

Committee on Academics and Student Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session

Minutes for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting: email Steffany Yang at SenatorYang@asun.unr.edu for more information

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Yang called the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs to order on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:00 am. Presiding secretary, Yesenia Pelayo.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Yang, Abrams, Casildo Rios, Harvey, Kidd, McElhoes, Stoddard, and Chantiyanon were present.

Senator Ahmed was absent excused.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Tanya Kelley told the committee she enjoyed working with them, and introduced herself for those who haven't worked with her. She explained what awards her department offers, the international research exchange, and other opportunities. She also explained some projects she was working on that she would like to continue. She said she had an annual report talking about funding to support research. She is working on a pipeline of research and to collaborate with anyone doing experiential education, a proposal to have NSURJ come under undergraduate research, working with UNLV's undergraduate research, trying to go for more grants for more funding, expanding partnerships, and developing a class proposal to get student ambassadors for undergraduate research.

Senator Harvey asked if Dr. Kelley could ask the senior editors for NSURJ if they can update the website, so she can contact them.

Dr. Kelley said she would pass that information along and to reach out if they need anything.

Senator Yang said she knew some students were interested in research experience with the National



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Senator Yang at senatoryang@asun.unr.edu.
Science Foundation.

Dr. Kelley said those are called REU's, and they will be doing a presentation on it soon.

4. MINUTES

- a) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 29th, 2020. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 29th, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
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Senator Harvey motioned to approve line items 4a-b through unanimous consent.
The minutes were approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senator Updates

a. Senator Abrams - Residence Hall Association, Nevada Career Studios

Senator Abrams said he was going to reach out to the Career Studio to collaborate on the College of CHS Career Fair.

b. Senator Ahmed - NSURJ, Faculty Senate

There was no report to be heard.

c. Senator Casildo-Rios - AVP Student Life Services, Academic Advising & Tutoring Centers

There was no report to be heard.

d. Senator Chantiyanon - Office of Admissions and Records, University Libraries

There was no report to be heard.

e. Senator Harvey - NSURJ, University Libraries

There was no report to be heard.

f. Senator Kidd - Office of Admissions and Records, VP of Student Services

Senator Kidd said she and Senator Stoddard finalized their legislation, and it will be presented next week.

g. Senator McElhoes - AVP Student Life Services, Academic Advising & Tutoring Centers

There was no report to be heard.

h. Senator Stoddard – Faculty Senate, Office of the Provost, Nevada Career Studios

Senator Stoddard reminded everyone about the career fair.

i. Senator Yang - VP of Student Services, Residence Hall Association

There was no report to be heard.

b. Legislation Tracker Update

Senator Yang said they have been working on academic policies and pass/fail.

6. NEW BUSINESS

S. R. 88 - A Resolution in Support of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading

Senator Chantiyanon motioned to approve S. R. 88 - A Resolution in Support of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading.

Senator Yang passed the gavel to Senator Stoddard.

Senator Yang presented the legislation. She said they wrote this resolution because it has been the top requested feedback from students. She mentioned President Hall's petition for pass/fail grading with over 2,000 signatures.

Senator Harvey asked if any of the authors had discussions with anyone in the provost office about how pass/fail grading deligitimized courses.

Senator Yang said she spoke to them about why students want this and spoke to other administrators and got their insight on why administration and faculty may be against it.

Senator Abrams asked if they can vote on this legislation if they are an author.

Senator Stoddard said yes.

Senator Harvey said yes, all the authors can vote except Senator Stoddard.

The body moved into a vote to approve S. R. 88 - A Resolution in Support of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading.

The motion passed.

Senator Stoddard passed the gavel to Senator Yang.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Yang adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am.