

**88<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Senate of the Associated Students  
Minutes for Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.  
Zoom Meeting: Email Keegan Murphy at [Speaker@asun.unr.edu](mailto:Speaker@asun.unr.edu)**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Speaker Murphy called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The Legislative Clerk was Bre Czerlanis and the presiding Secretary was Viviane Ugalde.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Speaker Murphy, Senators Huber, Yang, Nugent, Supple, McElhoes, Ribeiro, Romero, Keller, Bourgalt, Taylor, Stoddard, Luers, Ahmed, Tores, Ramirez, Doyle, Priess, Harvey, Casildo Rios, Ch, Kidd, Lopez were present.

A quorum was present.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from April 22<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of April 22<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion to approve the minutes for April 22, 2020 by unanimous consent.

Senator Harvey moved to approve the minutes for April 22, 2020 by unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joko Cailles said that Alexa Rangel was up for appointment this evening and he wanted to give his approval of her nomination into his previous chair.

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## **6. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

**a. President of the Associated Students, Dominique Hall**

President Hall reported that she announced she had submitted her memo and budget to speaker of the senate. She said she also attended the meeting with President Johnson where they discussed the CARES ACT and discussed who should have priority on who should receive the funds. She said she was going to meet with the Dean of Students to speak about the emergency of housing fund, and she will continue to reach out to Speaker Murphy about a task force she was building.

Senator Supple asked President Hall about the requirements for the CARES Act.

President Hall said that students had to file a FAFSA for this year, and that if you were a low income student you would be able to be priority.

**b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Austin Brown**

Speaker Murphy read Vice President Brown's report into the record:

"Hello Senators!

I hope you are doing well.

This week, I met with President Johnson and Vice President Ellis where we learned about the Student Relief Funds that will be going out soon so make sure you look at your email to see if you or others you know qualify. I have another meeting with Vice President Ellis to ask some follow up questions about this tomorrow, so if there are questions or concerns that you have, please email them to me tonight!

This morning, we learned that New Student Orientation will be heading online for this summer.

ASUN is still needed to help so I will reach out to you all very soon, but we don't know what capacity this will look like yet. I am meeting with Dr. Rodriguez & Amy Koeckes on Friday to see what we can do and I will be meeting with Mary T. Calhoon soon to see how we can contribute.

President Hall and I have also finished our budget and will be presenting this for the first time to the Committee on Budget and Finance this Friday during their meeting!

Keep up the good work and please reach out if you need anything.

All my best, Austin Brown"

**c. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kyla Kwan**

Director Kwan reported that she met with Amy earlier in the week to receive training. She said she also met with the Inkblot directors to increase viewers on social media platforms. She said they will be meeting again next week.

**d. Director of Programming, Wes Fullmer**

Director Fullmer reported that he met with his intern and they discussed how programming will look for the upcoming year considering the aspects of COVID-19. He said they discussed sustainability within the department, and he had been creating a tentative schedule for the annual events throughout the year as well. He said he was working on some nomination for positions as well, and that he would be meeting with Director Guillen about sustainability within his department. He said he also wanted to reach out to various departments to get them involved with his department.

- e. Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen  
Director Guillen reported that she was coming up with plans for Director Fullmer and the sustainability of his department. She said she also spoke with the chair of the SSW committee to see what meetings she could attend.
  
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza  
Director Lanza reported that he was also looking for nominations of positions, and designing the coalitions. He said that he has been working with Gabby on trainings during club renewal due to the restrictions of COVID-19.

Senator Ribeiro asked Director Lanza about club renewal dates.

Director Lanza said that they are pushing deadlines back for club renewal.

- g. Speaker of the Senate, Keegan Murphy  
Speaker Murphy reported that he was working with Raul to put a project tracker on the ASUN website for constituents, and to work on the list serves for committees. He said he was also working on a legislation suggestion page on the website for constituents. He said he needed all of the newly appointed senators to send him a biography for the website as well. He said that he would be sending the budget to the committee on budget and finance, and they will be discussing it in their meeting on Friday evening. He said that nametags and senator pictures are also due this Friday. He also said that they want to know the body's summer location in case they do have in-person meetings. Speaker Murphy said he met with President Johnson in the CARE Act meeting that President Hall was in. He said there were still three senate positions open as well. He also said that for outreach, he would like to have a record of the email that senators sent to their college deans. He also said next week they would be hearing from all of the new directors and club commissioners at once through a consent agenda.

Senator Doyle mentioned that there was an opinion through the attorney general about a consent agenda.

Speaker Murphy said he would look more into the opinion to see if it would help.

Senator Supple asked if they reuse the picture from last session.

Speaker Murphy said unfortunately no.

Senator Keller asked about some changes within the summer location sheet.

Speaker Murphy said you could put two location if you needed.

## **8 . REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting. The Speaker Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian will also give reports.

- a.** Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs--Senator Yang  
Senator Yang reported that they had their first meeting last Friday, and they made Senator Stoddard the vice chair of the committee. They also discussed committee goals and will discuss liaison positions this week. She said they also discussed an accountability contract, and adjustments would be made soon.
- b.** Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance--Senator Huber  
Senator Huber reported that their first meeting was last Friday and Senator Bourgalt was made vice chair. He said their next meeting is this Friday where they will discuss the budget, and that the body is more than welcome to ask him questions about it.
- c.** Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement--Senator Doyle  
Senator Doyle reported that last meeting they made Senator Taylor their vice chair, and discussed committee goals and legislative priorities. He said they would discuss how many priorities they would need, but it would be important to make an action plan that doesn't make the body spread too thin. He said he also wanted to speak with the new Legislative Director about that plan. He also said that he would like everyone to fill out of the census, and how important it was to the community's financial benefits when they do fill out the census.
- d.** Chair, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion--Senator Ribeiro  
Senator Ribeiro reported that their first meeting was last Friday. They discussed committee goals, and their accountability contract. She said they would discuss liaison positions this week. Along with that, her and a few other senators on her committee attended a town hall that explained what would happen to DACA students if the legislation in D.C. did not pass. She said that NSHE is trying to get DACA students to renew as soon as possible, so that they would have a longer time to work with them to stay here. Senator Ribeiro said that she would like to body to share the resources she gave them, and utilize their platforms so that as many constituents as possible know about the resources. She said she also reached out to the legal immigration from UNLV representative, to see what the university can do to support the DACA students.
- e.** Chair, Committee on Government Operations--Senator Supple  
Senator Supple reported that they had their first meeting today and Senator Taylor was the appointed the vice chair. She said they discussed committee goals, and next week they will discuss some legislation and an accountability contract.
- f.** Chair, Committee on the Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness--Senator Luers  
Senator Luers reported that their first meeting would be tomorrow, where they will discuss committee goals, talk about liaison positions, and some legislation.
- g.** Speaker Pro-Tempore--Senator Supple  
Speaker Pro-Tempore Supple reported that she was working on how to keep the body accountable along with Speaker Murphy.
- h.** Parliamentarian--Senator Harvey  
Parliamentarian Harvey reported that she would be hosting a legislation writing workshop along with Speaker Murphy on Sunday. She said she would also be meeting with the four new senators

in the upcoming week. For her tip of the week, she explained how a senator would use ‘point of information’.

- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight--Speaker Murphy  
Speaker Murphy reported that they heard a statement from President Hall and he read the formal memo sent to President Hall:  
“President Hall,  
This memo serves as the formal recommendation from the Committee on Oversight at our scheduled meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am, in which you were in attendance. After a thorough discussion by the Senators, the formal recommendation and motion reads “We move to recommend President Hall apologize for her statement on social media and to the Nevada Sagebrush.” This was in regard to your statements that have not represented the ideals of the Association or the ASUN Code of Conduct. This recommendation was passed unanimously. A copy will be provided to the Nevada Sagebrush per their request. We appreciate your attendance at today’s meeting and look forward to this issue being resolved.  
Respectfully, Keegan Murphy”

He said that if any of the body was interested on what occurred at the meeting, they could read the minutes once they are published, or reach out to one of the committee members. He said that the committee is a check of balance on all three branches of the union, and that the body should keep that in mind. He said next meeting, they would discuss an accountability contract for attendance as well.

## **9 . COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Ribeiro wanted to mention the vice chair of her committee was Senator Taylor.

## **10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

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

### **a. The following nominations were received by the Speaker of the Senate on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020:**

- i. **NOMINATION OF MICHALA MATOVINA TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND INTERNS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.
- ii. **NOMINATION OF TARA OKUI TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND ASSESMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When

the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

**b. The following nominations were received by the Speaker of the Senate on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020:**

- i. NOMINATION OF NICOLAS MARIMBERGA TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to fast track nominations a through b through unanimous consent..

Senator Yang moved to fast track the nomination a through b through unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

**11 . APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

**a. The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:**

- i. NOMINATION OF ALEXA RANGEL TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve Alexa Rangel to the office of Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Harvey moved to approve Alexa Rangel to the office o Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Senator Doyle seconded the motion.

President Hall read a statement in favor of the appointment of Alexa Rangel.

Alexa Rangel presented on her background within the university, her goals as a director, and her personal background.

Speaker Murphy moved to questions.

Senator Harvey asked what she could do within her department to change the culture around civic engagement.

Rangel said that she would like to inform students on policies that are relatable and interacting on issues that matter to them to find out why they do not want to get involved.

Senator Yang asked how she planned on collaborating with the committee on Democratic and Civic Engagement.

Rangel said she would reach out to Senator Doyle to find out the best ways to outreach to students.

*Rangel left the meeting at 6:15 pm.*

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Yang said she like Rangel's initiatives to outreach to students in order to grow participation in civic engagement.

Senator Taylor said that he appreciated how thorough Rangel is, and she has clear goals for what she wants.

Senator Harvey said that she has gotten to know Rangel, and that she is passionate about social justice, and bringing polarizing groups together, which is important for the department.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

The motion was carried.

*Rangel entered the meeting at 6:18 pm.*

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

Alexa Rangel was appointed as the Director of Legislative Affairs.

## **ii. NOMINATION OF DEMITRI BANNOURA TO THE OFFICE OF**

**CHIEF OF STAFF.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the nomination of Demitri Bannoura to the Office of Chief of Staff.

Senator Keller moved to approve the nomination of Demitri Bannoura to the Office of Chief of Staff.

Senator Tores seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

President Hall read a statement in favor of the appointment of Demitri Bannoura.

Demitri Bannoura presented on his personal and university background, his goals for the department, and his background in leadership.

Speaker Murphy moved to questions.

Senator Taylor asked Bannoura how he would plan on keeping interns engaged and to stay in the program.

Bannoura said that he would ease into things to not scare them away with work, and he would like to gather feedback from directors and interns to see what they would want in order to continue.

Senator Stoddard asked Bannoura if he would consider inviting other high school seniors to experience ASUN as well.

Bannoura said he would expand that to California and other schools, if there is data to support high schools that feed high numbers of students into UNR.

Senator Casildo Rios asked Bannoura if he had any plans for interns to collaborate inter-department wide.

Bannoura said he thought about doing monthly intern socials, and round tables, so they can learn about all of the departments and their directors.

Senator Supple asked Bannoura how he wanted to do successful retreats and banquets.

Bannoura said that the best thing to focus on was adaptability within the tradition of retreats done previously, so that they can be feasible virtually if they need to be.

Senator Harvey asked Bannoura if the funds for the informal dinners would come out of student funds?

Bannoura said that the funds would come out of whatever is left from the retreat budget, and his rationale for that was that retreat was an important experience for collaboration resources, networking, and other training, which he believed was important to have throughout the whole year and not just the one time. He said buying food is not an essential though, but could be an incentive.

Senator Harvey asked Bannoura how he planned on balancing his goals and the requirements already set for the position.

Bannoura said he wanted to work closely with the entire executive board, president, and vice president, in order to establish a project management tool and accomplishing goals.

Senator Supple asked Bannoura if he got permission from Vice President Brown to reuse the internship schedule.

Bannoura said that he did receive permission, and that many chiefs of staff have built on each other's plans to create what the internship program is today.

*Bannoura left the meeting at 6:42 pm.*

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Supple said that the reason she brought up the internship is because she is a coordinator of it, and that she did not see any new goals or ideas for the program, which she was concerned about.

Senator Taylor said he was also looking for something new within the internship program, and we should be looking for someone who can expand on the current program.

Senator Huber said he didn't believe that the dinners were justifiable enough to use student funds, because the retreat is enough.

Senator Harvey said she felt similarly, but she felt better that the funds would come from somewhere besides student funds, and funds may not even be needed. She also said that she didn't believe that it was always necessary to have new elements to the internship every year, but she agreed with Senators Supple and Huber that he should show his commitment to the program by coming up with new ideas.

Senator Lopez said that he liked the idea of demystifying ASUN among the student body.

Senator Cho said that including the interns in the mingling of departments was a good idea.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

Senators Supple, Taylor, Doyle, and Kidd said nay.

The motion was carried.

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

Demitri Bannoura was appointed to the position of Chief of Staff.

**iii. NOMINATION OF PRIYA BAJWA TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the nomination of Priya Bajwa to the office of Director for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Harvey moved to approve the nomination of Priya Bajwa to the office of Director for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

Senator Romero seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

President Hall read a statement in favor of the appointment of Priya Bajwa.

Priya Bajwa presented on her educational background, and her goals and initiatives for the position.

Speaker Murphy moved to question.

Senator Ramirez asked Bajwa if she planned to work with the committee of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Bajwa said that a collaborate meeting with everyone, the committee included, would be beneficial. Discussing past events would help address things students still have not felt have been solved, and then moving into the future from there would be beneficial.

Senator Stoddard asked Bajwa how to focus on problems that occur at ASUN sponsored events.

Bajwa said many students feel that students feel these events are not addressed fast enough, or long enough. She said if we approach with promptness and empathy it would be helpful.

Senator Keller said the previous director felt that the group wasn't taken seriously enough sometimes, and asked Bajwa how she would fix that.

Bajwa said building a presence with clubs, organizations, and being personable to all different groups on campus would help students feel comfortable to use the resources they provide.

Senator Casildo Rios asked Bajwa if she had a way to keep other departments accountable.

Bajwa said an open line of communication with all of the departments, so they know who to come with when they have different issues would be incredibly beneficial for a presence throughout all of ASUN.

Senator Harvey asked Bajwa how she would plan to expand the influence and impact of the department.

Bajwa said collaboration would be important, and holding more events by branching with other departments who they can hold those events with would be beneficial.

Senator Harvey asked Bajwa if she was aware of the new committee responsibility of the department head.

Bajwa said that she was aware of that responsibility, and that she would like open communication with the entire department and the entire committee.

Senator Stoddard asked Bajwa how she would reassure the student body that all groups would be included.

Bajwa said hiring a well-rounded department would be beneficial for all of the voices to be represented. She said focusing on all aspects of diversity besides cultural diversity would also be helpful when looking at during working on events and initiatives.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

*Priya Bajwa left the meeting at 7:31 pm.*

Senator Supple said that Bajwa was a great candidate with great ideas.

Senator Harvey said she did not feel entirely confident in the candidate's goals that were not pertaining to events. She said that she felt they were vague.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

The motion was carried.

*Priya Bajwa entered the meeting at 7:33 pm.*

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

Priya Bajwa was appointed as the Director of the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

**iv. NOMINATION OF PAIGE FLIPPIN TO THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

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Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the nomination of Paige Flippin to the office of Attorney General.

Senator Stoddard moved to approve the nomination of Paige Flippin to the office of Attorney General.

Senator Priess seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

President Hall spoke in favor of Paige Flippin's appointment.

Paige Flippin presented on her personal background, goals for the position, and her involvements on campus.

Speaker Murphy moved to questions.

Senator Yang asked Flippin how she plans to work with the committee on Government Operations.

Flippin said she would like to establish a relationship with Senator Supple and move forward from there.

Senator Taylor asked Flippin what the her charge sheets offer that the current election charge sheets don't.

Flippin said it would get students outside of ASUN involved, and it would promote transparency for students who don't know the rules for elections.

Senator Supple asked Flippin if she had read the SAS beyond her section.

Flippin said she is currently reading through past attorney general opinions, the SAS, Constitution, and all other documents.

Senator Luers said that last session they had issues with the attorney general, and asked Flippin how she would be more transparent and engaged.

Flippin said she had a priority of attending all senate meetings, and being involved.

Senator Harvey asked Flippin what goals she had for accountability within the rest of the association, aside from elections and senate.

Flippin said having a presence within the association is an important aspect that most wouldn't expect, and making sure people are comfortable enough to approach her would be helpful.

*Paige Flippin left the meeting at 7:04 pm.*

Senator Supple said that her knowledge of the law is very impressive, but the duties that pertain to ASUN, and her only now learning about the documents within the body seemed worrying.

Senator Stoddard said he personally accounted for Flippin's ability to read and learn law extremely quickly. He said she is exceptionally determined, and he is completely confident in her abilities.

Senator Taylor said that she will upkeep her goals of accountability within the association, and that once she learns through her training what is already in place, it may absolve some of Senator Supple's concerns.

Senator Luers said he really liked her goals of accountability with herself, and that she already had actions to fix issues from the previous attorney general.

Senator Ahmed said that although she did not have ASUN experience, she has exceptional pre-law experience, which was very admirable.

Senator Yang said she was concerned about her not reaching out to the previous attorney general, although she is extensively knowledgeable in law overall.

Senator Doyle said that he respectfully disagreed with Senator Yang, and that meeting with a previous attorney general should not make or break her appointment.

Senator Taylor said he agreed with Senator Doyle.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

Senators Supple and Ahmed said nay.

The motion was carried.

*Paige Flippin entered the meeting at 7:11 pm.*

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

Paige Flippin was appointed as Attorney General.

**v. NOMINATION OF PARKER SAMUELSON TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS WELLNESS.**

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Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the nomination of Parker Samuelson to the office of Director for the Department of Campus Wellness.

Senator Luers moved to approve the nomination of Parker Samuelson to the office of Director for the Department of campus Wellness.

Senator Romero seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Vice President Brown read a statement in favor of Parker Samuelson.

Parker Samuelson presented on educational background, goals for the position, and initiatives.

Speaker Murphy moved to questions.

Senator Ramirez asked Samuelson if she would like to implement a larger scale of dietary wellness rather than Nevada Fit.

Samuelson said there was already a dietician on campus and that the problem was a lot of people did not know she existed, and that making awareness for that resource is important.

Senator Ramirez asked Samuelson how she would comfort students to seek out resources.

Samuelson said sharing personal stories within the association about using those resources would break the stigmatism, and allow students to feel more comfortable using the tele-therapy and other resources.

Senator Romero asked Samuelson to elaborate how she would work with the student health center and peer educators.

Samuelson said she believed the center did a great job, but she would open lines of communication to see if they needed any assistance from her.

Senator Luers asked Samuelson how she would interact with the committee of Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness.

Samuelson said that she would like to have legislation written on accountability of food labeling, and she would go from there.

Senator Kidd asked Samuelson how she would plan to set up plans with the dietician, since the groups of students are much larger.

Samuelson said she would like to have the dietician present throughout the day, and give a presentation.

Senator Bourgalt asked Samuelson if she had any ideas of a more sustainable access to mental health services.

Samuelson said streamlining tele-therapy was a part of her expansion of resources for the resource.

Senator Lopez asked Samuelson how she would fund her plan of a snack bar in the gym.

Samuelson said she simply wanted to explore that option, so she wasn't sure, but she would look into possibilities.

*Parker Samuelson left the meeting at 7:52 pm.*

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Luers said he knew Samuelson for a while, and that she has a large passion for wellness, and a large drive for mental wellness as well.

Senator Ramirez said she appreciated her innovative goals.

Senator Taylor said he appreciated that her goals stem from her personal experiences on campus, and it showed a drive.

Senator Romero said she had great goals, but she was concerned that she didn't mention anything about working with peer health educators, the health center, or the Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness committee.

Senator Kidd said she knew Samuelson for a while and that she truly believes in something she is representing.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

Senator Ribeiro abstained because she had a personal relationship with the nominee.

The motion was carried.

*Parker Samuelson entered the meeting at 7:56 pm.*

Speaker Murphy read and Parker Samuelson recited the oath: "I, state your full name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Associated Students; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental

reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.”

Parker Samuelson was appointed as the Director of Campus Wellness.

vi.

**NOMINATION OF MICHALA MATOVINA TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND INTERNS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the nomination of Michala Matovina to the office of Assistant Director of Marketing and Interns for the Department of Event Programming.

Senator Romero moved to approve the nomination of Michala Matovina to the office of Assistant Director of Marketing and Interns for the Department of Event Programming.

Senator Tores seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Director Fullmer read a statement in favor of Michala Matovina.

Michala Matovina presented on her personal and university background, as well as her goals in the position.

Speaker Murphy moved to questions.

Senator Supple asked what Matovina was looking for in interns, and how she wanted to work with other coordinators.

Matovina said she wanted someone who had initiative and wanted to better the university. She said that she would like to meet with all of the coordinators and get a base plan that keeps hiring consistent and efficient.

Senator Ribeiro asked Matovina on how she would keep the interns and department accountable.

Matovina said she would have a strike system in place, and sending out anonymous surveys to make sure everyone is happy and efficient.

*Michala Matovina left the meeting at 8:07 pm.*

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

Senator Ribeiro said she knew that Matovina had the professionalism and skills to work well with Director Fullmer.

Senator Supple said that she was excited to work with Matovina because she had great goals for the internship.

Senator Yang said she liked how Matovina wanted to create interrelationships with the interns and the department.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

Senator Keller abstained because said she was not in the room for her presentation

The motion was carried.

*Michala Matovina entered the meeting at 8:09 pm.*

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

Michala Matovina was appointed as the Assistant Director of the Department of Programming.

**vii. NOMINATION OF TARA OKUI TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND ASSESMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

Speaker Murphy seeked a motion to approve the nomination of Tara Okui to the office of Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment for the Department of Event Programming.

Senator Yang moved to approve the nomination of Tara Okui to the office of Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment for the Department of Even Programming.

Senator Supple seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Director Fullmer read a statement in favor of Tara Okui.

Tara Okui presented on her personal background, university background, and goals for the position.

Speaker Murphy moved to questions.

Senator Yang asked Okui if she had any specific initiatives to work with the committee of Budget and Finance.

Okui said she has met with Senator Huber to discuss the budget, and would like to attend the meetings.

Senator Huber asked Okui if she has seen what a financial review entails.

Okui said she had.

Senator Yang asked Okui if she had any ideas on how she would uphold her part of the SAS.

Okui said she had already met with Vice President Brown to discuss events that the programming board can assist with the athletic department.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

*Tara Okui left the meeting at 8:18 pm.*

Senator Supple said that she thought she should discuss athletics funding with Okui because of what was discussed during the 87<sup>th</sup> session.

Senator Doyle said that there is currently money already allocated to athletics for programming, and Okui's initiatives were based on those events, and not additional events.

Senator Huber said that he believed Okui's initiatives were to increase student participation.

Senator Priess said Okui seemed passionate and had strong goals with transparency and bias.

Senator Yang said that she appreciated Okui's first goal of financial sustainability.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

Senator Huber and Yang abstained from the vote because they had a personal relationship with the candidate.

The motion was carried.

*Tara Okui entered the meeting at 8:22 pm.*

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

Tara Okui was appointed as the Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment for the Department of Programming.

**viii. NOMINATION OF NICOLAS MARIMBERGA TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS.** The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

Speaker Murphy sought a motion to approve the nomination of Nicolas Marimberga to the office of Assistant Director for the Department of Clubs and Organizations.

Senator Keller moved to approve the nomination of Nicolas Marimberga to the office of Assistant Director for the Department of Club and Organizations.

Senator Ahmed seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Director Lanza read a statement in favor of Nicolas Marimberga.

Nicolas Marimberga presented on his personal and university background, as well as his goals for the position.

Speaker Murphy moved to questions.

Senator Ribeiro asked Marimberga what he felt made him qualified as a leader and collaborative.

Marimberga said he wanted to create an atmosphere that was not a hierarchy, and it would invite collaboration because that is the best experience he has had through his multiple positions in ASUN.

Senator Casildo Rios asked Marimberga if he had any plans of collaborating with other departments in the internships.

Marimberga said he had a plan for the interns to meet with other departments, to build unity and more interest throughout all of ASUN.

Senator Supple asked what he was looking for in interns and expecting from the hiring process.

Marimberga said he was looking for passion and a want to learn.

Speaker Murphy moved to discussion.

*Nicolas Marimberga left the meeting at 8:35 pm.*

Senator Ribeiro said she believed the candidate was passionate and flexible with projects, and that Marimberga has those qualities.

Senator Harvey said that Marimberga had a good quality of creating a familial culture within the department, since there tends to be tension with clubs and ASUN.

Speaker Murphy moved to a vote.

The motion was carried.

*Nicolas Marimberga entered the meeting at 8:38 pm.*

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

Nicolas Marimberga was appointed as Assistant Director of the Department of Clubs and organizations.

### **13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his objections.

There are no veto messages at this time.

### **14. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

### **15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation at this time.

### **16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation at this time.

### **17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

There was no legislation at this time.

### **18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation at this time.

### **19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

#### **a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions**

Senator Luers asked if the committee of Budget and Finance was full.

Legislative Clerk Czerlanis said yes.

Senator Harvey moved to remove herself from the committee on Budget and Finance by unanimous consent.

The motion was carried.

Senator Luers moved to add himself to the committee on Budget and Finance by unanimous consent.

**b. Senator Reports**

Senator Supple said she would be emailing new directors to get started on internship stuff.

Senator Stoddard said he was working on research for future legislation to lower fees for online course.

**20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Ribeiro congratulated all of the candidates on their new positions, but to keep in mind concerns the body had, so they can check in on those appointed.

Speaker Murphy said if there was any legislation to be added to the next agenda, that he needed it by Thursday.

**21. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Hall said that she recommended that no one use private messaging during meetings, so that ASUN stays transparent.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.



FROM: President Hall  
TO: Speaker of the Senate for the 88<sup>th</sup> Session  
DATE: April 16, 2020  
SUBJECT: Nominations of Executive Board

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate the following individuals for their respective offices:

1. Nomination of Alexa Rangel to the office of Director for the Department of Legislative Affairs.
2. Nomination of Demitri Bannoura to the office of Chief of Staff.
3. Nomination Priya Bajwa to the office Director for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion.
4. Nomination of Paige Flippin to the office of Attorney General.
5. Nomination of Parker Samuelson to the office of Director for the Department of Campus Wellness.

Warm regards,

Dominique Hall

*President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada*



FROM: Wes Fullmer, Director of Event Programming  
TO: Keegan Murphy, Speaker of the Senate for the 88<sup>th</sup> Session  
DATE: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
SUBJECT: Nominations of the Assistant Directors of Event Programming

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate the following individuals for their respective offices:

1. Nomination of Michala Matovina to the office of Assistant Director of Marketing and Interns for the Department of Event Programming.
2. Nomination of Tara Okui to the office of Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment for the Department of Event Programming.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wes Fullmer', written in a cursive style.

Wes Fullmer

Director of Event Programming

Associated Students of the University of Nevada



FROM: Director Lanza  
TO: Speaker Murphy  
DATE: April 22, 2020  
SUBJECT: Nominations of Assistant Director of Department of Clubs and Organizations

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate the following individual for their respective offices:

1. Nomination of Nicolas Marimberga to the office of Assistant Director for the Department of Clubs and Organizations.

Warm regards,

Nolan Lanza

*Director of Clubs and Organizations*