

President's Cabinet
Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Agenda for Thursday, June 4th, 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, June 4, 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, and Samuelson were present.

Chief Justice Pride, and Attorney General Flippin were absent excused.

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 had a meeting to discuss the Wolf Shop. She met with the chief general counsel of NSHE to discuss reopening. She has been asked to search on the NSHE search committee for the new chancellor. She co-wrote a statement with other Black student leaders that has been gaining a lot of traction. She asked everyone to support their platform. She has officially received a list of committees that need ASUN representatives.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Austin Brown

- He met with Inkblot to work on the care packages for the incoming freshman class. He has also been rehearsing the orientation presentation. He worked with other officers to draft the ASUN statement that was put up in regards to the murders and injustices of countless Black individuals.

c. Speaker of the Senate, Keegan Murphy

Speaker Pro Tempore Supple read the report into the record:

“Hello Everyone,

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.



I promise you I am not avoiding you. I am just taking my final right now. I hope everyone is having a nice summer so far. First I want to thank every single one of you who helped Vice President Brown and myself with the ASUN statement about the murder of George Floyd and police brutality to the African American community. We all wrote it and support it from the bottom of our hearts and addressed ASUN's lack of response in the past and how we could do better in the future. I encourage you all to read the joint statement many of the Black student leaders on our campus have also released. I currently have taken this time to educate myself, so I can stand up for students who need their voices to be heard. The resources many of you have shared these past few days have meant a lot to many people including myself. Keep up with the great work. We will be continuing this conversation next week at senate. I encourage you to please come and invite all your friends or anyone who may benefit as we will be talking about actionable steps for our association. Only as a united association, something we have struggled with this term, can we help each other through this and develop our campus community into a safe haven for all students, staff, and faculty. It will be a time for students/senators to share their voice and opinions on the matter. As we are the legislative branch, we will take that feedback and put it into your hands in executive branch who helps execute the laws and programs of the association. I hope to see you all there as this will be valuable information to all.

We still have two open senate seats to fill as well as secretary positions. Please let your colleagues know so they can apply for these positions if they are interested. These are paid positions in case anyone asks. Next week we will also be hearing four pieces of legislation at the table. Two of those being about revising pieces of the ASUN budget. I just want to encourage you all that if you have something that needs to be agendized or want the senators to attend an event, please give them ample time notice so they can prepare accordingly.

Warmly,
Speaker Murphy"

d. Chief Justice, Paulina Pride

President Hall summarized Chief Justice Pride's report.

- She has attended meetings with President Hall to discuss Inkblot work orders and hiring an advisor for the judicial branch. She is working on completing her department.

e. Chief of Staff, Demitri Bannoura

- The internship application form is live. He has been trying to get in contact with the Wolf Shop on the ASUN polos. He asked everyone to think of ideas for retreat.

f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza

- He had meetings on funding, and club renewal.
- **Question from Director Fullmer:** Can you send me an email on what you need from programming.
- **Answer:** Yes.

President Hall left the zoom meeting at 4:46 pm

g. Director of Event Programming, Wes Fuller

- He is currently working on training for his programmers. His programmers will begin brainstorming welcome week events. He is working on outreach emails to Black students and Black student leaders for events.

h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel

- She has been trying to set up a meeting with Senator Stoddard to discuss student fees. She is meeting with Director Bajwa to see how they can collaborate. She is working on creating a voter guide. She is working on getting student feedback on legislative priorities.

i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Priya Bajwa

- She will be sending out a comprehensive list of resources they can use to educate themselves and peers on racial issues in our nation. She encourages everyone to be vocal. She is working on setting up her department's next town hall.

j. Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen

- She has been trying to get as much information about U-Pass for her presentation. She has been meeting with representatives from Inkblot for the Sustainable Tip Sunday campaign.

k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kyla Kwan

- She discussed with Directors Rangel and Samuelson about posts to make on social media. They are trying to figure out what the most efficient way to get student feedback on coming back to campus.

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Parker Samuelson

- She met with the director of the Health Center. They are looking for feedback on student concerns about coming back to campus in the fall. She met with the fitness center and they are requiring masks at all times. Both centers are willing to add things to the care package for the freshman. She is meeting with Title IX, Nevada Money Mentors, the Counseling Center, and Senator Torres.

m. Attorney General, Paige Flippin

There was no report to be heard.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Systemic Racism and Ways to Help the Black Population of Reno

President Hall read a statement she prepared on the ongoing systemic racism in America and her own personal experiences and perspective.

Director Rangel thanked President Hall for her statement and sharing her experiences. She shared some of her own personal experiences. POC should not have to beg for help on this. She discussed systemic oppression. She suggested doing a vigil.

President Hall thought that was a good idea.

Director Fullmer commended President Hall for all her successes. He plans on reaching out to the Black student leaders who wrote the statement and support them and find out if they're interested in holding an event they could host every year. He thinks a vigil is a great start, however.

Director Lanza thought they could do a tier system to host community service or social justice events.

Director Guillen thanked President Hall for sharing her story. She thought they should invite Black student leaders into senate, but was told they don't feel comfortable. She said they need to work on making these students feel comfortable here.

President Hall said the best way to host an event for any affected group is to reach out to them first. She thinks the reason why they don't feel comfortable is because they felt that the senators would take credit for their ideas.

Director Bajwa commended President Hall for her courage in releasing the statement. She gave an idea to give students a platform on university social media to talk about their experiences on campus. She is hosting a town hall to create a platform for students.

Chief of Staff Bannoura thanked President Hall for sharing her experiences. As student leaders they need to take responsibility for helping to make every student feel safe. He found that a lot of universities have an online forum that is anonymous for students and faculty to report any instances of hate, bias, or racism. He was wondering if UNR has anything like that and if we do, could ASUN promote it. He asked how the university counseling center was dealing with this situation.

Director Samuelson thanked President Hall for sharing her experiences. She is meeting with the counseling center to talk about what they are planning on doing. She thinks the town halls are important, but the only people there are the ones that are already having these discussions. She asked how we could get people who aren't having these discussions there.

Director Bajwa said it was difficult to force people to come to these discussions. They can just promote who panelists are going to be and have a wide variety of panelists and ideas.

Director Guillen asked if anyone reached out to faculty for the town halls.

Director Bajwa said yes, but they will be sending out more of a mass email for faculty to attend.

Director Guillen said reaching out to professors who deal with diversity and inclusion could be very beneficial.

Director Bajwa said for this town hall one of the moderators is a professor on campus who is involved in social justice research.

Director Samuelson asked if there was a way to live stream town halls.

Director Bajwa said they are unsure how to approach it.

Director Fullmer said they could have panelsits do a Facebook or Instagram Live together.

Director Rangel asked President Hall how they live-streamed the NSHE Board of Regents meeting.

President Hall said she could ask.

Director Rangel said if people don't feel comfortable if they are not well advised and they don't feel as welcomed. They could reassure everyone there are moderators and make them feel more welcome.

Director Guillen said they could promote coming to the town hall to show students what they could do at UNR.

Director Bajwa said she could bring all suggestions up to her department.

Director Rangel asked if they wanted to do the vigil to honor George Floyd and the other men and women who have been murdered at the hands of cops.

President Hall said they would have to be strategic on how they angle it.

Director Fullmer said he is going to reach out to Black student leaders and see if that would be something they would be interested in doing. He hopes to have a speaker there.

B. Discussion of student concerns

There was no discussion of student concerns.

C. Discussion of UPASS

Director Guillen presented information regarding what U-Pass is. For more information, see audio minutes. She described cons for renewing U-Pass including fees, legislation already being written, public transportation being less desirable considering COVID-19. She describes pros including affordable transportation, reducing traffic, greenhouse emissions, and parking spaces, and it provides sustainable transportation.

President Hall entered the zoom meeting at 4:58 pm.

- **Question from President Hall:** Do you have data for this was used?
 - **Answer:** She shared the statistics about the usage of U-Pass.

Director Guillen asked everyone to consider if raising student fees is worth it.

- **Question from Director Fullmer:** Is it four dollars per credit or semester.
 - **Answer:** Per semester, but it will be valid all year round.
- **Question from Director Samuelson:** How has it been funded before?
 - **Answer:** It was funded by the CMAQ Improvement Program. They agreed to pay the first year and was supposed to be renewed but plans fell through. It'll be hard to find another community partner willing to pay this much money.
- **Question from Vice President Brown:** Would one of the options for the fee be having it be an optional fee?
 - **Answer:** The purpose of having everyone pay is it will lower the cost for everyone.
- **Question from Chief of Staff Bannoura:** Is there any data for how many students were taking advantage of the program?
 - **Answer:** There aren't exact numbers. She looked through everything. She only found the participation statistics. She does know there are students who rely on it.
- **Question from Director Samuelson:** would you be able to put out a survey to get

student opinions? Would you be able to find a community partner that would pay half of it.

- **Answer:** We could do a survey but we would get skewed results. If we wanted to get a community partner, she would have to find one by fall.
- **Question from Director Rangel:** Do you have any information on how they are complying with social distancing guidelines.
 - **Answer:** No.
- **Response from Director Fullmer:** He recommended reaching out to the partners who already paid for it and asking for statistics to prove students need this.
- **Response from President Hall:** She doesn't think it's that big of a deal to have students pay eight dollars for free public transportation rather than have students who really need it and don't have the money to pay 100 dollars a semester.
- **Response from Director Fullmer:** We need the statistics because if only around two students need it, we can figure something out with having ASUN purchase those passes.

D. Discuss Private/Public Meetings

President Hall explained how they used to have private meetings in a former session. She said she felt indifferent about either option.

Director Fullmer strongly disagreed with private meetings.

Vice President Brown agreed with Director Fullmer.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.