

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Martinez called the Senate meeting to order at 5:33 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Speaker Martinez and Senators Ahmed, Alvarez, Aziz, Burton, Dobbs, Flangas, Grant, Green, Hughes, Lemus, McKinney, Rogaczewski, Rogers, Sewell, Westerman, Wilcox, and Yeghiayan were present.

Senators Amaya, Clemons, Collins, and Hudson were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. **The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from January 23rd, 2019**

Senator Burton moved to approve the minutes from January 23rd, 2019 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

b. **The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from January 30th, 2019**

c. **The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from February 6th, 2019**

The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Troy L. Morris, Facility Supervisor, Facility Recycling. Obviously, a few years ago they went from just paper to doing all the single stream when Reno went to single stream. At that time, the campus wasn't doing single stream recycling, but they adopted. In the process of switching, the campus ran into issues. He went into the recycling process on campus. There are routes with trucks with lifts that go around and use totes to collect recyclables to bring them to a single stream compactor in the north yard. It was a 30yd compactor that they used twice a month to reduce garage. There is also a cardboard baler behind the Joe and another in the north yard. It compresses cardboard into a bale that looks like a stack. Once they get X much collected, they had it picked up. White dumpsters collect cardboard and it takes 3-4 full dumpsters to make one bale. They also create one bale every day since the campus has a lot of cardboard. Office recycling totes are present in all campus offices and they are your responsibility; custodians won't dump it. It is your choice to recycle or not. They have been running into problems with bags. The Joe is especially bad with it. it's sometimes unavoidable but they don't like any recycling to be collected in a bag; they want recyclables to be loose. In a single stream environment, bags are not good for the machine that separates the items. The only exception is shredded paper. Waste Management liked to see shredded paper bagged so it doesn't get mixed

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with other things and doesn't make a mess. Shredded paper wasn't technically single stream recyclable but to avoid messes, if it is contained in a bag, they can separate the shredded paper easier if it's in a bag before putting the materials in the separator. For types of recycling, there is single stream, regular, and the difference between two. Single stream is what they do on campus with aluminum cans, tin/steel cans, plastics like hard not like bags, and bottles. For bottles Waste Management liked to have them emptied and clean. Even water bottles with liquid are not good. Containers for fast food that have been cleaned are recyclable but it's rare they get clean, fast food containers. They also take glass bottles. All of that can be recycled under single stream. They can also take the easy stuff like paper (newspaper, magazines, books, notebooks, junk mail, shredded paper, paperboard). Like he said before, shredded paper must be contained. Cardboard is single stream but they do try to separate it since they bale it. It's easier if cardboard is broken down since they can hold more. A few big pieces make their cardboard containers overflow. Also, with cardboard you sometimes see plastic wrap. He wasn't talking about boxes that have tape, but rather those boxes that come on pallets and are wrapped in plastic. The plastic wrap needs to be removed. The campus has a lot of pizza boxes. Pizza boxes are usually soiled and can't be recycled if they're greasy. Don't recycle soiled cardboard or things like that. Paperboard is different than cardboard. Paperboard is single stream recycling but Waste Management doesn't want it in the cardboard containers; that can go in the big totes. It is recyclable but isn't the same as cardboard and it isn't baled. Don't place cardboard in dumpsters. They had posters made but unfortunately after putting them up, policies changed and the posters became inaccurate. For those bulky items, they don't take printer cartridges but will take everything else. He supervised an indoor lighting crew that can dispose of old ballasts or lights. Waste Management used to take printer cartridges but their vendor doesn't accept them anymore. However, most cartridge replacements come with instructions on how to recycle them through the manufacturer. Regular plastic bags, like the ones from takeout can be recycled but not through single stream. The Wolf Shop has a lot of things that can be recycled, just not under single stream. Utensils are too small for recycling; little pieces like that are not single stream. What is trash. First, styrofoam. Waste Management doesn't want it. Some plastics do recycle but they can't do it here. Packing materials, like packing peanuts, are not recyclable as well as fast-food containers with food. They might be biodegradable, but not recyclable. He was surprised at how much food they get. Food sticks and causes a mess. Food wrappers, like for chips and candy, are not recyclable. That stuff ends up in totes on a regular basis and they have to take time to throw it away. Single stream recycling containers get shipped to Waste Management and they call him angry if it isn't separated. While glass is recyclable, broken glass is not. In the process of recycling, it does break so this is ironic. The reason broken glass isn't recyclable is because he doesn't want any of his men getting hurt when they dive into the containers to separate non-single stream recyclables. Batteries, fluorescent light tubes/ballasts, toner cartridges, and ink cartridges are all things that environmental health and safety can handle. For party containers for blowing up balloons, if you do what the instructions say for properly breaking them apart, they can go in totes and are single stream recycling. But ONLY if you follow the steps. Propane tanks are EH&S. If you go to the EH&S website: <https://ehslegacy.unr.edu/waste2008/> and enter your NetID and password, they will take care of it. In conclusion, to have a successful recycling program, it takes his department but also all of them. It will take education and work to educate students to think about what they do and what they throw away. Then, their recycling program can get better and they can fill their recyclable containers three times a month instead of twice a month. His team works hard. If anyone sees a full container, call him. His email is troy Morris@unr.edu. They can email him and let him know and he will check to see if he tote is past its scheduled pick up.

Senator Burton asked if all offices/buildings on campus have a bin for batteries. He knew the Joe has one but didn't know if others did as well.

Mr. Morris said the campus had very few battery bins. If you have a big battery that needed recycling, call EH&S. You just need to contact them with the items and the location you leave the items and they will pick them up for you.

Senator Burton asked about simple batteries.

Mr. Morris said EH&S will tell you to throw them away. When is talking about batteries, he is referring to 6V batteries or larger. They want those.

Senator Green asked what other things are being done besides making signage to educate students.

Mr. Morris said Director Jickling works hard. She is trying to educate the students as well as the body. His office's hands are tied and can only do so much. He wanted the help of Senators in this project. If they all sit down together, they can generate ideas through discussions. He was only one guy with a couple of guys who he supervises. ASUN is where it's at.

Senator Burton said this wasn't covered in the presentation and asked about the cardboard cups that have a plastic film, like Starbucks.

Mr. Morris said that although he didn't mention it, it is in the picture that those cups are not recycled. Paper milk jugs or anything like that cannot be recyclable because of the lining. If it was truly paper, liquid will go right through it. They see those cups all the time because everyone thinks they are recyclable but they are not.

There were no further questions at this time.

Speaker Martinez asked the body to get this information out to students. They can do something with inkblot or use social media to make an initiative to show students what kinds of recycling can be done. Even something as simple as Starbucks cups can't be recyclable. He encouraged the body to talk to Mr. Morris and Director Jickling.

There was no further public comment at this time.

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

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

President Jackson said she had three things for this week and her report is a joint report with VP Bradley because they are working on the same things. First, with the Anti-Defamation League, they are planning several ADL workshops for the spring semester. Invitations to student leaders, students, and faculty and staff will be sent out later. This is a pilot program to see how it goes and find ways to institutionalize it for future years. For the Pack Internship Grant Program has been successful and they wanted to create a vision of how they can diversify the program so it's not just ASUN funding but outside donors and community partners as well. For affordable textbook costs, many faculty members are doing great work using open sources and reformatting sources. She is assembling a committee with the wolf shop, library services, and other stakeholders to provide awards for those that do that.

Senator Alvarez left the room at 6:25 pm.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley

c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck

Chief Justice Groesbeck had a quick report. First, the Council is reviewing old cases and their mock trial is going well. They had a great discussion last week relating to the Coffin and Keys case as well as regarding precedent and what jurisdiction they do and don't have. The intern meeting last week was cancelled since she was sick but there will be a meeting next week. For the two pamphlets the Council is working on, they have the proof for one of them; the second one is being worked on.

Senator Flangas asked what the pamphlets are on.

Chief Justice Groesbeck said they originally were doing one about how to express disagreement on campus and that one is what they had the proof for. But it seemed like a conflict of interest to have the Judicial Council make it so they changed it to be a general pamphlet and the second one is about resources for that disagreement.

d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher

Intern Finkler said the ASUN banquet is coming up; sign up by the 27th so that neither he nor Chief of Staff Dutcher have to hunt them down. He asked that interns also fill out the form, even if they are not coming so that they know who is and isn't coming. There will be another town hall on the 15th of April to follow up on action items. That date is tentative and he will have more updates soon.

Senator Alvarez entered the room at 6:29 pm.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar

Director Lensch read the report into the record:

“Hello Senators. We held the Spring I funding hearing this past weekend where we allocated \$54,117.56. I am working on drafting a memo to send to all of the clubs regarding operations funding until spring II, since we hold our weekly operations meetings. The 37% reduction will stay in effect for operations requests for the remainder of the period. Finally, I am working with Senator McKinney on a few SAS changes. Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you, Luke.”

f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

Director Lensch said Mackey Week is coming up. Something cool about it is that the programming interns have been working hard to plan the events. All of the events for Mackey Week have been planned by interns with the help of Assistant Director Lew and their mentors. Overall, the interns have been on their own. He asked the body to please come and support them at the events. Assistant Director Lew posted the events on the facebook page but he will go through them quickly:

- Tuesday grab and go breakfast in kc lawn and Hilliard plaza
- Wednesday the 20th is Nuggets of Gold in the KC Lawn come get chicken nuggets
- Thursday is Mackey and Cheese from 11 am until supplies last at the KC Lawn come get macaroni and cheese

March 13th is the drag show with the Queer Student Union. They will announce the host next Tuesday; look on social media to see. Tickets go on sale next Wednesday and they are using an online system. He suggested the body get their tickets sooner rather than later since once they sell out, there are no more tickets. They are selling community tickets that are limited to the amount 150 for \$15 each and half goes to scholarships for queer students. Please encourage anyone to buy tickets and to pick up their free student ticket. If ASUN officers wanted to attend, get a ticket as they will not be holding any seats.

Senator Yeghiyan asked if there are vegan options for Mackey week.

Director Lensch said yes, there will be vegan and gluten free options.

Senator Westerman said this might be a stupid question but asked where the macaroni and cheese is from or if they are making it.

Director Lensch said they are buying it from Boston Market so it's the good stuff. He will not be making anything.

Senator McKinney left the room at 6:29 and re-entered at 6:31 pm.

g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall

Director Worrall had two things. First, the Lobby day is in two weeks. She thanked those that signed up and are coming. The training is next week. It should be one hour to go over what they will talk and what the process will look like. It might be Wednesday but if it is, it will be after Senate. For some updates on BDR's, they may recall that the last meeting of the semester they talked about the affordability of higher education and expanding the Millennium and need based grants. On the table tonight, they will see more legislation about that. She will be here if there are any questions but Senators Aziz and Alvarez can also answer them.

h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

Senator Burton left the room at 6:35 pm.

Commissioner Releford said she is the Commissioner for Social Justice and Policy and is filling in for Director Amerzada. The first event for Black History month will be led by Commissioner Ambacho and it is an event called the Divine Nine. It was about the original 9 black organizations that were founded on historically black colleges and discussing why they are important and why students should be aware of them. That will be on February 25th at 7pm in the Wells Fargo Auditorium. On February 27th, there will be an event about queer women of color but because it conflicts with another student event, they will push that back for Women's History month in March and will work with the Queer Student Union.

i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling

Director Jickling thanked the body for having Troy Morris come in. He is a great guy who is doing great work. After retreat and looking through the recycle bins, she realized ASUN needed a refresher. If you put something wrong in the bin, the whole bin gets thrown in the trash unless someone sorts it. She asked they keep that in mind and tell constituents that one bad item sends it to the trash, which is what they wanted to avoid. As for other updates, she will have more in the coming weeks but she is hard at work on Earth Week and has a waste diversion event scheduled that will include community partnerships. She will be working with other departments and committees for Earth week and asked they let her know if they wanted to join.

Senator Yeghiayan asked which departments.

Director Jickling said possibly civic engagement once there is a head. She was planning a volunteering event for Saturday the 27th of April and reached to Director Bittar for clubs and orgs that relate to sustainability so they can table. She also talk talked to the Career Studio about doing a luncheon.

Senator Yeghiayan asked Director Jickling if she thought about partnering with RHA for an event in the dorms.

Director Jickling said she was in contact with an RA from Great Basin and they are working on some events.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if she needed help.

Director Jickling said she will write down Senator Yeghiayan's name.

Senator Dobbs asked if Director Jickling was planning on doing anything for move-out week since a lot of students throw out a lot of great things that are still good. In the past she has gone through the trash and saved a lot of good things.

Senator Burton entered the room at 6:39 pm.

Director Jickling said students can dumpster dive for things but not Facilities. Facilities usually ends up with a lot of appliances that students didn't know what to do with. She wanted to partner with GSA and Pack Provision and the community to organize stations where students can bring things to donate that they don't need anymore. This is still being developed and she didn't know if it should be an open flea-market style or just a collect and donate to partners in need kind of deal but if interested, talk to her.

Senators Dobbs and Yeghiayan signed up.

Senator Grant left the room at 6:39 pm.

Senator Burton suggested they make signs about not putting coffee cups in recycling bins.

- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
Director Andrade wanted to reiterate Chief of Staff Dutcher's report about spotlighting the town hall series. It was harder than they thought to create them. There is one scheduled for April 8th at 5 pm if she remembered correctly. She and Chief of Staff Dutcher are trying to find a room. They wanted something in PSAC since it was more collaborative but PSAC was all booked so they are trying to find a space that will be useful and will get people to come. She is working on a document that will have student comments and talking points so they touch on the issues from the town hall last semester. Back to the April 8th meeting, if you have ideas for a room, please let her know.

Senator Grant entered the room at 6:43 pm.

- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
- l. Attorney General, Omar Moore
Intern Garcia said Attorney General Moore had two updates. First, he attended the Parking and Transportation meeting last week and they only discussed appellate cases and had no substantive conversations about ADA accessibility. Their next meeting is in March. HE also attended the Core Theme Two committee meeting yesterday and is authoring a portion of the Carnegie Designation application. He will utilize data from the campus climate surveys as well as reaching out to senators for more information and consolidation of that information.
- m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez
Speaker Martinez said as a reminder to chairs, if individuals are not attending committee meetings, give them points. He knew they didn't like points and try to avoid points. Some Senate members

have points and censures coming up. If you do have a censure coming up, you have been informed with a letter or will be informed with a letter. He asked committee chairs to not excuse anyone from committee meetings unless necessary. There was a survey that will be coming out soon for awards. The awards are given out during the banquet. In this survey, you suggest people for things like best legislation or senator of the year and then he will send out another survey later on with the nominees' names. He wanted to know if they had suggestions for what should be on email besides senator, project, and legislation of the year and keep in mind that the awards, while fun, need to be PG. Email or text to him with suggestions.

Senator Burton asked if superlatives were too much.

Speaker Martinez said they don't want to take too much time since they are done in front of everyone. Legislation is due to him on Thursday and reminded the body that legislation that is being fast tracked needs a memo attached. If anyone needed help with writing the memo, let him know. Since he posts agendas by Friday at 9 am, he needs all legislation sent to him by Thursday at 7 pm.

Secretary Godoy said President's Day is Monday the 18th so he needs to agendize by the Thursday at 9 am.

Speaker Martinez said legislation needs to be turned in by tonight.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins

Senator Sewell said the committee talked about the options A and B and recommended favorably option B. They will include more data tonight since some was missing during the committee meeting. They also heard committee updates.

Senator Flangas said they also talked about a shared book program in the College of Engineering where you can go to the De La Mare to check out textbooks so you don't have to buy them. She will send out a survey to senators to see if other colleges have centralized locations for textbooks or textbooks on reserve somewhere.

b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant

Senator Grant said there is a committee meeting this Friday at 10 am in PCR. They will review exec board, clubs and orgs, CSE, and general revenues.

c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement

Senator Rogers said the committee talked about pushing Give Pulse rather than senators doing a monthly event. They are figuring out the logistics for Reading Week and changed their meeting time to 4:45 pm on Wednesday.

d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney

Senator McKinney said the committee will be meeting Friday at 1 pm in the Senate Chambers to go over legislation about a constitution change. The question needs to be added to the ballot in order to be approved.

e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez

Senator Alvarez said there is no meeting this week but the committee had a great meeting last week with two pieces of legislation being favorably recommended.

- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Green
Senator Green said there was no meeting last week since the committee did the walkthrough of Raggio. He will send out a list of teams in an email. If there are questions, let him know. He thanked those that attended the Raggio walkthrough. The next meeting will have Coordinator Farrar present to talk about Campus Escort. The committee will also hear legislation from Senator Alvarez.
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
Senator Hughes said the internship will end soon since such a large number of interns decided to run for senate or felt they were no longer interested. The final meeting will be on Valentine’s Day from 7-9 pm. She encouraged the body to keep reaching out to their interns even though the internship is formally ending.
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez
Speaker Martinez asked committee chairs to be prepared for censures during Oversight. He will be informing them of how censures work and they mean.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions received their first reading and were considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. **S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support Expanding the Silver State Opportunity Grant to Increase Higher Education Affordability**
- b. **S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Creating a State-Funded Grant Program for University Students**
- c. **S.R. 86 – A Senate Bill to Make Appropriations for The Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program**
- d. **S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program Proposed by NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group**

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

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

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions received their second reading and were considered:

- a. **S.B. 86 – A Senate Bill to Make Appropriations for The Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program**

Senator Alvarez moved to approve S.B. 86 – A Senate Bill to Make Appropriations for the Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program.
Senator Yeghiyan seconded.

Senator Hughes said this is a project that she and Chief Justice Groesbeck have been working on since September. Basically the whole idea is equity. They jumped through many ideas to achieve this goal. Initially, they were going to partner with Aunt Flow and spend \$3800 on 10 dispensers and 7,000 pads and tampons. From there they talked to the Joe and talked to Assistant Directors Mikeal Carver and Tim Banks. They actually came back with a counter offer of just refurbishing the current dispensers to be free rather than the \$0.25 setting they are at now. They are saving lots of money versus the \$3800 they originally in mind. She wrote up an agreement between the Joe, ASUN, and Facilities so everyone's role is clear. The goal was to have it run for 12 months to get an estimate for how much product is used so that a proposal for how much the University would need to institutionalize this across campus.

Chief Justice Groesbeck thanked Senator Hughes. She had a great partner and she thanked the Joe and Facilities for being receptive.

Timothy Banks, Associate Director of Student Union Operations. He was excited to be a part of initiating this program.

Mikeal Carver, Assistant Director of Building Services. He said it was great working with the ladies from developing the first proposal. It was amazing making and developing it and finding solutions. It was also great to communicate with the Joe since they normally don't get to interact much because the University was split. It was a huge learning process like learning how housing is separate from University Facilities. It's been a fun project and he enjoyed the process and wanted to see where it goes.

Senator Rogaczewski asked why the price was \$63 for the Joe but \$140 for Facilities on page 2, line 9.

Assistant Director Carver said they could be different products and quantities but he would have to see the actual sheets.

Senator Hughes said like Assistant Director Carver mentioned, Facilities is separate from the Joe so they could have a different supplier than what was sent to her from Steve Dovar who oversees custodial stuff in the Joe. The other numbers are sent from Facilities. Since they are different departments that don't work together generally, it was common for them to be different numbers. She asked they keep in mind when purchasing.

Senator Sewell asked what would happen to the pilot program if the \$500 they are dedicating runs out before the 12 months.

Senator Hughes said the numbers were based on a few things. When she started this project, she initially had conversations with Aunt Flow. This is a company that launched programs across the US at different universities. She reached out to their director and they put together their plan but it was too expensive since the pilot program was only for four dispensers. But they did use their projections to arrive at this cost. The agreement can be revisited next session since its \$500 this fiscal year and \$500 can be appropriated again next fiscal year. Since it was based on the expertise of Aunt Flow, the numbers should be appropriate.

Senator Sewell asked where the money to pay for the program will come from for a campus-wide program.

Senator Hughes said that conversation has just barely started. She brought it up to President Johnson and Dr. Ellis. Her vision is for this to be institutionalized like toilet paper or soap for the bathrooms. That conversation is still approximately 12 months out from now.

Senator Burton asked what the performance matrices were for the expected numbers.

Senator Hughes said to get the data, she teamed up with the Joe to create a worksheet about how much product is being refilled. This will give them a quantitative amount of how much is being used. They also toyed with a survey and if you look at the actual agreement, line item 2 discusses implementing a survey at some point. They haven't reached an agreement yet with all the different factors. The largest benefit will be testimonials from students. If a student comes to Facilities or the Joe or ASUN saying they didn't have to miss class or a lab due to their menstrual cycle that will be the most impactful data.

Senator Rogers asked if the dispensers for the program will still use levers since those are not meant for all students.

Senator Hughes asked Senator Rogers what she meant by all students.

Senator Rogers said the lever was hard for students to pull that don't have functioning hands.

Speaker Martinez asked Senator Rogers if she meant people with disabilities.

Senator Rogers said yes.

Senator Hughes said the current dispensers are hard to use for this program since most are not ADA compliant. Something interesting that Facilities brought up is that because the dispensers have money, people currently vandalize them to get the money out. It costs \$500 to replace them for a few dollars that are in them. There is room for that discussion.

Senator Sewell was trying to understand why ASUN was funding this. It didn't make sense to her to use student funds for this.

Senator Hughes said the idea for this was equity vs equality. The current state is equality where everyone gets the same thing but she is shooting for equity where people get what they need. She would argue that menstrual hygiene is a necessity. ASUN is taking on the labor of democracy by taking on initiatives and having them be picked up by someone else. You can see on a broader sense with other current university initiatives that started as ASUN initiatives. As a government, ASUN had the power to make actual change and that is why it fell under ASUN. Also, they are partnering with the Joe and they are partially funded by student fees as well as Facilities which is funded by the state and the university. She didn't see any difference and because it's such a small amount of money, there is no harm.

Senator Sewell said that regardless of the money, the big issue is equity vs equality and whether this is need based since students can pick up supplies at the Health Center for free. She asked how you would differentiate between students that need tampons and students that chose to not buy them. She also didn't understand how providing this will help students since only a small fraction of the student population will use them. She felt nothing should be free.

Senator Hughes asked Senator Sewell if she was also saying toilet paper shouldn't be provided in bathrooms.

Senator Sewell said no it was more a comment of where are we going to draw the line between equity and equality. Her issue was need versus not need and didn't understand why you would give someone from free tampons but not free deodorant, toothpaste, or razors. She if you should also provide free Advil for people with headaches and migraines.

Senator Hughes said Free the Tampon is an organization that brought this issue into the light of day. They did a survey of 1072 females and 86% responded that they started their period in a public place with no supplies. There is a need for this. The whole idea is that students can go to the bathroom to get what they need. Students shouldn't have to walk to Pack Provisions or the Health Center for something they need just once. She believed they should be in the bathrooms. As for ASUN shouldn't be supplying it, the idea that not all students will use it. ASUN provides a lot of things that are free that not every student uses such as Pack Provisions and Campus Escort. 54% of the student population is female and it's time the campus catches on.

Senator Flangas said Senator Sewell made good points of what is lacking but that is not an argument to not provide a service. It should be an argument to start providing those things in more accessible places. This body can decide about funding for new services but that shouldn't take away from providing tampons and sanitary napkins.

Senator Sewell responded to Senator Hughes that she agreed in that they should be provided in a female bathroom if a student did start their menstrual cycle without supplies; they just shouldn't be free. She felt that paying \$0.25 to buy one for up to 8 hours is fine. Pack Provisions gets donations from other places and that was needed based. Not just anyone can walk into them and have access. They shouldn't be in a public place. The Campus Escort argument is also invalid because students that live in South Reno are out of the driving range and are negatively affected. This only affects females. Yes, they should be provided more opportunities when trying to help and in fixing the areas that are lacking. But they shouldn't be free. If they give everyone free tampons then what is next, free toothpaste and deodorant? She asked where the money is coming from and if they will be taking money away from other services.

Senator Hughes said Facilities loved the idea of taking the coin operated machines out based on how much it cost to replace them; it was a \$500 machine for a few coins. The whole argument of a massive amount of money being lost, they can go back to replacing the machines. If they go back to equity, New York passed legislation that mandates that this must be provided. This is an example of an actual Legislature that believed in this. Scotland is a country that is already doing this and they have been doing it. She also got the idea from different universities that have done this. There is precedent, it's not just a random thing she came up with.

Senator Burton said if they go back to the idea of why use ASUN funds, ASUN is good at jumpstarting ideas that should be picked up by the University. He felt that funding for this fell under general bathroom funding like paper towels. ASUN won't pay for this for long and if the program isn't successful, ASUN can stop funding it.

Senator Alvarez said a menstrual cycle is not very consistent. For many, cycles start unexpectedly and tampons and sanitary napkins can be inaccessible and buying a whole box when you only need one can be embarrassing. Disclosing to someone in Pack Provisions that you are on your cycle can be very personal and not something many would be happy to say. While they do have

Pack Provisions, it is need based. Being able to go to a bathroom is more accessible than going to Pack Provisions. While on her campaign trail, this is something she wanted to do and she thanked Senator Hughes and Chief Justice Groesbeck for it. Many women felt the need to have this program and were excited for it. Many students come in and out of the Joe. A student can go to the bathroom and get what they need when they start their cycle and then go back to the Joe for a movie or whatever. It should be celebrated that a woman can get a pad or tampon without needing to disclose to a room full of people.

Senator Rogaczewski wanted to alleviate concerns for misuse. Since this was just a pilot program, if there is evidence of this being misused or usage being inconsistent, then they can talk about it.

Senator Dobbs wanted to mention that when discussing toothpaste and deodorant, you can still go to class without brushing your teeth or wearing deodorant. That kind of thing affects everyone, only the female population is affected by menstruation. This removes a barrier that allows a specific set of population to go to class without it needing to be need based.

Senator McKinney said that as a point of clarification, the legislation states that Facilities and the Joe area also providing tampons and between the two of them there is already 1100 before they would hit the ASUN funds. There is a very low risk with a high reward. This is just a pilot program and it can be revised later. He understood Senator Sewell's points but disagreed with them.

Senator Flangas wanted to note that the legislation talked about \$500 for this fiscal year and \$500 for the next. In the meantime, data will be collected and ASUN can stop funding and write a resolution for someone else to pick the program if the \$1000 cap is reached.

Senator Sewell asked if they will partner with Aunt Flow and if they will work with other colleges to collect data about what is sufficient.

Senator Hughes said she reached out to quite a few departments in the University. But the problem is that they were two years behind the pilot program so they didn't get a lot of feedback. The numbers they did get from Aunt Flow was based on the numbers they used from researching the University.

There was no further discussion at this time; the body moved to a roll call vote.

Aye: Ahmed, Alvarez, Aziz, Burton, Dobbs, Flangas, Grant, Green, Hughes, Lemus, McKinney, Rogaczewski, Rogers, Westerman, Wilcox, Yeghiayan

Nay: Sewell

Abstentions: none

Motion carried.

b. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support Expanding the Silver State Opportunity Grant to Increase Higher Education Affordability

Senator Alvarez moved to approve S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support Expanding the Silver State Opportunity Grant to Increase Higher Education Affordability.

Senator Green seconded.

Senator Ahmed said this is something they saw last semester but it was bundled with another piece of legislation supporting a BDR. That BDR is now SB-145. It updates eligibility requirements for the grant program from 15 credits each semester to 30 credits over an academic year. This gives more flexibility for students to take classes over summer or Wintermester. And

this would apply for all colleges in Nevada, not just UNR. This makes it easier for students to take the credits they need without losing their grant.

Senator Burton asked Senator Ahmed what the rate of participation rate was for the survey on page 2, lines 2-3.

Senator Ahmed was not sure.

Senator Aziz said if you look at page 1, lines 2-4 an amendment made during committee was not reflected in this legislation. Studies are conducted every certain amount of years; the citation does exist but wasn't included.

Speaker Martinez any amendments that needed to be made

Senator Aziz moved to amend the title to include SB-146 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

The body moved back to discussion of the bill as a whole.

Senator Aziz said to clarify, the BDR this was based off of was just introduced as bills yesterday and that is why they are numbering them. With the next resolution, they will see a similar amendment.

Senator Flangas was confused about page 2. She understood what it was saying but above that it mentioned "campus wide." She asked for which campuses.

Senator Ahmed believed this was UNR's but pushing it for the next resolution is essential to expand the program to the UNR campus and other four year campuses.

Senator Flangas thought it was supported in next piece of legislation but if not applicable by data by these students and didn't see it as representative of the total.

Senator Green said to answer Senator Burton's question, about 4300 students were surveyed.

Senator Grant asked if the data on page 1, lines 1-2 accounted for inflation.

Senator Aziz said he believed so. In regards to Senator Flangas, the applicability of those lines hinges on whether they create another opportunity grant that would be structured like the SSOG.

Senator Flangas moved to amend page 2 to strike lines 1-3 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Flangas asked if Wintermester was listed as a possibility in the resolution as she didn't see it anywhere.

Senator Aziz said Wintermester is included in spring; if you take a Wintermester class it will be listed under spring semester classes on your transcript. It should work that way at other colleges.

Senator Grant asked if more money is being appropriated for this or if the money is being split between the two grants.

Senator Aziz said it depends on what the Nevada Legislature decides to do. They could decide to make the SSOG remain at the current amount and give each recipient a little less. The amount each student receives is based on each individual student. Each student is investigated for how much they need. The legislature can increase the amount of money but they won't know until this is passed. He couldn't answer that question right now.

Senator Sewell asked if they are supporting the bill regardless of which option is chosen.

Senator Aziz said yes.

Senator Burton asked if it was wise to support an option right now since it supports whichever choice the legislature chooses.

Senator Alvarez said that is a separate resolution that should be discussed later. Right now, they are just saying that they are in support of expanding the SSOG. If they wanted to discuss it further, it can be done in Public Affairs and Legislative Affairs.

Senator Aziz said there is a typo in the amendment and it should be the same as the title.

Speaker Martinez said it was clerical.

Senator Alvarez moved to amend page 2, lines 20-21 to read: "the State of Nevada to explore additional scholarships, grants, and other policies that assist in the higher education affordability" by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Sewell asked what happened if someone doesn't take 15 credits in their last two semesters.

Senator Alvarez said it depends on an institution's financial aid. Here you had to file documents and it's reviewed separate from the actual scholarship that is received.

Senator Westerman asked if students would get to decide how the funds are allocated or if it's just for the first 30 credits they take.

Senator Aziz would still depend on individual basis how much given. In terms of when and how dispersed it's up to institution not sure if committee on SSOG was institution or statewide. That would fall to each college and institution individually.

There was no further discussion at this time; the body moved to a vote.

Senator Grant voted nay. Wanted to see this further developed in the legislature with more data regarding cost of expanding program before passing this resolution.

Motion carried.

c. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Creating a State-Funded Grant Program for University Students

Senator Alvarez moved to approve S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Creating a State-Funded Grant Program for University Students.

Senator Green seconded.

Senator Aziz said during the off session of the legislature, a study was done on the affordability of higher education and they decided that the state had multiple means to increase the affordability of higher education, including expanding the 30 credits to be over an academic year. Another idea was creating a state-funded program that as of yesterday was introduced to the legislature. It is numbered SB-145 and the new grant would be called the Battle Born Opportunity Grant. It would be structured the same way as the SSOG but applied to university students, including our need based students. Each student would be investigated individually and given money based on their FAFSA application and what is already being given. Something important about this grant and the SSOG is that they don't cover a student's tuition entirely. It alleviates some of the stress. He asked if there were any questions.

Senator Aziz moved to amend the title to include SB-145 by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Flangas said that page 2 made it seem like the committee is supporting the scholarship financially.

Senator Aziz thanked her for bringing attention to that; they can include the Battle Born Opportunity Grant into that line.

Senator Aziz moved to amend page 2, lines 12-14 to read: "Be it resolved that, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the creation of the Battle Born Opportunity Grant Program as suggested by the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education" by unanimous consent. There was no discussion at this time; motion carried.

Senator Grant asked if there was data supporting the claim on page 1, lines 3-4.

Senator Aziz said he didn't have it but they can amend the legislation to strike that clause.

Senator Alvarez moved to amend page 1, lines 3-4 to read: "Whereas, making education more affordable could impact enrollment rates for all students" by unanimous consent. There was no dissent; motion carried.

There was no further discussion at this time; the body moved to a vote.

Motion carried; Senators Grant and Sewell voted nay.

Senator Grant voted nay for the same reason as before.

Senator Sewell voted aye before since changing credit requirements was fine but she didn't want to spend more money from the state.

d. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program Proposed by NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group

The legislation was not heard at this time because Senator Collins was absent.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

There were no committee changes at this time.

b. Senator Reports

Senator Alvarez said her committee has discussed Pack Transit and the issues with it. Oversight didn't agree with it and her committee didn't agree with the changes as well. The changes will be explained in the resolution.

Senator Westerman is talking to the advising board for Liberal Arts and hoped to also discuss with Senator Flangas at the meeting next week.

There were no further reports at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Beattie said he heard some great talks tonight and appreciated Senator Sewell asking questions. Many of the questions asked by the body were the same questions that Facilities asked initially. There were many great things to be explored if they are to vet out a pilot program; he was happy the body did that. One thing he didn't hear was about the university being a land grant institute and one of their main missions is access and affordability. Grants lend themselves to that but you want them to be well thought out grants. The first piece of legislation was a great example of the spirit of the law versus the letter of the law. When 15 credits a semester was being pushed, it was to increase graduation on time. But in this case, the letter impedes the spirit since not everyone can afford to take 15 credits every semester. You can take 9 one semester two Wintermester classes, 12 credits the next semester and a summer class and the end result is the same. You took 30 credits in a year and graduated on time. It is always good to review the spirit and letter of the law to see how they mismatch. Anytime anyone talks to him about higher education, he immediately asks how education impacts the individual, city, local economy, and federal economy. On average, each college student earns 1,000,000 more with a degree. It costs \$50,000 to put someone through college but the amount paid in taxes is much higher and so the initial investment pays off. Individuals that are educated don't make as great of a negative impact on average. When they say education mean, he means trade school, higher education, etc. It's good to think of the bigger picture but liked all the questions he heard about where the money is coming from and how it will impact the state. HE enjoyed the conversations.

President Jackson thanked the body for its advocacy and amendments. They may not know but having a list of legislative priorities was an idea from a previous Legislative Affairs Director. This was a long process and thanked the body for continuing to move the needle.

Dr. Beattie forgot to mention that whenever they as senators need to talk about senate-related items with each other, be sure to use the listservs. It is accessible by all and protects them from accusations of collusion. If they talk about things in closed Facebook pages or over text, it can be considered collusion.

Senator Alvarez had an update from the Legislative session. On Tuesday, SB-143, which would require background checks on the sales and transfers of firearms and was passed. She knew they all had differing opinions on that but wanted the body to know that she was happy to take any resolutions and discuss them. Keep track of all the prepared policy briefs; Policy Director Cailles has been working diligently to prepare those for the body. She was also happy to assist them with any types of resolutions they wanted to write.

Speaker Martinez said asked all the chairs to send him their legislation by tonight. He had legislation from Senators Green and Hughes. Please stay after and send it right now since he needed to make the agenda tonight.

Tyler Parry, College of Liberal Arts. He wanted to share a concern that had been going around from a few people which was the fact that they hadn't been advertising ASUN services. He was talking specifically about the pack transit program and the mystery of how it worked and how it can and can't be used. There was still misinformation about Campus Escort, Pack Provisions, and other services ASUN provides. Since ASUN is tackling menstrual health, ASUN should focus on advertising they are doing the services and letting students know how to access it. He suggested ASUN do weekly shout outs via email about the survey.

Speaker Martinez said he will get back to Mr. Parry about plans. He asked the body to let him know if anyone else can come.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm