

Department of Legislative Affairs
Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Minutes for Tuesday, March 23, 2021
at 7:30 pm Zoom Online Conference: email
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Director Rangel called the Department of Legislative Affairs Meeting to order on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, at 7:32 p.m. via the Joe Crowley Student Union building and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretary Mackenzie Zappe.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Director Rangel, Assistant Director Oster, Projects Director Martinez, Policy Director Pike, Policy Analyst Clements, and Outreach Coordinator Callis.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. ASUN Legislative Affairs Intern, Carlos Lara

- Legislative Affairs Intern Lara provided a brief presentation in support of NV SB108, which would require active police officers to participate in cultural competency trainings.

4. MINUTES

- **Motion from Policy Analyst Clements:** Motion to approve the minutes from February 9th, 2021.
Seconded by: Policy Director Pike
- **Question from Director Rangel:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

5. REPORTS

a. Report of the Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel

- Director Rangel reported on her work with ASUN senators in writing a resolution in support of the Student Loan Borrowers' Bill of Rights and stated that the resolution was tabled for the upcoming senate meeting. She also reported on her work alongside senators in drafting a resolution in support of AB262, which concerned DACA and international students' ability to obtain grants for post-primary education in Nevada. She commented on her work for next year's budget and noted meetings she planned to attend regarding such before the next department meeting.

b. Report of the Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, Beau Oster

- Assistant Director Oster reported on updates surrounding the internship program, notably concerning final presentation projects. He stated his intention to host an intern social event as the program winds to a close. Beyond that, Assistant Director Oster commended the interns on their work for the Students-Legislators Conference event.



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c. Report of the Projects Director, Ashley Martinez

- Projects Director Martinez reported on her upcoming meetings with Nevada Legislature officials as well as her work for the How To Be a Lobbyist teach-in.

d. Report of the Policy Director, Abbey Pike

- Policy Director Pike reported on her meeting with Faith in Action and discussed their work lobbying the Nevada legislature. Additionally, she commented on her work navigating new legislation proposed during the current session.

e. Report of the Policy Analyst, Samantha Clements

- Policy Analyst Clements reported on drafts of her policy briefs for two bills in the current legislative session. She reported that the two bills are still in committee, and that she plans on writing a policy brief for a third bill regarding non-English speaking students.

f. Report of the Outreach Coordinator, Avrey Callis

- Outreach Coordinator Callis reported on her work alongside Inkblot Promotions in marketing upcoming events. She also announced that stickers for the department arrived at the office.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. How To Be a Lobbyist Teach-In

- The department reviewed and discussed a Prezi presentation from Projects Director Martinez made in preparation for the How To Be a Lobbyist teach-in. At the end of the discussion, Director Rangel directed Projects Director Martinez to post the presentation on Pack Life following the teach-in.
- **Motion from Outreach Coordinator Callis:** Motion to approve the budget proposal for How To Be a Lobbyist.
Seconded by: Policy Analyst Clements
- Director Rangel introduced and outlined the budget proposal for the How To Be a Lobbyist teach-in, which totaled \$220.00. The department discussed event prizes; they decided on rewarding a gift card to the first-place winner and a Hydro Flash or a gift card to the second-place winner.
- **Vote:** 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Events for April

- Director Rangel reminded the department that current members are still responsible for holding events even as ASUN hires a new department. With that in mind, she discussed the prospect of holding Action Day and Policy Day events during April. She

also expressed support of Legislative Affairs Intern Lara's idea to reach out to local high school and educate students about legislative affairs.

- Outreach Coordinator Callis proposed holding a politically themed movie night on the Quad Lawn. Director Rangel expressed support of the event and encouraged her to reach out to the Department of Event Programming to flesh out a proposal.
- Director Rangel concluded the discussion by confirming her intentions of planning Action Day and Policy Day events and directed Outreach Coordinator Callis to pursue her event proposal as well.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. ASUN Legislative Affairs Intern, Carlos Lara

- Legislative Affairs Intern Lara gave a quick debrief of the Students-Legislators Conference event and thanked department members for making the event enjoyable.

b. Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, Beau Oster

- Assistant Director Oster gave a quick debrief of the same event and discussed areas in which the department could have been better prepared, especially considering the online format.

c. Outreach Coordinator, Avery Clements

- Outreach Coordinator Clements encouraged fellow department members to get the COVID-19 vaccination if they have not received it already.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Director Rangel adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. via the Joe Crowley Student Union building and via Zoom Conference Call.