

89th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union &

Zoom Meeting: Email senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu for details

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Schein called the Senate of the Associated Students to order on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 at 5:34 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretary, Hope Cronan and Legislative Clerk, Breanna Czerlanis.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Speaker Schein and Senators Bowling, Fitzpatrick, Golish, Guevin, Howell, Jojan, Kidd, Luers, Ngo, Noble, Pilks, Ramirez, Ribeiro, Rountree, Rowe, Shamim, and Thompson.

Tardy Excused: Senators Nithyanandan and Wise.

Absent Excused: Senator Bergren.

Tardy Unexcused: Senator McNaught.

Absent Unexcused: Senator Pelayo.

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes approved at the time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. **UNR Hillel Group Representatives, Matthew Lacoff, Joanna Petersky, and Elizabeth Kaminsky**

- The group spoke about the individual who demonstrated outside of the Joe Crowley Student Union earlier that day. They described how the demonstrator harassed students by spewing racist, homophobic, transphobic, and anti-Semitic speech while also threatening and intimidating bystanders who belonged in any of the communities he was targeting. The group ultimately requested that the Senate take action to condemn the presence of this demonstrator on-campus and implement measures to prevent disruptive speakers from being tolerated on-campus.
- Speaker Schein remarked that the disruptive speakers were likely “lawsuit hunting” by expressing hate speech in a public setting and attempting to instigate their forced withdrawal from campus grounds or worse (e.g., starting a fight with students). The Senate spoke at length about the topic; many Senators spoke out in support of writing legislation to prevent disruptive speakers on-campus.

Senator Nithyanandan entered the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

b. Co-Executive Director of the Every Voice Coalition, Lily James

- CED James spoke in support of S.R. 89 – A Resolution in Support of Updating Policy Regarding Campus Sexual Misconduct.

Senator Wise entered the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

c. ASUN Department of Legislative Affairs Project Director, Chris Lemke

- Projects Director Lemke spoke in support of S.R. 89 – A Resolution in Support of Updating Policy Regarding Campus Sexual Misconduct.

6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRALS

There were no receipts of petitions or correspondence at the time.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Austin Brown

- President Brown reported on: His attendance at the recent NSHE Regents Meeting; his final portrait photoshoot; meeting about Pack Plaza and Nevada Sagebrush fundraising; his work alongside Director Lim developing NevadaCARES

Senator Thompson left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Senators Luers and Ramirez left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

- Speaker Schein asked if President Brown had any plans to collaborate with UNR Vice President of Government Relations and Community Engagement Michael Flores. President Brown responded saying that Director Resnik and the Department of Legislative Affairs had already reached out to and were coordinating with VP Flores.

Senators Thompson and Ramirez entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Senator Luers entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Keegan Murphy

- Speaker Schein read Vice President Murphy's report into record.

c. Chief Justice, Dionne Stanfill

- Chief Justice Stanfill reported on: her work with her interns; her attendance at the Career Fair; updates on the NSHE in-state tuition legislation passed during the last ASUN Session; her meeting with UNR legal services; her planning alongside Director Lim on the upcoming Let's Get Physical event; and her planned legislation to lower the credit requirement for ASUN Associate Justices.

d. Chief of Staff, Parker Samuelson

- Chief of Staff Samuelson reported: on her attendance at several events and meetings; her planning of the upcoming fundraising gala and ASUN Winter Retreat; and more.

e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nick Marimberga

- Speaker Schein read Director Marimberga's report into record.
- f. **Director of Programming, Tara Okui**
 - Director Guillen read Director Okui's report into record.
- g. **Director of Legislative Affairs, Robert Resnik**
 - Director Resnik reported on: his work with the Special Committee on Residential Life; his attendance at the Veteran's Day parade; and various other meetings and engagements.
- h. **Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Kaeli Britt**
 - Speaker Schein read Director Britt's report into record.
- i. **Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen**
 - Director Guillen reported on progress with the EdPass ballot question. She also discussed the SNIF Grant and encouraged Senators to apply before concluding her report.
- j. **Director of Campus and Public Relations, Michala Matovina**
 - Director Matovina reported on her efforts alongside Speaker Schein to forge a more accessible method for editing the ASUN website.
- k. **Director of Campus Wellness, Jiego Lim**
 - Speaker Schein read Director Lim's report into record.
- l. **Attorney General, Nour Sarsangi**
 - Speaker Schein read Attorney General Sarsangi's report into record.
- m. **Senate Secretary, Hope Cronan**
 - Senate Secretary Cronan did not deliver a report at the time.
- n. **Legislative Clerk, Bre Czerlanis**
 - Legislative Clerk Czerlanis reported on the newly approved Constitution, which had since been uploaded to the ASUN website. She concluded her report by encouraging Senators to not leave the meeting and maintain quorum for Senate business.
- o. **Speaker of the Senate, Jakob Schein**
 - Speaker Schein reported on: his work alongside Director Matovina with regards to website editing accessibility; his collaboration with the Secretary's Office on legislative proposals; and his attendance at various meetings and engagements.
- 8. **REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**
 - a. **Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Senator Kidd**
 - Speaker Schein read Senator Kidd's report into record.
 - b. **Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Senator Ramirez**
 - Senator Ramirez reported on the past and upcoming Committee meetings. She stated that the Committee planned on conducting financial reviews for NSURJ, ASUN Elections, and the Wolfshop at the upcoming meeting.
 - c. **Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Senator Ngo**

- Senator Ngo reported on her Committee's review of the recent Veteran's Day luncheon event. She discussed liaison position developments and shared the time and date for the upcoming meeting.
- d. **Chair, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Senator Rowe**
 - Speaker Schein read Senator Rowe's report into record; the report partially addressed the JCSU disruptive speaker incident.
- e. **Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Senator Pelayo**
 - Senator Pelayo was not present to deliver a report at the time.
- f. **Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Senator Luers**
 - Senator Luers reported on his Committee's work regarding two pieces: The first concerned a change with the Wolfshop, and the other, proposed by Senator Shamim, advocated for Student Pods on-campus.
- g. **Chair, Special Committee on Off-Campus Student Housing, Emma Bergren**
 - Speaker Schein read Senator Bergren's report into record. The report acknowledged that they had not received a response from Park Place organizers since submitting the grievances memo.
- h. **Parliamentarian, Senator Guevin**
 - Senator Guevin stated that he began work on a new Parli Pro Cheat Sheet; he requested that Senators submit any motions or procedural rules they would like to see included on the sheet.
- i. **Speaker Pro Tempore, Senator Ribeiro**
 - Senator Ribeiro was not present to deliver a report at the time.
- j. **Chair, Committee on Oversight, Speaker Schein**
 - Speaker Schein reported on his Committee's recent and upcoming activities. He stated that members from the Department of Event Programming visited the Committee to deliver a presentation on their recent attendance at an out-of-town conference. He concluded his report by sharing the Committee's intention to conduct officer reports on the Chief Justice and Chief of Staff, as well as Senator reviews on Senators Shamim, Ngo, Bowling, Howell, and Nithyanandan.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **College of Liberal Arts Senator, Nathan Noble**
 - Senator Noble thanked the Senators who responded to his Senate campaigning form. He then fielded questions about the upcoming Coffee with Constituents event.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments for fast-tracking at the time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

There were no nominated considered at the time.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at the time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consent agenda at the time.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. **S.R. 89 – A Resolution in Support of Expanding LGBTQIA+ Safe Zones at the University of Nevada**
- b. **S.B. 89 - An Act to Amend the Legislative Clerk in the SAS**
- c. **S.B. 89 – An Act to Amend the Title of the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs Throughout the SAS**

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to fast-track S.B. 89 - An Act to Amend the Legislative Clerk in the SAS through unanimous consent.
- **Question from Speaker Schein:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Shamim:** Motion to fast-track S.B. 89 – An Act to Amend the Title of the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs Throughout the SAS through unanimous consent.
- **Question from Speaker Schein:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Senator McNaught left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- **Motion from Senator Ngo:** Motion to refer S.R. 89 – A Resolution in Support of Expanding LGBTQIA+ Safe Zones at the University of Nevada to the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through unanimous consent.
- **Question from Speaker Schein:** Asked if there was dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve S.B. 89 - An Act to Amend the Legislative Clerk in the SAS.
Seconded by: Senator Ngo.
- Speaker Schein moved to pass the gavel to Senator Guevin. Senator Guevin accepted.

- Speaker Schein delivered a brief presentation in support of the legislation, which updated the language in the SAS concerning the Legislative Clerk to reflect the job's current duties and expectations.

Senator McNaught entered the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

- Speaker Schein and Legislative Clerk Czerlanis clarified why the piece was fast-tracked and not referred to committee. Czerlanis testified that she authored the piece and submitted it before the Committee had a chance to invite them for a presentation; she and Speaker Schein ultimately decided that, due to the piece consisting mostly of minor clerical changes, the Committee review process would not be necessary.
- **Vote:** 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Nithyanandan:** Motion to approve S.B. 89 – An Act to Amend the Title of the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs Throughout the SAS.
Seconded by: Senator Jojan.
- Speaker Schein delivered a brief presentation in support of the legislation, which also featured minor clerical changes in the SAS.
- **Vote:** 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- Senator Guevin moved to pass the gavel to Speaker Schein. Speaker Schein accepted.
- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve S.R. 89 – A Resolution in Support of Updating Policy Regarding Campus Sexual Misconduct.
Seconded by: Senator Howell
- Department of Legislative Affairs Outreach Coordinator Abbey Pike and Senator Noble delivered a joint presentation in support of the legislation, which adopted policy consistent with recently passed legislation in the Nevada state government regarding campus sexual misconduct.

Senator McNaught left and entered the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

- Senator Fitzpatrick spoke in support of the legislation and asked about Outreach Coordinator Pike and Senator Noble's outreach with NevadaCARES. Senator Noble stated that he had reached out and would be working with the organization in the future.
- Senators Bowling, Fitzpatrick, Guevin, and Ngo spoke in support of the legislation; they each underlined NSHE's historical shortcomings in addressing sexual misconduct and supporting survivors of sexual misconduct.

Senator Luers left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

- Senator Noble fielded questions from Senators Bowling, Fitzpatrick, and Ngo about the definition and scope of sexual misconduct on-campus.

Senator Luers entered the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to amend S.R. 89 – A Resolution in Support of Updating Policy Regarding Campus Sexual Misconduct by substitution to include the highlighted sections
- **Vote:** 15 in favor, 0 against, 0 opposed.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Discussion was moved back to the main motion.

- Speaker Schein read into record several statements of support from Nevada legislators. These statements were from State Senator Torres and State Senator Scheible.
- **Vote:** 15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions

- There were no Committee changes or additions at the time.

b. Senator Reports

- There were no Senator reports at the time.

c. Presentations

a. UNR Vice President of Administration and Finance, Vic Redding, & Associate Vice President of Planning, Budget & Analysis, Shawn Norman

- VP Redding and AVP Norman delivered a lengthy joint presentation concerning UNR's budget. They discussed the developing priorities for the institution and detailed upcoming plans and proposals for the upcoming fiscal and legislative year.

Senator McNaught entered at 6:08 p.m.

Senator Ribeiro left the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

- Speaker Schein stated that he would be sending VP Redding and AVP Norman's presentation to Senators following the meeting.
- b. UNR Joe Crowley Student Union Director, James Cox**
 - Director Cox fielded questions from the Senators about: The room reservation system (including a proposal to adopt Pack Life for reservations), retail and dining inclusivity, Chartwells' relationship with the JCSU, recycling and sustainability initiatives, and more.

Director Cox concluded his report encouraging Senators to reach out to him at his office if they have any other questions, concerns, or ideas.

c. ASUN Co-Directors of Elections, Dawson Frost and Amanda Vaskov

- Co-Directors Frost and Vaskov shared a timeline for submitting and publishing ballot questions for March's election.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at the time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Schein adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.