

# President's Cabinet

Executive Board of the Associated Students 89th Session  
Minutes for Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 at 6:00pm  
ASUN Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union  
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## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Brown called the President's Cabinet meeting to order on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021, at 6:10pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Wyatt Layland.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** President Brown, Vice President Murphy, Chief of Staff Samuelson, Director Okui, Director Britt, Director Guillen, Director Lim, Attorney General Sarsangi

**Absent Excused:** Director Resnik, Director Matovina

**Tardy Excused:** Director Marimberga, Chief Justice Stanfill

A quorum was present.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

## **4. MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved at the time.

## **5. REPORTS**

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

- President Brown reported several meetings that he had attended during the prior week. He discussed his attendance at the Provost Search Open Forum and encouraged the attendance of other ASUN Executive Departments. He listed the times and locations at which the three provost candidates would be hosting forums, during the next two weeks. He also reminded the Cabinet members to schedule one on one meetings with him and VP Murphy on December 6th. President Brown announced that Regent Carvalho and Revent Del Carlo had been elected as the interim Chair and Vice Chair of the Nevada Board of Regents, respectively. He also discussed his recent meetings with VP Murphy and Director Resnik in his efforts to add a student member to the Nevada Board of Regents. Lastly, he discussed several meetings he had scheduled for the coming week, including a meeting with Director of Advancement Bill Johnson to discuss plans for Pack Plaza, funding for the Nevada Brushfire, and donor relations.

### **b. Report of the Vice President, Keegan Murphy**

- Vice President Murphy announced that he had recently met with Nevada Athletics to discuss various initiatives, and he also announced that the Veteran's Day parade on the prior weekend had had over 20 ASUN officers representing UNR. He discussed his attendance at a meeting of the Special Committee on Residential Life, held by the ASUN Senate, wherein the members decided to move forward with reaching out to Park Place property and UNR administration. He also detailed the proceedings of the



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recent Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee meeting and the Joe Crowley Student Union Retail Committee. He announced that application periods for the Pack Internship Grant Program had been extended for fourteen positions and that a Nevada bound Event would be held on the following Friday, November 19th. He listed several meetings that he had scheduled for the following week, including a conversation with UNR administration and Nevada Athletics regarding the proposed field house project.

**c. Report of the Chief of Staff, Parker Samuelson**

- Chief of Staff Samuelson discussed her work to prepare for the winter ASUN retreat, the ASUN End of Year Banquet, and the John Mackay Endowment Fund Gala. She added that she had been compiling an educational Canvas module for the retreat and that her department's interns were forming an initiative to keep the Knowledge Center open for 24 hours during final exams. She announced that she was deciding on a meeting time for the President's Cabinet during the coming semester, and that she was in the process of ordering ASUN-branded attire for interested officers.

**d. Report of the Director of Programming, Tara Okui**

- Director Okui announced that her department had attended the national Association for Campus Activities Conference in Spokane, Washington during the prior week. She continued that her department was currently in the process of planning Welcome Back Week events, Friends and Family Weekend, and the spring concert and listed tentative dates for each. She reported that the Programming interns were planning events for Mackay Week in February 2022, and she also reminded the Cabinet how best to utilize their liaisons when planning events. Lastly, she mentioned that she and Director Lim would be attending the JCSU Advisory Board meeting on the following day and that the next event from the Programming Department would be the Howl Harvest on November 22nd.

**e. Report of the Director of Clubs and Orgs, Nicholas Marimberga**

- Director Marimberga discussed his department's most recent meeting, wherein members discussed the logistics of hosting a Spring Club Fair. He listed tentative dates for the Club Fair, as well as the possibility of raffling free basketball tickets to attendees. He reported that he had been assembling materials to train new commissioners in his department, and that he had also created educational materials for the upcoming ASUN retreat. He added that the funding hearing for the prior week had been canceled, and that he had twenty-three funding application hearings scheduled for the next meeting. Lastly, he announced that PackLife had 285 active organizations, thirty frozen organizations, 5160 involved users, and 300 upcoming events in the next thirty days.

**f. Report of the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Kaeli Britt**

- Director Britt announced that she had attended the Veterans' Day Parade on the prior weekend, and recounted her attendance of the student interview forums to search for the UNR Multicultural Center's new Latinx coordinator. She also discussed her recent meeting with her intern, as well as her department's recent meeting regarding their plans for the upcoming Proud to Be Indigenous Town Hall event on December 3. She also mentioned the department's plans for Diversity Week events and their recent outreach to multicultural clubs on campus. She announced a tabling event for International Day for Persons with Disabilities in December. Director Britt announced that she had attended Hug High School to speak to students about her experiences as a first generation college student, and she mentioned a meeting with the Multicultural Center regarding a possible API Market Event in the spring. Lastly, she announced that Commissioner Harris would be meeting with the DEI Senate committee and giving a presentation for ASUN's executive interns.

**g. Report of the Director of Legislative Affairs, Robert Resnik**

- President Brown read Director Resnik's report into the record. Director Resnik's report stated that he had worked with Residential Life on addressing the issues of students living off campus at Park Place apartments. The report also mentioned Director Resnik's attendance at the Veterans' Parade and his speech at the recent Veterans' Luncheon.

**h. Report of the Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen**

- Director Guillen discussed her work with the Co-Directors of Elections and with Assistant Director of CSE, Becca Franssen, to revise ballot questions to renew EdPass. She stated that the ballot questions would be sent to Legal Services shortly. She added that the department had been attending listening sessions and submitting forms to ensure that sustainability is integrated into the UNR President's new strategic plan. She announced that the department had presented at a recent conference for the National Association of Student Councils. Lastly, she spoke about the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund, a grant given to any group of people pursuing a project in sustainability. She added that each selected group would be given about ten thousand dollars. President Brown asked if this fund was being promoted to students and Director Guillen answered that marketing materials were currently in the works.

**i. Report of the Director of Campus Wellness, Jiego Lim**

- Director Lim discussed his meeting with Health Plan of Nevada to finalize plans for their first Pack Protected event, which would help connect students with health insurance plans. He also detailed his recent meeting with the Pre Health Education Programs to discuss future collaborations with his department, including an initiative to vaccinate students against Covid in the Student Health Center. He recounted his work with Counseling Services to collaborate on events and marketing for Men's Mental Health Awareness Month. Director Lim announced that he would be the keynote speaker for the Elect All the People event on the following Saturday, November 20. He mentioned that he had contributed to a Senate resolution supporting the Expansion of LGBTQIA+ safe zones on campus, which would be debated by the Senate in the coming weeks. He also discussed his recent meetings with the representative from the Student Outreach Clinic to discuss the logistics of building a new clinic to expand medical research for students. Lastly, he announced that on campus Covid cases had decreased from previous weeks.

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

- Director Matovina's intern read her report into the record. The report stated that Director Matovina had met with her intern and several senators to address the issues surrounding off campus housing. The report also mentioned Director Matovina's recent meeting with Amy Koekes regarding updating the ASUN website, as well as her upcoming meeting with Director Guillen to discuss a press release and Sagebrush coverage of EdPass. Lastly, the report reminded Cabinet members to submit any announcements to be published in ASUN's monthly newsletter by that night, November 16.

**k. Report of the Attorney General, Nour Sarsangi**

- Attorney General Sarsangi reported that she had given a presentation to ASUN executive interns and that she would be presenting to judicial interns on the following day. She also mentioned her upcoming meetings with the Co-Director of Elections to discuss the Elect All the People event on November 20, as well as their lines for the upcoming election. Lastly, she reported that she had sat on the Regents' Undergraduate Scholar Award Committee to select award recipients.

**l. Report of the Chief Justice, Dionne Stanfill**

- Chief Justice Stanfill detailed her recent meeting with the UNR Title IX Coordinator to research the services available to undocumented, international, and DACA students. She also discussed her recent meeting with UNR Legal Services and her plans to market their services to students via the Department of Campus and Public Relations. Chief Justice Stanfill announced that her interns would be invited on an upcoming tour of the Second Judicial District Court, and that the interns would also be helping to revise the SAS before presenting these revisions to the Committee on Government Operations. She discussed her work creating a ballot question that would reduce the credit requirement for Associate Justices from sixty to thirty. Lastly, she mentioned her recent application to sit on the Advisory Board of the College of Liberal Arts and her work with Chief James on a UNRPD Coalition.

## 6. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to be discussed at the time.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. **NevadaCARES Direct Services Project - *Daniel Fred and Adrienne Renwick***

- **Presentation:** Daniel Fred of Nevada CARES explained that his organization had a main focus on the prevention of interpersonal and domestic violence, and that they had been given a grant in 2015. He continued that he expected the program to receive another grant the following October, which would be used to provide direct services to students. He specified that Nevada CARES planned to use the new grant to create space for students with relationship issues, especially for those who need to report sexual misconduct or domestic violence, or stalking. He explained that care navigators would be employed to help victims navigate the reporting processes both on and off campus. Mr. Fred added that the care navigator role was similar to that of a similar to victim advocate but not in police services. He introduced Adrienne Renwick, a licensed professional counselor and licensed alcohol and drug counselor who would be heading the clinical operations of the new project. He explained that Nevada CARES was collaborating with various mental health services, the UNR Title IX Office, and the Counseling Center, and that their goal was to increase communication and collaboration between these entities. Lots of gaps in services and miscommunication between them. He also mentioned creating holistic healing activities for students, such as art therapy, and announced that he would be creating a survey to gauge which services students needed most. He requested feedback from the Cabinet and invited ASUN involvement in the project. He stated that his organization wished to launch the program in January 2022.
- **Discussion:** Vice President Murphy suggested that Nevada CARES collaborate with UNR clubs to enhance their holistic healing programs, and he pointed out that UNR Police services also hold self defense classes. President Brown suggested that the program be based in the first floor of the Continuing Education Building and VP Murphy suggested the Fitzgerald Student Services Building due to its proximity to the offices of Police Services. Chief of Staff Samuelson asked how the accompaniment of the Title IX Office was compatible with newly updated laws, and Mr. Fred answered that a recent NRS ruling stated that the care navigator position could be kept confidential between employees and their clients. He added that care navigators may recount stories on a client's behalf. Director Lim emphasized the importance of advertising the program to students and suggested that UNR club leaders be invited to facilitate workshops for students as a method of advertising the new project. Mr. Fred added that trainings and workshops would be put on in collaborations with UNR

programs and offices, as well. He explained that he wished to also promote awareness for UNR administration, such as how to recognize and report substance abuse in students. Director Guillen offered assistance with student outreach on behalf of ASUN. Mr. Fred announced that the most efficient way to reach Nevada CARES would be via Instagram, but that the organization would soon be integrated into the University's main website, as well.

**b. First Aid Kits Discussion - *Dr. Sandy Rodriguez***

- Dr. Rodriguez asked the Cabinet members if their departments utilized first aid kits and emphasized the importance of providing these kits to UNR sports clubs now that the student body was resuming normal operations following the pandemic. VP Murphy stated that ten first aid kits had been purchased by ASUN to loan out to club sports. Dr. Rodriguez added that first aid kits should be present at events put on by the Department of Programming, as well.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**a. President Austin Brown on Behalf of the Speaker of the Senate, Jake Schein**

- President Brown read Speaker Schein's report into the record. The report stated that the ASUN senate would hold a relatively long meeting that week. It continued that there would be two presentations: one from Vice President Redding and Associate Vice President Norman regarding "general updates and Board of Regents Events," and the second from Director Cox of the JCSU regarding student services at the Joe. The report also detailed three pieces of legislation that were currently on the table, the new rules of conduct for Senators during their meetings, and Speaker Schein's efforts to publish officer reports on the ASUN website.

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

- Dr. Rodriguez gave her opinions on the Cabinet's ongoing sustainability efforts. She cited recent work by the United Nations, wherein Indigenous communities were given funding to educate non-Native people on their sustainability efforts. She continued that the ASUN Department of Sustainability could emulate this idea by collaborating with DEI departments at UNR. She suggested various organizations that may be eligible to apply for funding from the Sustainable Nevada Initiative. Director Guillen commented that each SNF applicant could be provided with as much money as ASUN decided. Dr. Rodriguez also discussed her recent meeting with the Associate Dean of CABNR to provide ground beef to community members experiencing food insecurity. She explained that this was possible through collaborations with University farms and Pack Provisions. She also explained that there was one social worker employed at CSE who would assist with student advocacy, and that there may be a new CSE employee in the future who would assist students in applying for the SNAP program.

**9. REMARKS**

**a. President Brown**

- President Brown confirmed that Chief of Staff Samuelson, Director Guillen, Attorney General Sarsangi, and Chief Justice Stanfill had not yet had their mandatory meetings with the Senate Committee on Oversight.

**b. Director Lim**

- Director Lim requested that President Brown and VP Murphy inquire about the accommodations available to students who miss class due to Covid booster shot side effects at their upcoming meeting with President Sandoval.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union.