

President's Cabinet
Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Minutes for Thursday, May 28th, 2020 at 4:30 pm
Zoom Online Conference, email president@asun.unr.edu for meeting details

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Hall called the President's Cabinet meeting to order on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 4:32 pm. Presiding secretary, Breanna Czerlanis.

2. ROLL CALL

President Hall, Vice President Brown, Chief of Staff Bannoura, Directors Bajwa, Fullmer, Guillen, Kwan, Lanza, Rangel, Samuelson, Chief Justice Pride, and Attorney General Flippin were present.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to be discussed at this time.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President of the Associated Students, Dominique Hall

- She has established a Greek life coalition. She said a big challenge she has encountered is seeing more Black Americans being murdered by the police. She has learned that she can use her voice and position to bring awareness to this issue. She has been sitting on the selection committee for the new assistant director for the legislative and judicial branch. She met with the Nevada Money Mentors to brainstorm ideas to enter a partnership. She suggested they contact Director Samuelson. One of her duties as President allows her to enter the association into any agreements. She is the co-chair representing ASUN, and ASUN has equal partnership in this coalition. She met with Director Rodriguez and former President Martinez to discuss the Wolf Shop they will be presenting in the Board of Regents meeting. At the university leadership meeting they discussed campus reopening. She met with some faculty regarding the COVID-19 training module for employees. She will be in a video campaign for this module. She is sitting on the task force for the COVID-19 reopening and is representing northern Nevada institutions. She will be meeting with KaPreace Young to discuss CARES funding and steps for Pack Provisions. She will also be meeting with Speaker Murphy to discuss the new ASUN strategic plan. She is working on the emergency housing fund.



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.

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Dominique Hall at president@asun.unr.edu.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Austin Brown

- He has been doing orientation training. He attended the town hall, the open forum for the student publications and marketing coordinator, had a one on one with Director Rodriguez, met with Amy Koeckes, met with Director Samuelson about facemasks, met with President Johnson and Vice President President Ellis, had a meeting on phase 3 orientation planning, met with Senators Ramirez and Bourgault to talk about ways to get students engaged, and met with Director Kwan to talk about the orientation presentation. After meeting with Director Rodriguez, they were able to come up with some ideas for how to increase student engagement. He will be rehearsing the orientation presentation.

c. Speaker of the Senate, Keegan Murphy

President Hall read the report into record:

“ Hello Everyone,

I am sorry I cannot make it to the meeting tonight. I hope you are all doing well with the beginning of your summer break and are eager to start seeing each other again. Last night, we approved Sedrick Abrams as our last Community of Health Sciences senator. We only have two seats left for the College of Business and Division of Health Sciences. I have been actively interviewing and evaluating candidates for the new Associate Director of Student Life Services for ASUN. We hope to have someone picked by tomorrow or early next week. We have interviewed four amazing candidates from very diverse backgrounds, and I am confident that whoever we will pick will bring a lot to the table. I have been working with Raul in updating the senate section of the website and have been helping various senators with different projects they are working on.

Our next senate meeting is June 10 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing legislation as well as the senate's response to recent anti-Black crimes plaguing our nation. There will be a time for students to talk about what they are looking for from their student representatives, so we can approach this situation in unison. I encourage you all to come if you are interested. I also am thinking of ways to make sit in meetings more accessible. I was thinking of having Director Kwan post a calendar of all of our meeting times and dates for the summer so students can easily access my contact information to get Zoom links. If there is anything else you can think of in regards to meetings, please let me know. If the executive branch plans to hold events in the future, please give as much notice as possible to me and the senators, so we can plan to attend or within a week's notice for larger events would be preferable so senators can schedule accordingly with work and traveling. I recently found out about the town halls that I guess we will be holding monthly from now on. This would be important to let the senators know so again we can plan accordingly to show up and conduct outreach. We can't conduct outreach if we are unaware of events. A senator also wanted me to bring to your attention that one of their constituents feels that ASUN officers need more/better diversity training, so the events about LGBTQIA+ and POC aren't insensitive. I know that I am working on such a training for senators, but they want to see what your response was as an executive board.

As for the summer retreat, I took a poll of senators who would be interested in

attending an in person retreat, and the vast majority stated that they would like to have an in person retreat. Currently in stage 2 of Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery, groups of 50 people are permitted to gather. I can only imagine what the end of the summer will look like. Possibly being in stage 4 or completely reopened if our downward trend continues. I think lots of officers including myself look forward to an in person retreat before school starts preferably off campus. It builds a sense of community and creates bonding experiences I personally still feel today. Also, please keep in mind that if we are to have retreat during the school year, there's no saying how many officers will show up as it is not mandatory. It could be seen as more of a burden or hassle having it during the school year when students are busy with classes, something we see during the spring retreat. An in person retreat before school starts will incentivise more officers to attend and be engaged for the three days.

That is my report. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Speaker Murphy"

Response from President Hall: She thinks they should be having the discussion with the senators about racism and police brutality. She also thinks having an in person retreat would be irresponsible and unsafe. Just because the governor is reopening Nevada, it does not mean it is the smart and responsible decision.

d. Chief Justice, Paulina Pride

- She spoke with President Hall and Vice President Brown to arrange a meeting to discuss the next steps and develop a timeline for the construction of her department. Her three main goals are to establish a constitutional and legal interpretation training, institute bi-weekly informational meetings and other initiatives to increase involvement in the association, and set up a diversity and sensitivity educational training for the justices.

President Hall passed the gavel to Vice President Brown; he accepted.

e. Chief of Staff, Demetri Bannoura

- There was some confusion based around responsibilities of the internship program. The application for all the internship programs is now live. He plans on meeting with President Hall. He will be reaching out to the Wolf Shop to get the orders for the ASUN polos. He will do his best to create an engaging retreat.
 - **Response from Director Rodriguez:** She encouraged everyone to go back to the SAS and read their job duties.
 - **Question from Director Fullmer:** Were you able to coordinate with Assistant Director Matovina to figure out her timeline on programming?
 - **Answer:** Yes.

f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza

- He has been getting his department situated. He contacted Amy Koeckes to see how they can get more club outreach. He had a meeting with Vice President Brown to discuss how they might want to see Clubs and Orgs during the pandemic. The biggest issue is funding on what they will be able to do.

g. Director of Event Programming, Wes Fuller

- He was able to talk to his department about phase 2. They are in the process of training and will not be assigning events until they have a clearer picture of what they will be able to do. He will be reaching out to everyone to present at his trainings. They have been working on a mock budget and budget breakdown. He talked about the liasionship for his department.
 - **Question from Director Guillen:** When should I let you know if I want to plan an event?
 - **Answer:** The sooner the better.

h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel

- She has all her members sworn in. She hopes to meet with Senator Stoddard on a resolution to lower tuition fees. She is also hoping to meet with her department for their orientation training. She is getting feedback from students in terms of legislative affairs priorities. She has been in contact with other NSHE institutions.

i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Priya Bajwa

- Her last nominee was approved. She sent out a survey to all the attendees of her town hall. She has been working to develop new training sessions. She met one on one with Director Rodriguez. She is beginning collaboration with the Nevada Diversity Summit.

j. Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen

- She met with Director Rodriguez to discuss the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund. She wants to further discuss the renewal of U-Pass. She should be getting in contact with a representative from Inkblot for the Sustainable Tip Sunday campaign. She asked President Hall to agendize a discussion on the renwall of U-Pass.

k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kyla Kwan

- She attended a meeting with Inkblot. They talked about the hashtag #senatorsunday. She met with Vice President Brown about the orientation presentation.
 - **Question from Attorney General Flippin:** Are those permission slips going to be more accessible in the future?
 - **Answer:** Yes. This one was last minute. We will be more prepared. They would send the form before the town hall happens.

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Parker Samuelson

- She is trying to figure out a way to include the dietician and dining services to the welcoming experience on campus. She discussed new student initiatives that will encourage personal responsibility regarding COVID. She plans to meet with Senator Torres to brainstorm new ideas.

m. Attorney General, Paige Flippin

- She finished writing her first opinion. She has been seeing that some links on the website haven't been working. She plans to meet with Senator Supple to see how she can be of assistance to the Committee on Government Operations.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Alternative Plans for Retreat

Director Lanza said in person retreat is most likely not going to happen. He still wants to do

something in person for his department which is only 10 people, so he suggested everyone do something separately within their departments.

Chief of Staff Bannoura said he would like to have a virtual retreat and postpone the physical retreat.

Director Rangel agreed with Chief of Staff Bannoura. She suggested an in person social practicing social distancing guidelines.

Director Fullmer said he thinks it is too soon to evaluate the situation for retreat. He thinks they should have a continuous discussion on it as opposed to making a decision right now.

Director Samuelson said it is important to keep in mind that even if they were able to get together they would all need to still be six feet apart with masks. It isn't fair that the freshman get to miss out on these experiences but they get to do a retreat.

Chief Justice Pride asked how many people would be going on the retreat?

Chief of Staff Bannoura said all the ASUN officers were around 100 people.

Director Rodriguez said it is usually around 60 people. They can go in and look at the spacing of the camp and spread out. She doesn't want people going and being anxious.

Director Guillen said she doesn't think this seems practical. They should break up ASUN into branches or teams and compete in events via Zoom.

Director Fullmer said he is in full support of going to a campsite for the retreat. It is important to keep this discussion going.

Chief of Staff Bannoura asked if Director Rodriguez knew of dates they wouldn't be able to go.

Director Rodriguez said they are pretty open.

Director Bajwa added that she agrees with Director Fullmer. She thinks putting down a deposit would be a good move especially since it can rollover to next semester.

Director Rangel asked if they don't have a retreat in August, what is their plan?

Director Rodriguez said she doesn't know but they are still preparing to do developmental training.

B. Discussion of student concerns

Attorney General Flippin said that people are more concerned about what is happening in the world then what ASUN is doing at the moment.

C. Officers may bring up items to discuss for new business.

Agenda Item 6C was not discussed at this time.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Director Rodriguez: She discussed what happened when she asked the senate last night if they were going to take a stance on George Floyd. All the senators were eager to figure out what they could do. She said they have to use the platform they were given and educate themselves.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm.