

Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session

Minutes for Thursday, November 5th, 2020 at 5:30pm

Zoom Meeting: Email Joshua Luers at senatorluers@asun.unr.edu

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Luers called the committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness to order on Thursday, November 5, at 5:30 pm. Presiding Secretary, Yesenia Pelayo.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Luers, Chantiyanon, Keller, Kidd, Ramirez, Stoddard, and Torres were present.

Senator Nugent was tardy excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Intern Olivia Ngo said she was in the YDSA, and they're trying to get UNR to report on something called STARS which is the sustainability tracking assessment and rating system. It is a measure of sustainability efforts around college campuses including how much solar energy we use, how we conserve water, if we teach about sustainability, etc. There's a lot of different components to it, and there's a lot to report on. UNR has the membership to do it but, over the years, the burden has fallen on one person so not much progress has been made. In her last club meeting, they were thinking of creating a coalition of student organizations to help report for STARS. Maybe she could write a resolution to get more faculty involved in STARS so that there's backing on the staff side instead of just one person doing all the work. She doesn't know how long that will take, so they also talked about drafting a letter of support and then having some ASUN senators sign it to show to the provost because he is the one that appropriates the membership for STARS. It'd be nice to know if there's student interest behind the initiative. If she were to end up writing a resolution on STARS, she was thinking of also attaching the letter of support as an addendum. This week, she has been asking around to some senators and was wondering if any senators present today would be willing to sign a letter of support for STARS. If so, please let her know and she will leave her number and email if they have any questions.

Senator Torres asked Intern Olivia Ngo if she discussed this with Director Guillen as she's the director of sustainability.



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Intern Olivia Ngo said that Director Guillen came to a few club meetings and has been offering some guidance on this. She hasn't personally spoken with Director Guillen in a couple weeks, so she might reach out to her again to update her on their plans. Another one of the club members was in touch with her though, so she's at least a little bit in the loop.

Senator Luers said he would be interested in emailing Intern Olivia Ngo about the system. They could set up a meeting to talk about it more, so he could better understand what it is.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to be heard at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports at this time.

b. Liaison Updates

Senator Luers thanked Senator Keller for bringing in facilities to general senate. It was extremely informative about what goes on in this campus. He definitely sees a lot of things throughout campus that need to be fixed, but when they came in he realized how much they already have to do before they even get to those things.

Senator Keller thanked Senator Luers for his comment. She said she could give the committee Associate Director Baclawski's email if they have any questions for her. She was thinking that having Associate Director Baclawski presenting once a semester would be cool.

Senator Stoddard said he had a meeting last week with the Title IX coalition. They found an issue with the fact that there were only four total investigators for the entirety of the university. That's not only a concern of the students but a concern of the Title IX coalition as well. They would like to get more staff on board. He is trying to do research to see if they can make it student staff to increase student employment, but that might be a slippery slope within itself especially when it comes to Title IX.

Senator Kidd said since she is one of the liaisons for the Director of Wellness and one of the liaisons for the counseling center, she attended the student forum interview questionnaire for the candidates for the Clinical Director of the counseling center. After reviewing both candidates, she thinks the counseling center has a lot to look forward to.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

There were no reports at this time.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Luers adjourned the meeting at 5:39 pm.