

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session

Minutes for Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: Email Victoria Supple at speakerprotempore@asun.unr.edu for more information

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Supple called the committee on Government Operations to order on Tuesday, September 30, 2020 at 5:01 pm. Presiding Secretary, Yesenia Pelayo.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Supple, Chantiyanon, Kidd, Luers, Stoddard, and Taylor 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 approved at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. S.B. 88- An Act to Amend Recall Election Procedures

Senator Supple sought a motion to approve S.B. 88- An Act to Amend Recall Election Procedures.

Senator Taylor moved to favorably recommend S.B. 88- An Act to Amend Recall Election Procedures.

Senator Luers seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Supple moved to pass the gavel to Senator Taylor.

Senator Taylor accepted.



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Senator Supple said the purpose of this legislation was to make recall elections clear and accessible. It would allow all students to be represented by their elected officials. As stated by Attorney General Flippin, the process is very unclear. Someone will file a notice of intent sent to the attorney general. Following, there will be a petition with in person signatures of students who voted in the previous election for the person who is being put up to recall. After the signatures are collected, the petition is sent to the attorney general. The recall election will proceed if the recall election passes. There will be a special election to fill that vacant seat. The reason why this is a problem right now is because it specified who can vote in the petition, but the SAS and the Constitution do not specify who can vote in a recall election. With the coronavirus, having in person signatures is not accessible to all students who don't feel safe coming in person to sign. Going off of current people who can vote in a petition, incoming freshmen, transfer students, constituents who did not vote in the previous election, and constituents who didn't vote for that official are not allowed to vote. Only a small amount of students can vote, even though they represent the entire student population. In the legislation, included changes to the SAS are to allow all undergraduate students to be involved in a petition, allow all undergraduate students to be granted a vote in a recall election of the ASUN president or vice president, allow all undergraduate students in the senator's college to vote in the recall elections for an ASUN senator of that college, and allow online signatures for petitions. She then read off what other universities rules regarding who can vote in a recall election were.

Senator Luers said he was wondering if any student was allowed to be a part of the signature section of the recall petition.

Senator Supple said no. It is stated in the Constitution.

Senator Luers said just to clarify only people who voted in the election can sign a recall petition.

Senator Supple said she believed so. She didn't really think it was clear. It was weird interpreting it.

Senator Taylor moved to a vote for all those in favor of favorably recommending S.B. 88- An Act to Amend Recall Election Procedures.

There were no oppositions or abstentions.

The bill was favorably recommended to the senate.

Senator Taylor moved to pass the gavel back to Senator Supple.

Senator Supple accepted.

b. Senator Reports

Senator Taylor said he has a meeting for the committee on DCE on Monday. He just finished up a resolution for election days off of school to go to NSHE. He had a meeting with President Hall to go over that resolution, and she will discuss it with the

NSA council to get their backing so they can report that to NSHE.

Senator Kidd said she has been planning meetings with Dr. Shannon Ellis and Director Turk to go over the grade change policy that she is working on with Senator Stoddard. She is also getting senators together to work on a resolution to bring a Kaepernick statue to campus.

Senator Stoddard said he is waiting on a response from President Hall on an update on the funds for the emergency fund to see if they could possibly get donations.

Senator Chantyanon said she has been working on legislation with Senator Kidd and Senator Harvey.

Senator Supple said she finished a piece of legislation on recognizing Jewish holidays as university recognized holidays. She also assigned all the interns to their senators and is working with Senator Cronan on a document for all senators to log their hours with interns. She also wrote the piece of legislation we talked about today.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Supple adjourned the meeting at 5:14 pm.