

President's Cabinet

Minutes for Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ASUN President's Conference Room, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom
Conference Call: Email President Brown at president@asun.unr.edu

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Brown called the President's Cabinet meeting to order on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021, at 6:08 p.m. via the ASUN President's Conference Room, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretary, Jack McCullough.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Brown, Vice President Murphy, Chief of Staff Samuelson, Chief Justice Stanfill, Attorney General Sarsangi and Directors Britt, Guillen, Lim, Marimberga, Okui, and Resnik.

Absent Excused: Speaker Schein and Director Matovina.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Center for Student Engagement Coordinator, Becca Franssen**
 - Coordinator Franssen introduced herself and offered her services to the Cabinet.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes approved at the time.

5. REPORTS

A. Report of the President, Austin Brown

- President Brown reported on his meeting with recently appointed Dean Cartwell. He also thanked Director Lim for his work lobbying against the mandatory student health insurance proposal and stated that ASUN will continue to conduct vaccine clinics in the coming weeks. He outlined plans for one-on-one meetings between himself and Cabinet members before stating that he would be travelling to Las Vegas for the upcoming Board of Regents meeting. Additionally, President Brown asked the Cabinet for questions to ask the Chancellor at an upcoming student leadership meeting. He concluded his report by reminding members of the Cabinet's meeting agendizing period; he also encouraged those who do not have access to the ASUN website to reach out to him following the meeting.

B. Report of the Vice President, Keegan Murphy

- Vice President Murphy reported on his role in planning Homecoming events. He shared details about his meetings with a variety of officials, including UNR President Brian Sandoval. He discussed his upcoming plans before concluding his report.

C. Report of the Chief of Staff, Parker Samuelson

- Chief of Staff Samuelson reviewed updates regarding the internship program, including changes to the interview process. She fielded questions about the program before concluding her report.



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D. Report of the Director of Programming, Tara Okui

- Director Okui overviewed the upcoming Homecoming Week events. She discussed her department's progress planning events beyond Homecoming Week and appealed to the Cabinet for their involvement as she releases more information.

E. Report of the Director of Clubs and Orgs, Nicolas Marimberga

- Director Marimberga reported on last minute planning for iLead. He asked the Cabinet for their help at the event. He discussed the hire of the new commissioner as well as recent club funding hearings. President Brown then asked Director Marimberga about various aspects of his department's current state, which he categorized as highly active.

F. Report of the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Kaeli Britt

- Director Britt reported on a variety of updates, which included upcoming meetings with President Brown and other Cabinet members. She stated her intent to meet with her fellow department members and establish a weekly meeting time. At the request of Vice President Murphy, Director Britt outlined upcoming events sponsored by the Department and discussed the vacant commissioner position.

G. Report of the Director of Legislative Affairs, Robert Resnik

- Director Resnik reported on the Department's upcoming tabling events, which included a National Voter Registration Day event and Coffee with Counselors. He outlined several recent meetings with ASUN and non-ASUN related officials.

H. Report of the Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen

- Director Guillen reported on progress surrounding the EdPass initiative. She also delivered updates surrounding promotion for Pack Midtown and for the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund.

I. Report of the Director of Campus Wellness, Jiego Lim

- Director Lim reported on several meetings with officials regarding upcoming events and other wellness-related initiatives. These included Vax the Pack and Out or Not You Are Loved, among others. He briefly reported on his upcoming meetings before concluding his report.

J. Report of the Director of Campus and Public Relations, Michala Matovina

- President Brown delivered a written statement from Director Matovina that reported on her activity surrounding the association's social media page. The report also discussed meetings with ASUN members, both past and future.

K. Report of the Attorney General, Nour Sarsangi

- President Brown delivered a written statement from Attorney General Sarsangi that shared a recent interaction with a prospective Director of Elections applicant. The report also shared her promise to bring SAS amendment proposal ideas to the Cabinet in a future meeting.

L. Report of the Speaker, Jake Schein

- Speaker Schein was not present to deliver a report at the time.

M. Report of the Chief Justice, Dionne Stanfill

- Chief Justice Stanfill reported on the Council's first in-person meeting during the semester. She discussed various changes they conducted as well as the Council's prospects for the near future. Chief Justice Stanfill then fielded question from President Brown.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at the time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Women of Color Collective – Budget Proposal

- Director Britt introduced and outlined the budget proposal for the Women of Color retreat. The proposal totaled \$7,200, \$5,000 of which the Department of Diversity and Inclusion covered through their discretionary spending budget.
- **Question from Director Guillen:** Asked if this event will mark the organization's first retreat. Director Guillen also inquired about the Department's budget.
- **Response from Director Britt:** Stated that the organization had held virtual events during the pandemic. Additionally, she shared that her department's budget was \$24,000.
- **Question from Chief Justice Stanfill:** Asked if Director Britt would be willing to partner with other departments to cover the remaining \$2,200 cost for the retreat.
- **Response from Director Britt:** Stated that the department was not able to find co-sponsors for the event at the time.
- **Question from Chief of Staff Samuelson:** Asked how many students are expected to attend the retreat.
- **Response from Director Britt:** Stated that around 30 to 35 students are expected to attend.
- **Question from Director Lim:** Asked how the retreat will be marketed to students and what criteria the Department will follow in choosing the students to send to the retreat.
- **Response from Director Britt:** Stated that the event will not be exclusive and that whoever wants to participate will likely be able to attend the retreat.
- **Question from Vice President Murphy:** Asked how the \$1,000 "Miscellaneous" section in the proposal will be utilized, and how the \$5,000 currently allocated is justified in the context of the department's overall budget of \$24,000.
- Response from Director Britt: Stated that there was no proper justification, though the budget for the department may be higher than \$24,000 and thus not as vulnerable to such costs.

- **Question from Director Guillen:** Asked if Director Britt plans on making the event a yearly tradition and if the entire association should contribute more to planning it.
 - **Response from Director Britt:** Stated yes on both fronts.
- **Question from Vice President Murphy:** Asked if there was any way for the university to host the event, thereby slashing any transportation costs.
 - **Response from Director Britt:** Stated that she would be in favor of hosting the event on campus.
- **Question from Chief of Staff Samuelson:** Asked if the association should send additional representatives to the retreat.
 - **Response from Director Britt:** Stated that they should, though she herself plans on being in attendance.
- **Comment from Director Lim:** Stated that they should have co-sponsors in future iterations of the retreat due to the significant cost of the event.
- **Comment from Vice President Murphy:** Stated his support of the retreat and encouraged Director Britt to organize the proposal to be more sustainable and act as a template for future iterations of the event.
- **Comment from Director Guillen:** Stated her support of the department funding the event and shared ideas about obtaining co-sponsors in the future.
- No action was taken on the budget proposal at the time.

B. Agendizing Training

- Aaron Araro delivered a presentation demonstrating how to navigate the ASUN website and upload files, including meeting agendas and so on.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Center for Student Engagement Director, Sandra Rodriguez**
 - Director Rodriguez reported that the State Treasury Office would be meeting with the association soon to discuss their budget and revenues. She also discussed various points of data regarding student vaccination rates and disability accessibility. Director Rodriguez then outlined several upcoming events and meetings for Cabinet members to attend before briefly discussing concerns regarding campus escort.

9. REMARKS

There were no remarks delivered at the time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. via the ASUN President's Conference Room, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.