

President's Cabinet

Executive Board of the Associated Students 88th Session
Minutes for Monday, March 22nd, 2021 at 4:00pm
Zoom Conference Call

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Hall called the President's Cabinet meeting to order on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 4:02pm via Zoom conference call. Presiding Secretary, Bre Czerlanis.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: President Hall, Vice President Brown, Chief of Staff Bannoura, Director Lanza, Director Okui, Director Rangel, Director Bajwa, Director Guillen, Director Samuelson, Attorney General Flippin

Absent Excused: Director Kwan

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

a. There was no public comment at the time.

4. **MINUTES**

a. There were no minutes to be approved at the time.

5. **REPORTS**

a. **Report of the Vice President, Austin Brown**

- VP Brown reported on his work with the Pack Internship Grant Program during the prior week and stated that he would meet with representatives from the program during the following week. He also discussed recent work to bring recognition to executive interns. Next, he asked for the Cabinet's feedback regarding a proposal from Nevada Athletics. He stated that Athletics had proposed moving the student section in stadiums to the visiting sideline on the opposite side of its current location. He clarified that the change was intended to engage more students with UNR Athletics by "unveiling a new student section." He added that the new location could accommodate five thousand students whereas the current student section could only seat three thousand. Director Samuelson and President Hall expressed approval for the plan and VP Brown clarified that the proposal assumed an ideal situation in which the University could resume in-person operations.

b. **Report of the Chief of Staff, Demetri Bennoura**

- Chief of Staff Bennoura announced that he had sent a "save the date" email to ASUN officers regarding the ASUN banquet and awards. He stated that the banquet was scheduled for Caprio 8 at 4pm, and that it would likely take place over Zoom. He discussed the possibility of holding the event in person but explained that this change was unlikely. Lastly, he stated that awards and award recipient lists from each Cabinet member had to be submitted to him by April 2.

c. **Report of the Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza**



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- Director Lanza discussed his recent attendance at a PackLife technical training and announced that UNR clubs would be admitted to the PackLife site on April 1. He also mentioned that he had requested that his department create a legacy binder with him to assist incoming ASUN officers. He touched on his recent meeting regarding UNR intramural sports and announced that his department may pass a budget to fund maintenance on the John Sala intramural fields during their next weekly meeting. Lastly, he mentioned that he was holding discussions with his department with the goal of funding more resources and items for UNR clubs.
- d. Report of the Director of Programming, Tara Okui**
- Director Okui discussed her work to assemble transition materials on behalf of her department. She announced that she was creating a new event proposal format that would include more details and imitate a report format rather than a budget format. She stated that she would upload this template toBox upon completion. She mentioned that she was seeking volunteers to attend the upcoming Paint the N event and that her department would host several events during the following week. She added that she was exploring the logistics of holding in-person events in the near future.
- e. Report of the Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel**
- Director Rangel discussed her recent presentation to TRiO students on campus, where she taught lobbying strategies. She also mentioned her attendance at the Student Legislator Conference during the prior week, wherein she and other participants received feedback from Nevada legislators. She added that she had been advocating for the passage of ASUN's student loan borrowers bill through the Nevada Legislature, and that she was collaborating with two ASUN senators to pass a resolution to this effect. She confirmed with the Cabinet that ASUN's logo could be added to an official list of supporters for this bill. Lastly, she stated that she would collaborate with Michael Flores to host a "How to Lobby" event for UNR students.
- f. Report of the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Priya Bajwa**
- Director Bajwa announced that she was recovering from a recent surgery and currently answering missed emails. She announced that her department would be holding a Proud to Have a Disability with Nevada town hall event over Zoom on Friday, March 26. She continued that her department would also put on a similar event called the Proud to Be API town hall, and she detailed the department's upcoming tabling event for Women's History Month.
- g. Report of the Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen**
- Director Guillen announced that the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund selection committee had chosen two grant recipients during the prior week. She announced that Kappa Alpha Theta would receive funds to implement compost in their sorority house and that the UNR Gardening Club would receive funds to renovate a plot of land and later produce crops for Pack Provisions. She also discussed her work with the Regional Transportation Commission to promote future student use of EDPASS, and mentioned her outreach to promote student awareness of the free service. She clarified that the Regional Transportation Commission was working to extend their EDPASS grant and that its expiration date had not been decided.
- h. Report of the Director of Wellness, Parker Samuelson**
- Director Samuelson reviewed her recent meeting with those who wished to apply for positions in the department for the following session. She discussed her work to assemble transition documents and announced that her department had a piece of legislation that would be reviewed by a Senate committee during the coming week. She added that she sat on the NSHE Covid Mental health Task Force each weekend. Lastly,

she mentioned that a search committee would begin looking for the next Clinical Director of the UNR Counseling Center.

i. Report of the Attorney General, Paige Flippin

- AG Flippin touched on two opinions that she had published earlier in March and stated that they were viewable on ASUN's website. She reported that she had been monitoring the ASUN website to notify those who had posted agendas past the appropriate time, per Nevada Open Meeting Law. Lastly, she mentioned that she had been holding regular meetings with her intern.

j. Report of the President, Dominique Hall

- President Hall reported that she had met with President Sandoval and Dr. Shannon Ellis regarding UNR's graduation plans. She also stated that she had met with the University Leadership Team regarding the same issue, and that the participants focused on covid safety and vaccination concerns at graduation. Lastly, she discussed the awards that would be given out to ASUN officers and detailed the selection process for the award recipients.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Student Concerns

- There were no comments from the body regarding recent student concerns. President Hall discussed the Covid vaccine that had recently been approved, as well as student concerns that UNLV would hold an in-person graduation while UNR would not.

b. Discussion of "Graduation" Events

- President Hall stated that the Cabinet would not discuss item 6b at the time.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Dr. Sandra Rodriguez

- Director Rodriguez discussed the logistics of having the ASUN Chief of Staff handle the distribution of ASUN stoles to graduating officers. She suggested that the Senate Secretary or Legislative Clerk be given this responsibility, as they already received all necessary communication to carry out this duty. Director Lanza clarified that interns would not receive stoles per the recent legislation, and President Hall stated that the legislation would not go into effect until it was sent to her. Director Rodriguez also reminded the Cabinet that any in-person plans for the ASUN banquet were subject to the approval of the Student Events Advisory Board.

b. Vice President Brown

- VP Brown announced that there would be an information session for UNR students interested in ASUN positions. He stated that the session would take place on Zoom on that day at 5pm and that the directors' attendance and participation would be appreciated. He added that a similar session would be held during the following week.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm via Zoom.