

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Senate of the Associated Students 89th Session

Minutes for Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 at 9:00a.m

Zoom Meeting Email Senator Cynthia Beltran at senatorbeltran@asun.unr.edu for more information

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Beltran called the Committee of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion meeting to order on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021, at 9: 00a.m via Zoom

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Senator Beltran, Senator Bowling, Senator Jojan, Senator Ngo, Senator Noble, Senator Rountree, Senator Roe

Absent Excused: Senator Ribeiro, Senator Wise

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments

4. **MINUTES**

No minutes were approved at this time

5. **Old Business**

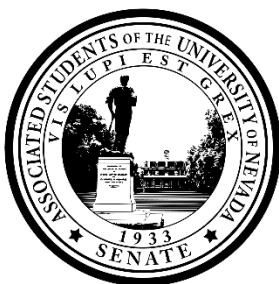
a. **Committee Legislation**

- Senator Beltran asked if any senators had new legislation to discuss.
- Senator Jojan stated that him and Senator Noble had been working on legislation to recommend UNR PD have an Equity coordinator.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Committee Outreach**

- Senator Beltran stated the committee should outreach to the counselling services.
- Senator Roe asked the committee if ASUN or the university had anything planned for National Coming out day. Senator Ngo answered that she had not heard anything about it.
- Senator Beltran stated that October would be National ADD/ADHD Awareness month and the committee could do something for it.
- Senator Roe stated that they had been working on legislation to give students on day off a month without questions. Senator Roe mentioned it would be beneficial for students to have a day off.
- Senator Bowling stated that as a senator she wanted to have a communicator between students and teachers so when the student needs time off they don't have to contact all their professors.
- Senator Roe mentioned some students having deaths in the family and having to give proof to the professors or the professors being rude about it.
- Senator Noble mentioned to look out for his Indigenous NAGRA compliance legislation.



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b. Senator Reports

- Senator Ngo stated Senator Rountree, Senator Bowling and herself are working of safe zones for LGBTQ+. They have been during research on how other universities incorporate safe zones. The senators were going sending out surveys for students and their experiences with safe zones.
- Senator Bowling stated there will be a meeting with Diversity and Inclusion department to discuss stickers, masks, and sensitivity training for faculty.
- Senator Roe stated Senator Fitzpatrick, Senator Kidd and herself were doing a legislation to add pronouns on canvas and name tags for employees and students.
- Senator Rountree mentioned a meeting with Director of Admissions and records Heather Terf in which Director Terf mentioned working on adding pronouns to name tags.
- Senator Beltran stated she was going to ask Director Brit to come in weekly or bi-weekly to share information. Senator also asked if the committee would like to meet weekly or stay bi-weekly.
- Senator Ngo stated she was in favor of the weekly meetings because of legislation backlog, it would also help represent the students.
- Senator Noble stated he agreed with Senator Ngo.
- Senator Roe mentioned encouraging students who feel strongly about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to come and talk to the committee about issues they see.
- Senator Bowling stated they should invite Director Kaeli Brit to meeting for discussion
- Senator Ngo mentioned inviting the people part of Directors meeting to ask if they felt comfortable and know their story.
- Senator Bowling stated that some constituents have mentioned to him some issues they committee should hear
- Senator Beltran mentioned creating a social media page to have links to their resources, adding a link to a google form to add an anonymous public comment.
- Senator Roe, Ngo and Jojan also agreed with the adding some way people can anonymously add public comment.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Beltran adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m. via Zoom.