

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, February 27th, 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 5:30 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretaries, Andrea Godoy and Kaitie Christensen and Legislative Clerk Brooke Hansen.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker Martinez and Senators Ahmed, Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Clemons, Collins, Dobbs, Flangas, Green, Hudson, Hughes, Lemus, McKinney, Rogaczewski, Rogers, Sewell, Westerman, Wilcox, and Yeghiayan were present.

Senators Burton and Grant were absent excused.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from January 30th, 2019
- b. The minutes from February 6th, 2019
- c. The minutes from February 13th, 2019

The minutes were unavailable at this time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Hama (I'm unsure if that's his name, it's the old guy that always comes in) said there was a book in the library that claimed to be a complete history of a concentration camp. But, it ended in the camp being liberated by the American Army in February 1945.

Tyler Valdovinos said he was there to speak in support of SB86, the amendment to remove genderized pronouns from the ASUN constitution. He felt like a vote for this was an important vote for ASUN to take. It was the 21st century, patriarchal dominance in society was at an end. Women and transgender students were now involved in student government so it was time that they recognized them and gave them a safe place to take part in their governmental system. They needed to represent all the people, not just the old white men.

Drew said he'd like to apologize in advance if he was misinformed or not all information but he only knew what he was given. It was his understating that maybe month or 6 weeks ago there were two candidates for liberal arts Senator. One was a latinx young lady and it was his understanding that the latinx lady did not get the position. He tried to do all the research he could before commenting about it. He contacted the

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ASUN president and Senator Amerzada and there was no response. He thought maybe the Director of Diversity and Inclusion would be asking the same question as him, when UNR was going to actually be interested in diversity and inclusion. He wanted to know why the latinx candidate didn't get the position. He was asking the Director of Diversity and Inclusion to just look into it and answer some questions. Was one candidate more qualified?

Dr. Beattie said he sent out email because the senior co-editor position for the Nevada State Research journal was open. People who were going to be juniors/seniors in beginning of next year could enter the position. The position looked great on transcripts when trying to get into grad school. They also received voter friendly designation today, which only 136 schools in the U.S. received so that was a big honor. Pack the polls would be on March 13th and they were going to be looking for volunteers.

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

a. Resignation of Justin Kuykendall, Department of Event Programming

Senator Flangas left the room at 5:38 pm.

Speaker Martinez read the resignation into the record:

"Dear Senate of the Associated Students and Colleagues in the Department of Event Programming,

I am writing to inform you of my formal resignation from the position of Event Programmer. Due to personal reasons associated with my long-term growth and future, I will be stepping down from my position. I ultimately had to set aside the experience of the position for my own wellbeing and to focus on more future-oriented goals that have been long neglected. My decision to step away from the position is not reflective of the Department nor is it reflective of the value of the position; Event Programming is the most fulfilling and engaging position I've experienced in ASUN (sorry Senators, Programming is better). My time within the Department of Event Programming has been enriching through my experiences with such incredibly hard working coworkers and superiors. Programming has shown me a different side of the University of Nevada, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be shown it by Director Lensch. Over my time in ASUN, I've met incredible people who will go on to do greater things and so I have full faith in the future of association as I depart it.

Best regards,
Justin Kuykendall"

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez

Speaker Martinez said he wanted to designate his time to Dr. Stone, the Assistant Vice Provost.

Dr. Russell Stone, Ph.D. - Assistant Vice Provost, University Assessment & Accreditation said he wanted to collect remarks to include in the University's pending application for making the University and community engagement designation. They want to receive this in order to accompany the RI designation the University was recently given. He would give his remarks then have time for questions. His understanding is that the body received a document that was titled something along the lines of "February 12 Draft." Every five years the institute opened this cycle for community engagement classifications.

Senator Flangas entered the room at 5:40 pm.

Dr. Stone said the application process for the R1 designation is different than this process. The next time the University can apply for the designation is in 2020 and the last time they applied was in 2015, which was not successful. When they put forth the application, the criteria evolved every five years. So the application they were putting in now was different than before.

Senator Alvarez left the room at 5:43 pm.

Dr. Stone said an application to maintain the Carnegie designation must be submitted every five years. And the application that was put forward almost five years ago is very different than now. But regardless, the application process is always peer-reviewed. The next step is the same whether they are successful and gain the designation or not. You must continuously apply every five years to show how you are fostering outreach and engagement in the community. As a land-grant university that publicizes engagement as part of its core requirements, the University has an obligation to use community partnerships. He asked if there were any questions now that all that was out of the way.

Speaker Martinez reminded the body that the application was sent out by Director Rodriguez.

Senator Flangas said she read the application and it repeated a lot of the same information when addressing different concerns. She felt that she read a lot about college-based initiatives from the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Engineering for example. There is a lot of college-based initiatives and the Center for Student Engagement was doing a lot but there isn't much from the University as a whole. She thought that was the biggest concern that there was no major university-lead initiatives other than from CSE.

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Dr. Stone said that was a flag that was raised by others who reviewed the application. The application asked that they answered the many questions from an institutional perspective as often as possible. When they couldn't do that they had to do it from an individual perspective. He was hoping that others read the draft and would help him with that narrative.

Senator Flangas said she loved seeing the highlights of what other colleges are doing. She asked if the application was going to be sent out to all the colleges to pressure those that maybe don't do as much and/or to document what is being done by colleges.

Dr. Stone said the application was reviewed by a faculty representative and it is still being reviewed. Friday, March 1st is the deadline for feedback from the areas of major representation from all disciplines so that the next draft can be completed. He didn't know if they would reach that deadline but he hoped so.

Senator Flangas asked what things the body could do to follow up on ideas or if they should write resolutions to pressure their colleges. She wanted to know if that was something he would be interested in.

Dr. Stone said if they could replace to word colleges with university. One change for this cycle that five years ago they didn't have is student-centered outreach in the traditional definition. By 2020, they would see more prompts with co-curricular engagement; that had become a real strength. On the curricular side, the University had catching up to do. He wanted to see was student response on their needs and the needs of the community. A crucial piece to the application was asking, "What do the students and community need?" and that is why they branched out into the curricular

side. The University need to know what faculty and students are doing with the community, not just for the community in whatever capacity that community is defined. He wanted to see honest feedback from students regarding what they think the strengths and areas of improvement are for the University.

Director Rodriguez said there was a lot of information that was sent to the committee but they couldn't put a lot on the application because it didn't fit the criteria.

Speaker Martinez stated that when reading the application, some areas were highlighted in red. He asked if that was because there were notes or edits made.

Dr. Stone said that those areas had many edits and a lot of feedback had been provided through emails and conversations and all that feedback would be included in the next draft that will be made public next month. The deadline for feedback for that draft will be April 15th.

Speaker Martinez asked for the best way to collect feedback or other information and asked if sending it to Director Rodriguez would be best or to the department committee.

Dr. Stone thought that going through Director Rodriguez would be best since it's been going through her since the beginning.

Speaker Martinez said he hoped the body reviewed the application and wanted the body to review the next draft so the University can gather more feedback. This was great for institution, especially with the R1 designation they received.

Speaker Martinez said they weren't hearing from one piece of legislation today, the ADA accessibility and that was because Senator Rogers had a debate today. However, they would hear the rest of legislation. As a reminder, Senators should have their cell phones put away due to Nevada Open meeting law, but laptops were ok.

b. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

"Good evening, Senators! I apologize for my absence this evening as I am traveling to Las Vegas for the Board of Regents meeting tomorrow. Two important agenda items on the table for this meeting are the Guaranteed/Predictable Tuition proposals, as well as the Free Expression handbook change. As you recall, these items have been works in progress for months. I want to thank all of you for your feedback on these two items throughout the course of our terms. It has helped shape many of our discussions and the final drafts. This past week we have been active at the Legislature - speaking on the NSHE and University budget proposals, meeting with legislators at the University of Nevada, Reno day, and advocating on behalf of the two pieces of legislation that you passed last meeting concerning need-based aid for both 2-year and 4-year institutions. I'd like to give a huge shout out to Senator Aziz, who gave an incredible testimony on Friday. Thank you to the Department of Legislative Affairs as well as all the folks who sent written testimony - all of it is very impactful in these conversations. Other thanks that must be given are to every one of you who volunteered at TEDx and at the basketball game to pass out shirts!"

c. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

"Good Evening Speaker Martinez. My apologies for my absence this evening, President Jackson and I are on our way to the February Board of Regents meeting in Las Vegas. Please

relay my report to the student Senate this evening. Thank you to those of you who were able to volunteer this weekend at TEDxUniversityofNevada. Shout out to Senator Lemus, Amaya, Rogers, Director Lensch and Chief Justice Groesbeck. The event was a huge success and it was a great way to give more publicity to Pack Provisions. Since my last report, I have been working on the last few major projects of my term. My priorities moving forward are in regard to 1) the Fail Forward campaign in conjunction with Director Andrade and the Department of Event Programming; 2) strategic planning for funding of the Pack Internship Grant Program for the future 3) Increasing award and recognition opportunities at the ASUN Banquet 4) Planning of the Pack Internship Grant Program Reception with the Nevada Career Studio, among many other small projects with President Jackson at the legislature and Board of Regents. Please email me if you have any questions regarding my report. I look forward to rejoining you all this evening.”

Senator Lemus left the room at 5:49 pm.

d. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck

e. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher

Intern Finkler said Matt and him were helping lock in dates for the town halls and getting ready for most of the internship programs to end. They were also planning the banquet with President Jackson and Vice President Bradley.

Senator Yeghiayan left the room at 5:52 pm.

f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“Good Evening Senators. My department is currently planning on participating in a community service event on March 8th at the Discovery Museum from 5pm-10pm. If you are interested in attending please let me know. We have booked the ilead Conference for next year, the date will be September 21st. My department is currently working on the pre-planning process. Finally, we are finishing up organizing the clubs and organizations banquet and we will be opening the applications for nominations soon. There will be 14 awards total. The date for the banquet is April 8th. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Sincerely, Luke”

Senators Lemus and Yeghiayan entered the room at 5:53 pm.

g. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch

Assistant Director Lew said she was going to be stepping in for Director Lensch because he had class during this time. She thanked everyone who came to UNLV with them today. They had the drag show coming up on Wednesday March 13th and tickets were now online. They had 600 tickets available but now there is only 100. They were also selling 150 community tickets. They had a few programmers resign within the past few weeks but they were not looking to fulfil those positions.

h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall

Director Worrall said her department had been visiting classrooms to gather nominees for the Paul and Judy teaching award. She hoped they will hear about which professor wins. She is also working on policy briefs and having them extend beyond ASUN to other departments. She wanted requested help sending out the briefs to their deans or constituents so that they may reach a wider audience and have more know about bills so they can testify in Carson. It would be awesome if

the entire body can do that. It was essential to increase engagement up with the legislature so they will be doing Late Night with the Legislature on March 12th in the KC Rotunda. Her aim was to have social media flyers out soon and thanked those that attended the lobby day on Monday. Her department wanted to plan another one around the legislative priorities as well.

i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada

Senator Aziz left the room at 5:57 pm.

Commissioner Ambacho said their Divine 9 panel had been moved to this upcoming Monday, 3/4, at 7 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Auditorium. Panelists will share different perspectives on the background and the impact of Divine 9 organizations (Historically black fraternities and sororities), especially in a PWI campus. We hope you join us on Monday night and please let others know as well! The remaining finalists for the University Diversity and Inclusion Officer are coming next week! Each candidate will have a student forum with free lunch provided and a campus-wide open forum where they will give a presentation then have a Q&A to follow. The times for next week are:

- Monday, March 4
Student Lunch: 1:30 AM–12:30 PM @ The Center Every Student. Every Story.
Open forum: 1:00-2:00 p.m. @ DMS 110
- Tuesday, March 5
11:30 AM–12:30 PM @ The Center Every Student. Every Story.
Open forum: 1:00-2:00 p.m. @ KC Rotunda
- Wednesday, March 6
11:30 AM–12:30 PM @ The Center Every Student. Every Story.
Open forum: 1:00-2:00 p.m. @ DMS 110

Senator Yeghiayan asked if the times could be sent out.

Commissioner Ambacho said yes and added that everyone on the body should be completing the campus climate survey.

Senator Aziz entered the room at 5:59 pm.

j. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling

Director Jickling said she had a full update for earth week. Strap in six days. First, April 22nd to kick off Monday. Will do celebration kickoff min clubs and orgs fair for those that are sustainable or environmental themed encouraged them to apply and have activities will be in CABNR quad so no music but will be food. Light day to highlight what is going on rest of week. Followed y Tuesday community outreach more traditional earth day with community orgs tabling partnering with career studio to do a hiring speed dating that will be in rotunda. 11-3 that day, will have orgs spread out around campus for students to learn. Wednesday in evening sustainability series had for speakers form for diff departments to talk about research and sustainably and type of work and in university topic. Outside of wells Fargo Auditorium poster with all lab. That why highlighting cutting edge. 5-8. will email them all to don't need to get all details. Those, planning film screening around 7pm topic TBD but had interesting ideas. Friday, didn't have anything planned but if possible wanted to do scavenger hunt to show green spaces. I wanted to partner will reschedule meeting in couple weeks to have more productive meeting.

k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade

Senator Green left the room at 6:03 pm.

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“Hi everyone. I have some updates on Town Hall and some things I need help with. So we have our ADA Accessibility Town Hall finalized for April 08th at 5:00 pm in the DLM Lili Brandt Reading Room! This will address the concerns that were brought up at all the previous town halls! I will be sharing the graphic tomorrow with everyone to start sharing. The last Town Hall we have scheduled is for April 15th at 7:00 pm in the Great Basin Hall Multipurpose Room. This town hall is going to wrap up the semester and provide next year's ASUN officers with data to go off of. I have confirmed the Sexual Harassment Town Hall with Daniel Fred for April 04th at 5:00 pm but we are looking for a room. The last thing, I have homework for ALL of you. We need to promote the Climate Survey to students and I wanted to try doing more personal promotion for this. If everyone could send me a vertical video of them talking about why they are taking the survey (whether it's to give the student body a voice, support a specific issue on campus, you care about the future students, etc.) I would love it if you could send it to my email publicrelations@asun.unr.edu I'll be posting these to encourage students to take the survey! I also want you to post these on your own social media accounts and/or have your friends do it as well. They can be as long as you want or as short as a simple statement! I would want these by Sunday night and I'm hoping I'll have a video representing every senator so keep that in mind! Let's do this!!! Thank you!”

Senator Amaya asked if the videos needed to be vertical.

Speaker Martinez answered yes.

1. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan

m. Attorney General, Omar Moore

Speaker Martinez read the report into the record:

“No new updates from me! Just a brief note with it being election season! Please do your part as senators to promote your constituents to become civically engaged and participate in the elections. Also if you are running for re election or friends with candidates serve as a resource to help guide potential officers! Today's the last set for senate debates are upstairs in an hour so show out if you can! That's all! Omar”

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEES

a. The Committee on Civic Engagement

Senator Green entered the room at 6:06 pm.

Speaker Martinez said each nominee would be allowed 3 minutes to present to the body. The questions could go on for a maximum of 5 minutes. If they didn't sign the waiver form they were still welcome to be nominated.

Senator McKinney nominated Senator Amaya.

Senator Amaya accepted.

There were no further nominations at this time; nominations were closed.

Speaker Martinez said nominations were now closed. Senator Amaya was now recognized for a presentation

Senator Amaya said she was passionate about civic engagement. She was honored with receiving the 100 hour challenge. She stays engaged with volunteering and working at the Health Center. She was the Vice Chair for Senator Feil. She taught her how to agendize so she just wanted to continue with Civic Engagement committee.

The body moved into questions and answers at this time.

Senator Yeghiayan asked what her time commitment would be as chair.

Senator Amaya said she only had one class Tuesdays and Thursdays and had been agendizing meetings.

Senator Flangas asked what her plan was for the legacy box since she would be taking the position so late in the year.

Senator Amaya said she would pick up where she started with Reading Week and including a set direction for it as well as resolutions that came out of the committee.

There were no further questions; the body moved into discussion at this time.

Senator Amaya left the room at 6:09 pm.

Senator McKinney said that he sensed Senator Amaya was great for the position since she was the Vice Chair for former Senator Feil. Senator Amaya was amazing and would do great as chair.

Senator Yeghiayan said Senator Amaya did a great job picking up where Feil left off and will do great for the rest of the session.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Speaker Martinez stated that the body will move straight to appointment since Senator Amaya is running unopposed.

Senator Aziz moved to approve Senator Amaya as Chair for the Committee on Civic Engagement.

Senator Yeghiayan seconded.

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

The motion carried.

Senator Amaya entered the room at 6:11 pm.

9. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Collins

Senator Collins said last week during their meeting on Friday, her committee discussed extended library hours. She will bring back library services in two Fridays, which will be March 8th. If they wanted to attend, please come. There will also be a discussion on the faulty member of year. They will be changing the way it was awarded instead of a survey. She will have updates on that later. Her committee is working on legislation that will be on the agenda soon.

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

Senator Flangas said the committee didn't have a meeting.

c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Amaya

Senator Amaya said the committee had a meeting earlier today to go over the events for Reading Week. They will try something new with students so that it was more interactive, like a pen-pal style. She asked for a show of hands of those willing to commit.

Senator Rogers, Lemus, Collins, Yeghiayan, Hughes, McKinney, Dobbs, Ahmed, Clemons, Green Flangas, Westerman, and Sewell volunteered.

Senator Amaya said the committee was meeting on Wednesdays from then on.

d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator McKinney

Senator McKinney said the committee met last week. There were two pieces of legislation. Other than that, the committee was working on updates for the rest of the year.

e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Alvarez

Senator Alvarez said Vic Redding came in to discuss summer school and faculty compensation. The committee is looking into the budget of the legislature. There is no meeting this week since the committee needs time to write legislation on the policy briefs sent out by Legislative Affairs and what was presented by Vic.

f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Green

Senator Green said the committee was not meeting that week because the Senators from their committee would be doing the accessibility walkthrough. They would be skipping the committee meeting for more time. That was about it.

g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Hughes

Senator Hughes said she was working with Senator Flangas to add something to the legacy box to transition the next session. They would see the documents on Nevada box soon. In the meantime, she asked the body to start thinking about what they wanted to add. Maybe projects that they didn't get to finish or ideas they had and all the people they talked to and the conversations had. If there are questions, email her.

h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Martinez

Senator Clemons left the room at 6:16 pm.

Speaker Martinez said this Monday, athletics was be coming to talk about a possible fee increase to pay for a new training field house. At the next meeting, the committee would also be hearing censures. The legislation itself will explain the violations and the body will be able to ask the Senators questions. If approved, the Senators must write apology letters that will be published in the Sagebrush. The letter explains why Senators got points.

10. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

11. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

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

12. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

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

13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at this time.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Creating a Global Engineering Program
- b. S.R. 86 – A Resolution to Add ADA on to University of Nevada, Reno's Campaign for the New Nevada
- c. S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate All Gender Pronouns
- d. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program Proposed by NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group
- e. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Sexual Assault Survivors in the State of Nevada
- f. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of AB-124
- g. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of a Future UPASS Program
- h. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Proposed Changes to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship
- i. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Nevada's Ratification of the 15th Amendment
- j. S. B. 86 – An Act Amending Oaths of Office for Senators

16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

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

17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

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

18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Creating a Global Engineering Program
Senator Alvarez moved to approve S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Creating a Global Engineering Program.
Senator Green seconded.

Senator Hughes moved to amend by substitution by unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Hughes said once they got the amended piece she would go over the changes. She amended lines 17-21 on page 3. She also added information on page 4 lines 1-3 for clarification. She added provost Carmen on line item 4. The resolution was to show the chairs of engineering that ASUN supported creating a global engineering program. That was a conversation that they had been having with the dean as well as some professors.

Senator Clemons entered at the room at 6:20 pm.

Senator Hughes said the program that they support would mirror the global business program and they would work with business for it.

Senator Ahmed left the room at 6:20 pm.

Senator Hughes said this would allow students to take this in lieu of a technical elective or have it provide a diversity credit but that was in the future.

Senator Sewell said to add on why this is important, engineering students often take 4-5 years to graduate. That is how rigorous classes are and based on how classes are laid out. Often times, a class is only offered once a year and if you miss the window for the class you have to wait all year. That made it very hard to study abroad. Implementing a program like this that is only a small chunk of time versus an entire semester is more reasonable for engineering students to study abroad.

Senator Green asked if this included some engineering majors that weren't technically in the college of engineering.

Senator Hughes said most engineering and science students share some classes initially. She doubted it will be open; this will probably be for just one technical elective within the college like calve or technical. If you share that elective, it might work if you share that elective it might work. She hoped that in the future the program would grow to span several disciplines but that wouldn't be for a long time. She didn't foresee it happening before 2020.

Senator Dobbs asked what the cost was.

Senator Hughes said the sticker price was \$3250 and was the same for the global business program but it could be a little off based on where you go. They would be going through a provider.

Senator Sewell said it would depend on the class you are enrolled in. For the 2020 year, the cost was \$3250 but as more classes are added on and how much time you spend abroad the costs will change.

Senator Hughes said when the plan was taken to Dean Manos, they brought up that Engineering wanted its own program. They would work with Business initially but eventually they wanted a program that was separate. And when that happens, scholarships will be integrated.

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

Motion carried.

Senator Ahmed entered the room at 6:24 pm.

b. S.R. 86 – A Resolution to Add ADA on to University of Nevada, Reno's Campaign for the New Nevada

There was no discussion on this resolution at this time.

c. S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate All Gender Pronouns

Senator Amaya moved to approve S.B. 86 – An Act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate All Gender Pronouns.

Senator Clemons seconded.

Senator McKinney said he needed to make two amendments from committee.

Senator McKinney moved to amend the title of the bill to “Senate Bill 86 - An Act to Amend the ASUN Constitution To Eliminate all gender pronouns” and he moved to amend line items 5 and 6 on page 2 to read “Whereas, the University of Nevada should follow this president to follow the states in order to act for gender equality”

Senator Alvarez seconded.

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

Amendments carried.

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

Senator Sewell said they wouldn’t eliminate all gender pronouns it would just bring about the conversation

Senator McKinney said to amend the constitution, students need to vote for it. It can’t just be amended. This question will be put on the ballot and if students vote for it, then yes the constitution will be changed. If it isn’t passed, then it can’t be changed.

Dr. Beattie said it took 2/3’s of the vote of all the people that vote. In order for this to pass, they needed to get the vote out with marketing. But campaigning for the bill can’t start until this resolution is passed at senate.

Senator Sewell asked what the gender pronouns would be replaced with.

Senator McKinney said to the position being referred to like senator, president, or the individual.

Senator Amaya moved to amend page 2 line 11 to read: “pronouns in the Constitution of the Associated Students” unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; amendment carried.

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

Motion carried.

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

Senator Amaya moved to approve S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program Proposed by NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group.

Senator McKinney seconded.

Senator Collins apologized for the lengthy title but this was the only thing that worked. She said basically, a month or so back, President Jackson and Speaker Martinez brought this up to her and asked for a resolution. What happened was that the NSHE Chancellor worked with a group of students and staff from all the institutions in Nevada. They were tasked with creating two plans, Plan A and B, in order to make the cost of college more predictable. Option A was modeled after the University of Arizona which is known as the guaranteed price program and B is the predictable pricing program. Both A and B make the cost affordable and predictable but in different ways. In A, costs are frontloaded. If a student came in during the year 2020-2021, the cost of college for

the four years is averaged. That is the cost you pay for all four years. The cost is the same from 2020-2024. B was based on the HEPI index and the cost increases every year based on the index but the increase is capped at 6% cap. If HEPI suggested something more, tuition would not be increased more than 6%. There was lots of confusing things with money but basically, B was more appealing was because it reduced the risks associated with fluctuations and considers the economy. It streamlined business projections and revenues and applies to all students regardless of when they enroll. A gets very confusing with transfer students. And the HEPI is usually lower than what the Board generally recommends.

Speaker Martinez said President Jackson was not here because she was traveling to Vegas for the Board of Regents meeting but if this was passed tonight, it would be sent to President Jackson to read at the meeting. The legislation should state that this was being sent to all the NSA since they were also in favor of B.

Senator Aziz asked what the 6% cap was exactly.

Senator Collins said in case of an emergency and they needed to go over the 6%, then a meeting would need to happen to approve something bigger. But only if it was a need.

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

Motion carried.

e. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Sexual Assault Survivors in the State of Nevada

Senator Amaya moved to approve S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Sexual Assault Survivors in the State of Nevada.

Senator Clemons seconded.

Senator Alvarez said they might have needed to recess as the legislation in on the agenda wasn't what was approved in committee.

Speaker Martinez asked what she was recessing for.

Senator Alvarez said they needed to discuss the legislation.

Speaker Martinez suggested they table it and asked if it was time sensitive.

Senator Alvarez said the legislation would be sent to the governor and the Legislature.

Speaker Martinez asked if a specific item is being heard on a specific day.

Senator Alvarez said no but there was a stark difference from what was approved at committee and what was on the agenda for senate

Speaker Martinez said they could skip the agenda item so she could go print out the other one and she could then amend it by substitution.

Senator Hughes moved to table S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Sexual Assault Survivors in the State of Nevada through unanimous consent.

There was no dissent; motion carried.

Senator Alvarez left the room at 6:38 pm.

f. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of a Future UPASS Program

Senator Amaya moved to approve S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of a Future UPASS Program. Senator Rogaczewski seconded.

Director Jickling thanked the body for hearing the legislation. She said she wanted to give them some background. Throughout the session, they heard her throughout the session advocating for it. It was proposed to RTC and they had been working on creating it but it was looking like it wouldn't get done during her term. Implementation would happen next year most likely but this resolution would push the next session to continue the conversation and work with RTC. She saw the resolution rather as a recommendation.

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

Motion carried; Senator Yeghiayan abstained.

g. S. B. 86 – An Act Amending Oaths of Office for Senators

Senator Amaya moved to approve S. B. 86 – An Act Amending Oaths of Office for Senators. Senator Hughes seconded.

Senator Ahmed said he and Secretary Godoy talked about it. Right now, the SAS mentioned they need to print two oaths but it wasn't necessary.

Secretary Godoy said she was looking at the agenda but the minutes already stated the person was already sworn in.

Senator Rogaczewski stated that having a signed copy could be of use to people who wanted to see a visual representation.

Secretary Godoy said they kept hard copies of everything and electronic copies of everything anyways. If anyone wanted to see it they could just email them.

Senator Ahmed moved to amend S. B. 86 – An Act Amending Oaths of Office for Senators to strike out a line that didn't have a line number by unanimous consent. Senator Flangas dissented; amendment failed.

Senator Flangas asked if it was available online.

Senator Godoy said no.

Senator Hughes asked if they were available in the minutes that were online.

Secretary Godoy said no. The SAS said they had to file one copy with the minutes and then one copy on its own. They had never done that because sometimes the minutes got so long they were over 50 pages. If there were 4-5 extra people she thought it was kind of irrelevant. If they wanted them to upload it online they could do it, if that was something that they body thought the students would want but she didn't see any point. She did mention that they were sworn in after the speeches.

Speaker Martinez said since there was descent he just wanted to state that the amendment didn't pass and the body was back into discussion.

Senator Hughes asked if all the documents that were presented at Senate were uploaded into the minutes.

Secretary Godoy asked what documents.

Senator Hughes said anything that was presented.

Secretary Godoy said they couldn't scan everything because it wasn't ADA accessible but they did keep hard copies. Sometimes things like cover letters or resumes aren't made available because it could contain personal information.

Senator Flangas said she felt it would be beneficial to have oaths uploaded. It would be more work to make it accessible but beneficial.

Senator Amaya said she disagreed because she thought there was no point because everything was filed anyways.

Senator Clemons said he didn't think there was no point because it made things more accessible to students.

Senator Sewell said she thought the discussion was pointless because it took no longer than two minutes to attach the oaths to the minutes.

Senator Rogaczewski said he didn't think it was a time commitment to upload a PDF document.

Senator Ahmed said when he met with Raul, he was vague as to what he wanted. But he did say they had to make it ADA accessible and that was a big time commitment.

Speaker Martinez asked why Senator Ahmed put it in the amendment.

Senator Ahmed said because Andrea said to make it available online.

Legislative Clerk Hansen said they had talked about it before. They both agreed it didn't need to be uploaded online because they had a physical copy already so uploading it was redundant.

Senator Hughes asked if the minutes stated the oath word for word.

Secretary Godoy said no it just stated that they were sworn in.

Legislative Clerk Hansen said it wasn't about the time commitment. It was just because of how long minutes could be, it just created a very long document.

Senator Hughes asked if they oath statement was online.

Secretary Godoy said it was word for word from the constitution.

Senator Hughes moved to amend S. B. 86 – An Act Amending Oaths of Office for Senators to strike “and made publicly available online”

Senator Clemons seconded.
There was no discussion at this time; the body moved to a vote.
Amendment carried; Senator Flangas voted nay

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

Senator Hudson asked if this was to make things easier or to save paper.

Senator Ahmed said both.

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

Motion carried; Senator Flangas voted nay.

Senator Flangas said she just thought the oath should have been presented online for everyone to see. It was a good transparency measure.

Speaker Martinez asked if Committee on Public Affairs could present on the legislation authored by Senator Alvarez.

Senator Clemons left the room at 6:52 pm.

Senator Aziz said he felt that the legislation shouldn't be discussed until Senator Alvarez was back since she is the author of the bill.

Senator Flangas moved to recess until 7:10 through unanimous consent.
Senator Sewell dissented; motion failed.

Senator McKinney said it had been 18 minutes already; if they can't get it figured out by now it should be tabled until the next meeting.

Senator Sewell suggested they recess for a shorter time.

Senator Flangas said the only reason she suggested such a large amount of time was so that they would have time to read over the legislation before moving into discussion.

Senator Sewell said if that was the case, then they should be given more than 15 minutes to read over the new legislation.

Senator Clemons entered the room at 6:54 pm

Senator McKinney said he understood time restraints but he didn't understand why the legislation needed to be heard tonight. Why couldn't it wait a week.

Senator Wilcox left the room at 6:54 pm.

Senator Flangas asked why it was so time sensitive.

Senator Alvarez didn't know when the legislature is going to get to it. They are trying to track everything but it was all convoluted. Once something was a BDR, it was hard to track and she didn't have any substantial updates.

Senator Sewell said she just looked up the BDR and it was introduced on February 4th and had only progressed about 25% through. She doubted it would progress the other 75%. She didn't think it was as time sensitive. She wanted time to read the legislation to fully support it and have all questions answered rather than reading it in 15 or 20 minutes.

Speaker Martinez agreed. He asked Senator Alvarez if she was okay with tabling it until next week.

Senator Alvarez said yes.

Senator Green entered the room at 7:02 pm.

h. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of AB-124

There was no discussion on this resolution at this time.

i. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Nevada's Ratification of the 15th Amendment

Senator Amaya moved to approve S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Nevada's Ratification of the 15th Amendment.

Senator Aziz seconded.

Senator Alvarez said it was just a fun amendment. Nevada was the first state to ratify the 15th amendment and she wanted to mark the occasion.

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

Motion carried.

j. S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Proposed Changes to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship

Senator Amaya moved to approve S. R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Proposed Changes to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship.

Senator Green seconded.

Senator Alvarez said during the summer there was a committee that researched affordability of education. Currently, the requirement as a freshman was a 2.6 and the rest of their college education they had to maintain a 2.7. They wanted to make it a steady 2.7 but give students an extra opportunity to regain it once they lost it.

Senator Sewell asked why the GPA for the year was being moved up.

Senator Alvarez said it was to keep consistency. The GPA was 2.75 regardless after their first year, keeping the value of the millennium. Implementing a two strike rule would be used to regain the scholarship but the GPA was higher since there were more chances.

Senator Sewell said she was concerned because there were so many chances, it wouldn't incentivize students to get the scholarship back. A lot of students might get mixed up and not try. They would have no sense of punishment.

Senator Alvarez said she was confused. She said they don't automatically get the scholarship back.

Senator Hughes said if you don't get the required GPA currently then you won't get the scholarship that semester but you can regain it once you meet the requirement.

Senator Sewell said correct.

Senator Green said if you fall below the requirement GPA, you don't get any funding until the GPA was back up to requirement.

Senator Hughes said that it was saying the next semester they had the next semester to regain it.

Senator Green said the incentive was that you lose the money if you don't get your GPA up.

Senator Sewell said that made sense. She was going to pull up a PDF to get a better understanding.

Senator Hudson said she was confused.

Senator Green said right now it was a two strike policy, if they fell below the requirement they had one chance to get it back.

Senator Flangas said she thought it was an important measure. Especially for transfer students because they have a rough transition.

Senator Hughes asked if it was cumulative GPA or per semester.

Senator Aziz said it was per semester.

Senator Hughes asked how it worked.

Senator Alvarez said with the proposed changes gave students an extra chance.

Senator McKinney said he would support it if it were cumulative. But since it was by semester, he didn't agree with it. He thought it was too many chances. He thought the scholarship was a privilege.

Senator Alvarez said every student had a different experience. Everyone has good and bad semesters. With that being said, they were a land-grant institution and they have the responsibility to make sure education is affordable for everyone. That was why she wrote this legislation. She knew many people that received it and lost it and they didn't have the opportunity to regain it again and that wasn't fair.

Senator Rogers said there were different services on campus so that if you have a bad semester, you can get help to appeal, just like you can appeal not taking the minimum number of credits. That is another avenue, unless she remembered wrong. She would be in support of helping students achieve the best outcome since appeals suck.

Senator Collins said the main reason she supported higher education was because she was on the millennium and her twin is at UNLV and he lost the millennium. She comes from a single parent family and has a hard time paying for three colleges. Changing the rules would be helpful for higher education.

Senator Sewell said a PDF that was sent to all of them stated that students lose it and still get the funding the semester after.

Senator Rogers left the room at 7:15 pm.

Senator Green asked if that was what was currently happening or what was proposed.

Senator Alvarez said she wrote that. She thought that was a good idea.

Speaker Martinez said they should table this until they know what is being changed exactly.

Senator Ahmed said Senator Sewell was saying that the second semester they had after they had lost it, they still got the funding.

Senator Amaya said she didn't think students would lose their incentive because the school notifies students. If students lost their funding they just ended up dropping out.

Senator Sewell said if it was looking that way, then changing the GPA to make it clearer and easier and more transparent wasn't true. She thought there was discrepancies because some students really struggle their first year.

Senator Flangas said she didn't think it was about affordability but it was about students trying in their classes. She thought that raising the GPA would give them the tools to understand how to maintain the GPA.

Speaker Martinez said the body needed to discuss the legislation itself.

Senator Hudson said she understood it was being changed for a 2.75 but she didn't know why not keep it at a 2.6 and add a three strike system.

Senator Alvarez said the interim committee did the numbers. She didn't have the info but she can check the minutes. But she trusted that the committee did its research.

Senator Hudson said she just wished she had more information about how they came to a 2.75 GPA.

Senator Waterman said this was already said but she wanted to state that raising the standard was important moving forward. Coming out of college now, it is more difficult to use a degree and it often hinges on GPA as opposed to having a degree. It was crucial to encourage success early rather than lower standards initially.

Senator McKinney said he didn't have an opinion on the GPA but as a first gen student with no financial aid from family, he did lose the millennium but was able to get it back. Adding an extra strike is adding another way for students to mess around. They are already not set up for success. This is an opportunity for students to slack off when in the real world, it doesn't work that way. There was a cause and an effect to everything.

Senator Rogaczewski said the purpose of it was a wakeup call. The 2.75 was just a GPA to maintain, whether they made it for freshman or not, they would have to meet that requirement anyways.

Senator Aziz said he agreed with Senator Sewell in terms of a merit based scholarship. This was probably the most 50/50 he had ever been on a resolution. He did agree with it slightly more just because of the raising GPA.

Senator Clemons said he didn't agree with Senator Aziz. He said that everyone else had different lives and had to go through different things. This extra chance that was given to them might be really beneficial.

Senator Sewell said the extra chance was giving students a safety net. She asked why it was per semester and not cumulative.

Senator Alvarez said that was just how it always worked.

Senator Sewell said she knew that but she wanted to know the facts.

Senator Flangas replied to Senator Aziz about the context of merit and need based aid. Need based depends on your parents income but not everyone is supported by parents. But the government says they do have money. This is merit based but many students receive it even though they need it, but it doesn't look like it. She was talking about her. The millennium looks like it's merit based it but functions as need based, like in her case, and she wasn't alone.

Senator Aziz said his comment mirrors Senator Flangas'. He knew what they meant but he felt that the value of a merit based scholarship was different than a need based.

Senator Alvarez said within university setting, to maintain attendance and education need to have 2.0 if they fall below that they have three chances to come back. It mirrors that. Not saying students are going to utilize to their advantage. If someone got raped and then dropped below but can't appeal it due to trauma. Who knew if people going through trauma could maintain a high GPA. Using it as vague example but don't know every student's lives.

Senator Hughes said she was very 50/50 because there were so many changes. There was no projection on how it was going to impact the scholarship fund. She didn't want to see too many people getting it.

Senator Rogaczewski said the way it worked was they funded it up to 15 credits.

Senator Hughes asked if that was legally stated.

Senator Rogaczewski said it was on the form for the scholarship.

Senator Sewell asked if that was a fact or his interpretation.

Senator Rogaczewski said no it was on the actual scholarship website.

Speaker Martinez said they will move forward into a roll call vote:

- Aye: Ahmed, Alvarez, Amaya, Aziz, Clemons, Collins, Dobbs, Green, Lemus, Rogaczewski, Westerman, Wilcox, Yeghiayan
- Nay: Flangas, Hudson, McKinney, Sewell
- Abstentions: none

Motion carried.

19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

There were no committee changes at this time.

b. Senator Reports

Senator Rogers said that Friday, March 8th was the neuro diversity panel by the DRC to talk to constituents and faculty and staff. It was talking about different neuro disabilities. This was great outreach and fun and she'd be moderating it. Plus, there was free food. It would be Friday from 1-3 pm in KC 103. She will send out the info.

Senator Flangas said they were having a transfer student conference at the University. There was going to be a brainstorming session to see how they could institutionalized at the institution. Senator Hughes and she created a form talked about what the most productive way to outreach. It was pretty specific to colleges and that was often something people forgot to pass down from session to session

Senators Alvarez and Wilcox entered the room at 6:57 pm.

Senator Collins asked Senator Flangas to send an email with the information.

Senator Flangas said yes.

Senator Yeghiayan asked if the transfer student conference is open to all students.

Senator Flangas said yes, it was a cool way to talk about what other institutions were doing and have a brainstorming session. She would be meeting with the Director tomorrow and will have more info later. She will send it out later. She was excited and wanted to see them there.

Senator Hughes said she was working with inkblot for the last six weeks for the marketing for the free menstrual hygiene products. When doing outreach, please express that they should have dispensers in the next two weeks and reiterate that you should only take them when you need them.

Senator Green left the room at 6:59 pm.

20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Flangas apologized but she had Director Jordan's report he said he was working on the climate survey.

Legislative Clerk Hansen asked the body to send her all the word documents of the legislation if it was passed.

There was no further public comment at this time.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.