within their reports and use data collection of where students want change or improvement, so that they will feel motivated to write legislation.

Senator Ribeiro left the meeting at 10:09 pm.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Luers said he knows Ribeiro has carried passion for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and her professionalism would excel the committee.

Senator Harvey said that everything she mentioned is the vision that her and the other authors of the creation of the committee wanted it to be.

Senator Casildo Rios said that this is one of the most important in the future of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and that the chair is crucial.

Senator Ramirez said she saw a lot of compassion coming from Ribeiro for this committee, and that she recognizes all of the minority groups.

Senator Murphy seeked a motion to approve Senator Ribeiro to the Chair for Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Senator Doyle moved to approve Senator Ribeiro to the Chair for Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Senator Huber seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Senator Ribeiro entered the meeting at 10:12 pm.

Senator Ribeiro was elected to the chair for Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

e. Government Operations

Speaker Murphy opened for nominations.

Senator Yang nominated Senator Supple.

Senator Supple accepted the nomination.

Senator Supple presented her background of being familiar with all senate rules, legislation, SAS, and other governing documents. She also talked about her goals for the committee.

Senator Huber asked what goals Supple had for the committee.

Senator Supple said that she would be able to handle the workload of both Speaker Pro Tempore and the Chair of the committee.

Senator Harvey asked how Supple would improve on the committee.

Senator Supple said that she would try to speed up the writing of legislation, and delegate the writing of it more.

Senator Supple left the meeting at 10:20 pm.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve Senator Supple to the Chair for Senate Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Yang moved to approve Senator Supple to the Chair for Senate Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Doyle seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Senator Supple entered the meeting at 10:21 pm.

Senator Supple was elected to the Chair for Senate Committee on Government Operations.

f. Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

Speaker Murphy opened for nominations.

Senator Ribeiro nominated Senator Luers.

Senator Luers accepted the nomination.

Senator Luers presented his ambition for environmental engineering, and his experience as the intern of the previous chair.

Senator Supple asked Luers how he plans to keep committee members accountable to meet with liaisons.

Senator Luers said that he would have reports and goals of the senators that are shared with the liaison in order to have positive aspects of accountability.

Senator Doyle asked Luers about his goals for Safety and Wellness.

Senator Luers said he would like to expand the red zones around the university, and possibly the city of Reno. He also said that he talked to Director Feil about her goals for Wellness, and how to be inclusive with health and overall wellness.

Senator Yang asked Luers what his goals were for taking projects started last session and implementing them into this session.

Senator Luers said that now that the committee is a standing committee, they would be able to work more with the projects that were started last session.

Senator Luers left the meeting at 10:28 pm.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Supple said that she was concerned about Luers goal for wellness being not as different or new to Sustainability.

Senator Harvey said that committee members may be doing most of the work on this committee, and that she is mainly concerned with Luers passion and specificity of ideas for the committee and its members.

Senator Ramirez said she did find it interesting that Senator Luers had new ideas about food waste and other problems that were new to this semester.

Senator Keller said she agreed with Senator Ramirez.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve Senator Luers as the Chair for Senate Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness.

Senator Ribeiro moved to approve Senator Luers as the Chair for Senate Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness.

Senator Stoddard seconded the motion.

Senator Doyle said that there was an opportunity to table this chair position to allow the candidate to expand on their goals.

Senator Ribeiro said that Luers was passionate about the committee, and motivated to create change within the committee.

Senator Tores said they should give other members to run for the chair position since the committee is new.

Speaker Murphy moved to a roll call vote.

Senator Ahmed voted yay.

Senator Bourgalt voted yay.

Senator Casildo Rios voted yay.

Senator Doyle voted nay.

Senator Harvey voted nay.

Senator Huber voted nay.

Senator Keller voted nay.

Senator Lopez voted yay.

Senator McElhoes voted yay.

Senator Nugent voted yay.

Senator Ribeiro voted yay.

Senator Supple voted nay.

Senator Taylor voted nay.

Senator Yang voted yay.

Senator Tores voted nay.

Senator Stoddard voted yay.

Senator Ramirez vote yay.

Senator Preiss voted nay.

The motion carried.

Senator Luers entered the meeting at 10:40 pm.

Senator Luers was elected Chair for Senate Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness.

Speaker Murphy read the requirements to sit on committees: “Each committee must be composed of between five and nine members, with the exception of Budget and Finance, which must be composed of at least seven members. Each senator must serve on at least two committees. Senators who have been elected as Chairs are automatically on their own committee as well as on the Committee on Oversight, which fulfills the two committee requirement. However, it is highly encouraged that you also sit on another standing committee.” He considered membership of the Committee on Academic and student Affairs.

Senators Taylor, Harvey, McElhoes, Casildo Rios, and Stoddard were interested.

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion to approve the membership above by unanimous consent.

Senator Supple moved to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy considered membership of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Senators McElhoes, Ramirez, Yang, Harvey, Ahmed, and Nugent were interested.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the membership above by unanimous consent.

Senator McElhoes moved to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy considered membership of the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement.

Senators Preiss, Taylor, Keller, Casildo Rios, Ribeiro, Yang, and Tores were interested.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the membership above by unanimous consent.

Senator Yang moved to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy considered membership of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Senators Preiss, Ramirez, Tores, Romero, Harvey, Luers, and Keller were interested.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

Senator Preiss moved to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy considered membership of the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Doyle, Stoddard, and Taylor were interested.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

Senator Romero moved to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

Speaker Murphy considered membership for the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness.

Senators Ahmed, Ramirez, Tores, Romero, Lopez, Nugent, and Stoddard were interested.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

Senator Ahmed moved to approve the membership through unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

15. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AUTHORIZED UNDER SAS 102.04.b

SAS 102.04.b authorizes any two Senator-Elects to petition the Secretary of the Senate to place additional business on the agenda.

No petitions were received by the deadline provided under law.

16. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

There was no business for this item.

17. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

Former Senator Izzy Westerman said she wanted to congratulate the new session, and that if they have any questions or need help with legislation, she would be available.

Former President Anthony Martinez said he wanted to congratulate the new session and that they are able to ask him for any information about past legislation or other knowledge.

Senator Harvey said that the committee of Government Operations can still operate, but all committee members must be present because they do not meet the minimum requirement for senate rules. She also said she would be sending a email for Roberts Rules to senate chairs, and she will be trained in the first two weeks by the attorney general.

Speaker Murphy said he would be in the same meeting with chairs.

Vice President Austin Brown congratulated the new session, and that he is a resource for any support senators need.

Senator Supple said they could ask her about the committee on Government Operations if they are curious about it before they join the committee.

Director Rodriguez congratulated the new session and gave senate chairs advice on how to work on the sub-committee level to assist senate meetings in being more efficient.

Speaker Murphy thanked the session for being in the meeting tonight, and he will be having meetings with everyone soon. He also reminded senators of the change in rules on the dress and absence policies.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Murphy adjourned the meeting at 11:05 pm.