

**President's Cabinet**  
**Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session**  
**Minutes for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm**  
**Zoom Online Conference, email [president@asun.unr.edu](mailto:president@asun.unr.edu) for meeting details**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Hall called the President's Cabinet meeting to order on Thursday, October 22, at 6:01 pm. Presiding secretary, Yesenia Pelayo.

**2. ROLL CALL**

President Hall, Chief of Staff Bannoura, Directors Bajwa, Lanza, and Rangel were present.

Vice President Brown, Directors Guillen, Kwan, and Samuelson, 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**

President Hall said the new budget will be seen. She will be meeting with the assistant director of programming. She met with the Office of Financial Aid to authorize 19,000 dollars on the ASUN endowment fund for scholarships. She met with Dean Kupo to discuss assistance funds and suggested changing outdated requirements of emergency funds. She discussed pass fail grading and recognizing religious holidays. She wrote legislation for the Nevada Student Alliance. In terms of S/U grading, Chancellor Rose will meet with the reagent's chair but the reagents do not currently support S/U grading. ASUN has a booth for the Reno trick or treat and it will be socially distanced. Provost Carmen reached out about ASUN representatives on a student response committee.

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

There was no report to be heard.

**c. Chief of Staff, Demitri Bannoura**



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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).

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Chief of Staff Bannoura said he was working with the interns and did a deliberative dialogue training. He asked everyone to meet with their interns every week for about 30 minutes. He gave the interns a check in sheet to keep track of their meetings. He asked them to help the interns with their projects that they are working on and they should also be able to help them with their tasks. The ASUN polos have been shipped and they should be receiving them soon.

President Hall said she authorized an ASUN photoshoot.

**d. Director of Clubs and Organizations**

Director Lanza said he met with a commissioner to make documents better and have been looking at manuals and working with the budget. He opened up a position for a commissioner for the coalition of science and engineering. He has been assigned to Joe Crowley advisory board and will be attending the next meeting. His department has had club renewal feedback sessions. They are also hoping to move into campus labs soon as well as having training for that.

President Hall asked how many applications he would usually get a week for funding.

Director Lanza said it varies but around 10-20.

**e. Director of Event Programming**

There was no report to be heard.

**f. Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel**

Director Rangel said her department was working on last minute efforts for early voting and voter education. They are handing out t-shirts in front of the Joe as well as handing out voter guides and ballot guides. They will also have a list of different polling locations. She has been in contact with Every Voice Counts and they provided resources on how they can do student outreach. Her department has been working on town hall with CSUN and they are co-hosting this event.

**g. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Priya Bajwa**

Director Bajwa said her campaign has been pushed to November. Her department attended the NACA conference. They are pursuing a spoken word poetry slam and drag bingo for events they can do. She also went through executive review. She met with Senator Harvey to discuss ally statements in university syllabi.

**h. Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen**

Director Guillen has been fixing the SNIF page on the ASUN website. She has been in contact with people applying to the fund and meeting with environmental clubs on campus.

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

She thanked everyone for coming to the Instagram Live. She is working with Director Rodriguez, Dr. Ellis, Kerri Garcia, and Amy Koeckes to create an online COVID-19 FAQ sheet. She is also working on a year long project recognizing social holidays on campus. She will not allow banners to be displayed on campus unless there is noticeable effort for change. She reminded everyone to reach out to her before creating social media accounts on behalf of the association.

**j. Director of Campus Wellness, Parker Samuelson**

Director Samuelson said she has been working with President Hall on the emergency housing fund. She met with the counseling center and they have been hosting support groups, working with Every Student Every Story, creating a men of color group, and hosting resident hall support groups. The health center had another flu shot clinic. She spoke with the fitness center and they said they lent out 120,000 dollars worth of equipment. She has also been talking to multiple organizations for care packages for students in quarantine.

Director Rodriguez said residential life would need funding.

**k. Attorney General, Paige Flippin**

Attorney General Flippin said she has been to several meetings. She met with senate intern Carolina. She attended a service learning council subgroup committee meeting to develop a timeline for faculty nominations and mini grant proposals. She has been in contact with her intern but scheduling meetings has been difficult.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion of student concerns**

President Hall said many students have been reaching out to her about S/U grading. She said it will take a lot of student initiative and push. She said many people are concerned S/U grading will diminish the quality of a degree. Her plan is to get this on the December board of regents agenda. She said she started the petition as leverage to show that students need this.

Director Rangel asked how the S/U grading will diminish the quality of a degree.

President Hall said it doesn't look good to professional schools. She personally thinks that they can't keep having a traditional grading scale because they are not operating under traditional times.

Director Lanza asked if they had another solution.

President Hall said the only alternative is to appeal grades.

Chief of Staff Banoura asked if President Sandoval said anything about having some type of break in the semester.

President Hall said he would look into it. As far as she knows, there will be no break. She asked if anyone has heard of concerns for furlough.

Director Lanza said there has been some public comments at senate. He said there was an email sent out that said to contact who you work for to see what is happening.

President Hall said there are many opportunities of employment. She said if a student is furloughed there are many other positions to apply for. If they need emergency assistance or tuition, then they should guide them to the funds.

Director Lanza said there has been a lot of concerns about club sports. He has been telling them it is not up to them, it is up to the university. They have to follow

whatever guidelines were allowed for COVID.

Chief of Staff Bannoura said a student reached out to the lawyer on campus and hasn't heard back. He asked if the university still has that lawyer.

President Hall said she thought they still had that attorney. She saw the attorney last week so she isn't sure what is going on.

Director Rodriguez asked if the student could get in touch with her.

President Hall asked if there were any concerns about programming.

Director Rangel said she was wondering what was going on with programming. She had students ask what events were happening.

President Hall said she can't speak on next semester, but programming will start handing out baskets. She said there won't be traditional events but gifts. She doesn't have an update but will have one for Monday's meeting.

Intern Becker has had a lot of feedback for the use of proctorio. She asked if she was able to get student input.

President Hall said she can send that to her.

Director Lanza told everyone to tell the programming board if they need help or ideas they can help them. He thinks it would be a cool time to collaborate with clubs and programming to create something that is a guide to what clubs can do.

President Hall said that was a good idea. She also said it would be a good idea to have a full board meeting in person.

Director Rodriguez asked how many people will attend.

President Hall said nine people.

Chief of Staff Bannoura asked if they could still stream on Zoom so interns can attend.

Director Lanza said Senate Chambers can fit 12 people and two on waiting areas. He said it works pretty well.

#### **B. Discussion of Expectations from the President's Cabinet**

There were no expectations to be discussed.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Rodriguez said she just got an email about the facilities department submitting Great Basin Hall for a sustainability award and they got the award. They are giving out the award tomorrow. She said she thought Pack Pods were awesome. She said there will be no Campus Escort over wintermester. They are going to give rides to the airport for resident hall students.

President Hall asked if campus escort was closing.

Director Rodriguez said they are going to keep going through finals or at least through Thanksgiving.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.