

# Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students 87<sup>th</sup> Session  
Minutes for Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Joe Crowley Student Union – President’s Conference Room

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Harvey called the meeting to order at 2: pm in the President’s Conference Room of the Joe Crowley Student Union. The presiding secretary was Jackson Wu-Kimura.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senator Harvey, Collins, Hall, Veltre were present.

Senator Sivakumar and Huber were absent excused.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There is no public comment at this time.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Senator Updates:**

**a) Senator Collins – Faculty Senate, Office of the Provost, Libraries:**

Senator Collins did not have anything to update the committee on at the moment, and proceeded to asked senator Harvey whether or not a survey will be sent out to students regarding the faculty member of the year award this year. Senator Harvey hasn’t been informed of the matter but expressed appreciation for more information if it were the case. Senator Collins noted that the 87<sup>th</sup> session is the first one that the committee had formed a structure around determining student outreach efforts, and invited senator Harvey to meet one-on-one and discuss the procedures in regard to the faculty member award in detail. Senator Harvey agreed. Senator Collins also expressed wishes to become more involved in other committee matters as her current duties are relatively light.

**b) Senator Hall – Academic Help Centers:**

Senator Hall has a meeting coming up next week with the director of the Writing Center, and would be scheduling meetings with the other Helps Centers as well. Senate Harvey reminded senator Hall that as long as a line of communication between the Help Center and the committee was maintained, it would be considered adequate coordination between the two.



Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, Mathewson- IGT Knowledge Center, and online at [www.nevadaasun.com](http://www.nevadaasun.com). If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Senator Harvey at [senatorharvey@asun.unr.edu](mailto:senatorharvey@asun.unr.edu).

**c) Senator Harvey – Office of Undergraduate Research, Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal:**

Senator Harvey did not have much development to update the committee on since the last meeting. Senator Harvey informed the committee that she had completed the course evaluation of one of the finalists of the Paul and Judy Bible Teaching Excellence Award, and would complete the other one later on that day; she reminded the committee that the winner will be chosen during the next meeting of the committee, and proceeded to explain the importance of the award as it is very prestigious. Senator Harvey also mentioned that she had been approached by President Martinez to help the library to sponsor a textbook initiative, and had been working on the textbook working group with the librarian involved. Coordinator Summers notified the senator that Senator Jennifer Rogers had been working on a textbook initiative that involves Textbook Brokers, and that she had made known to the senator of a potential conflict of interest with regard to the Nevada Wolfshop, as well as additional logistical concerns. The coordinator then asked senator Harvey whether or not there was a library liaison delegated. Senator Harvey replied that senator Collins and Sivakumar are in charge of liaising with the library, and that she had begun working on the textbook initiative because of existing connections to the librarian in question.

**d) Written report from Senator Huber – Office of Undergraduate Research, Office of the Provost:**

"I hope everyone is doing well on this fine Thursday. I do not have too much but I just wanted to say that I talked to Vice Provost about opening the pilot program for PSAC being open 24-hours and it will run during finals of this semester. I will keep everyone updated on the process. Thank you!"

**e) Written report from Senator Sivakumar – Admissions and Records, Libraries:**

I have an update from Director Turk as my report this week. Her department is working on reworking the academic probation/dismissal process from "being a punitive process to more of an intervention and academic recovery." "We know that we don't admit students that have the potential for success here at the University. So we want to make sure that students find that path back to academic good standing quickly before they are too far down the wrong road. More details to come on this over the next few months." I wanted to let you all know about this update.

**f) Senator Veltre – Office of the Provost, Career Studio:**

Senator Veltre informed the committee that he would be reaching back to Provost Carmen regarding his availability for a meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There is no public comment at this time.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Harvey adjourned the meeting at 2:14 pm.