

# President's Cabinet

Executive Board of the Associated Students 89th Session

Minutes for Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 4:30pm

ASUN President's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom  
Conference Call

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## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Brown called the President's Cabinet meeting to order on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 4:31pm via the ASUN President's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom video conference. Presiding Secretary, Wyatt Layland.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

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 that he and Vice President Murphy presented to the Junior League in pursuit of more funding for Pack Provisions. He also reported that he spoke with Devon Reese, an At-Large member of the Reno City Council, and that the city of Reno may also partner with Pack Provisions in the future. He also announced that he would meet with Vice President Vic Redding of Administration and Finance to tour a potential new space to house the Pack Provisions food pantry. He shared that he met with Dr. Shannon Ellis and discussed Pack Plaza, Pack Provisions, and the housing committee feedback that would be sent to President Sandoval. He discussed his meeting with the National Student Coalition, whose main goal is to double the Pell Grant for eligible students. He announced that the Nevada Student Alliance would hear a resolution regarding adding a student voting member to the NSHE Board of Regents, which would occur at the next ASUN Senate meeting. He also mentioned his first meeting as a member of the Reno Charter Committee. He also reported that he attended President Sandoval's Conversation About Democracy with Vice President Murphy. He reminded the Cabinet about upcoming workshops and that Cabinet meetings would not take place on March 3, March 17, April 7, and tentatively on March 31.

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

- Vice President Murphy reported that he had been attending regular meetings regarding the University field house. He also announced that he had invited various ASUN



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Senators and Directors, as well as Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Ellis, and President Brown to the ASUN Field House Predesign Planning Meeting. He also reported that he is sitting on the field house predesign planning committee and that Athletics would be putting out a promotional video for the project. He said that the Joe Crowley Student Union retail committee solidified plans for a new retail space on the second floor for a restaurant. He announced that he had a meeting with Chief James of UNR Police Department the following week. He also discussed upcoming meetings with the Facility Resource Committee and with the Pack Internship Grant Program. He also announced an upcoming promotional event for Pack Pods.

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

- Chief of Staff Samuelson gave an overview of the ASUN retreat that occurred the prior weekend, and highlighted that the retreat received positive feedback from attendees. She reported that she planned to continue developing the endowment fund and also reminded the Cabinet to work with their interns to complete their internship syllabi.

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

- Director Okui announced that the Spring Concert would take place on Friday, April 29th and that the concert's schedule had also been solidified. She said that her department was still accepting suggestions for other attractions that could be put on at the concert. She reported that her programmers and their interns were also planning Mackay Week, Family Weekend, the drag show, Undie Run, and possibly another Skate Night.

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

- Director Marimberga announced that iServe would begin with a kickoff event on the Friday before the main events. He said that participants would be working with three different foundations during the main event the following Saturday. He reported that he met with Assistant Director of Accounting Patrick Alejaga and the Associate Director of Student Life Programs, Aja Butler, regarding the club deposit issue. He sat on the Academic Standards Committee and on the University Athletics Committee. He announced that PackLife has 5463 involved users, 300 active organizations, 46 frozen organizations, 349 upcoming events in the next 30 days. He reported that the most recent funding hearing discussed 7 applications for a total of \$2822.10.

**f. Report of the Director of Clubs and Orgs, Kaeli Britt**

- Director Britt reported that her department delegated tasks for Diversity Week at their most recent meeting. She announced that the Proud to Be Black at Nevada Town Hall would take place on February 18th in the JCSU. She reported that the date for the Black Scholars Dinner would be determined in the next department meeting. She added that her department would also have a drafting session for ASUN's DEI plan. She reported that she had been working with Keola Wong of the UNR Multicultural Center to plan the AAPI Night Market, which would take place in April. She said that she would be meeting with Wolf Speaks regarding the Women's History Month poetry night, which was scheduled for March 8th.

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

- President Brown read Director Resnik's report on his behalf. Director Resnik reported that his department formed a tentative schedule for programming in the coming semester, closing out with two events put on by interns. He also reached out to the ASUN Senate to create a resolution to support the department's goals surrounding Democratic and Civic Engagement.

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

- Director Guillen announced that the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund Committee would meet the following day to hear presentations from applicants, and that winners

would be announced soon. She also reported that she attended a meeting with the Paul and Judy Bible Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee. She added that her department was working on Earth Week events, which were scheduled to take place from April 18th to the 22nd.

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

- Director Lim discussed his meeting on the prior Monday with Scott Walquist regarding the upcoming Boost the Pack Campaign, which will be focused on informing students about the effects of the Covid booster shot. He also reported that his department began work on a mental health and suicide prevention campaign called Dear Wolf Pack. He announced that UNR had terminated its contract with Northshore Laboratories, and that students would now be tested independently through the UNR Student Health Center. He stated that his department was working to get students access to rapid antigen tests, as those tests were no longer available after the termination of the contract. He also reported that there would be a budget proposal for N95 masks for students later that day. Director Lim also reported that he would meet with the Speaker of the House of the Associated Students of Morgan State University, in order to discuss ASUN's structure and the operations of its student services.

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

- President Brown gave a report on behalf of Director Matovina. Director Matovina reported that she held a meeting yesterday with Ink Blot representative Joyce, where they reviewed ASUN social media metrics and goals for the upcoming semester. She announced that the calendar for posting during the next several months was currently in the works. She announced that the new In Case You Missed It social media campaign would begin the following day. She also reported that she would submit work orders the following week for a social media campaign that introduces departments with a special focus on directors and assistant directors.

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

- Attorney General Sarsangi reported that she wrote an opinion the prior week that was due to be uploaded onto the ASUN website soon. She discussed the candidate meeting that took place the week before. She also announced that she and other Codirectors meet regularly on Fridays and that any questions or concerns from the Cabinet could be discussed at those meetings.

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

- Chief Justice Stanfill announced that the ballot question to reduce undergraduate credit requirements from 60 to 30 was in process, and that the motion would be sponsored by Senator Bubon. She also discussed her meeting with Ink Blot regarding the social media marketing for this legislation. She stated that this piece of legislation was expected to be discussed in the Senate on or around February 16th. She discussed the ongoing judicial internship and said that interns were preparing to be involved in the 90th session. She announced that the Judicial Council published an opinion on whether the filing period could be extended on the basis of ambiguity if the Senate would have a quorum after elections. Chief Justice Stanfill reported that she recused herself from deliberations, but the rest of the council decided that extended filing would not be permitted. She explained that a special election would be held if the Senate vacancy is equal to or greater than one third of the total Senate offices. She reported that she was due to speak at the NASC State Conference and Nevada Bound.

**m. Report of the Speaker of the Senate, Jake Schein**

- Speaker Schein explained each piece of legislation that was posted on the agenda, and he said that there was no legislation in committee at the time. He explained SR89: A Resolution in Support of Open Educational Resources in Course Instruction, which

would encourage more open educational resources; he announced that the drafters were working with the KC to enact this resolution. He discussed the Act to the Senate Reapportionment Procedures, which would change some job duties in the Senator reapportionment process. He explained the Resolution in Support of a Voting Student Member on the NSHE Board of Regents. He discussed two acts amending the duties of the Parliamentarian and Attorney General respectively, which would make both officers permanent members of the Government Operations Committee. He announced an Act Amending the Name of the Chief of Staff, which would amend the SAS to refer to the Chief of Staff as such. He reported that there was an Act to Revise the Office of Secretary, as there was currently no permanent write up process. He explained that the act would move the secretary's office to the oversight of professional staff instead of the Speaker of the Senate because secretaries are not elected officers. The Speaker also announced that he was writing a Resolution Recommending Responses to Disruptive Speakers on Campus.

- **Discussion on the Resolution Recommending Responses to Disruptive Speakers on Campus:** Speaker Schein asked the Cabinet for input regarding his piece of legislation. He clarified that the resolution could not violate disruptive speakers' First Amendment rights, as UNR is a free speech campus. He reported that he sent the resolution to different offices on campus to discuss options that might make students feel safer when these speakers are present. Speaker Schein proposed that: UNRPD brings out their therapy dog and has an out of uniform UNRPD officer present near disruptive speakers. He also suggested that students be given "Walk Away" pamphlets, or that counseling services be present. Director Lim suggested that someone from Daniel Friend's team be present to inform students on their rights under Title IX. Vice President Murphy suggested that there be banners near the Joe containing QR codes for the Student Expression Website as an added resource for students.

## 6. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Retreat Recap:** Chief of Staff Samuelson led a reflection about the ASUN retreat.
  - **Discussion:** Chief of Staff Samuelson asked for the Cabinet's feedback regarding things that went well at retreat. Director Okui said she liked that the retreat began at noon instead of early in the morning. The Chief of Staff then asked which parts of retreat should be changed or omitted next time. Vice President Murphy said he received feedback that the First Amendment presentation ran too long and cut into other presentations. Chief Justice Stanfill stated that she wished the Senators had been included in the Appreciation Circle and Director Lim requested that a Diversity and Inclusion activity be included in future retreats. Director Britt said that the purpose of the "cross the line" activity could have been made more clear to participants and Director Guillen also stated that she thought team leaders should participate with their teams in "cross the line". Speaker Schein requested that Senators get time to do a legislation training session during future retreats. Chief of Staff Samuelson asked which activities or aspects of the retreat the teams found most enjoyable or beneficial. Attorney General Sarsangi stated that she thought the city-building activity was enjoyable and constructive.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **KN95 Budget Proposal:** Director Lim requested approval for a budget to approve KN95 Masks.

- **Presentation:** Director Lim explained that the budget in question is part of his department's Pack Protection campaign, which will address health resources pertaining to the UNR Student Health Center as well as the off campus student outreach clinic. For the first event, the university will hand out N95 masks to students. Director Lim said that the University's supply of these masks was running low and that UNR Medical School was completely out. He intended to hold a tabling event and connect with faculty to see if ASUN could get more masks to hand out to students and to supplement the University and the Medical School.
- **Motion:** Vice President Murphy made a motion to approve the budget for KN95 masks.  
**Seconded by:** Chief Justice Stanfill
- **Vote:** The budget was passed by unanimous consent.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

## 8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Director Sandra Rodriguez announced that the university had a contract with Sierra Nevada Journeys for next year's retreat, and she said she was hopeful that Covid restrictions would be lifted in time for 90th session officers to receive their foundational training at that time. She also announced that the incoming ASUN Senate had a training session that was scheduled for April 2nd. She discussed a document that had been sent to the Cabinet, which was an "official head count" for UNR students as of January 29th. She said that there was a 2.7% decrease in undergraduate student enrollment, and detailed which groups were impacted most. She acknowledged that Covid was a potential reason for this decrease but said that student services were investigating other causes. She said that many students who had not re-enrolled simply did not know how to navigate the system and re-enrolled with the help of student services.

## 9. **REMARKS**

- a. President Brown thanked Chief of Staff Samuelson for her hard work and congratulated her for putting on a successful retreat for ASUN's 89th session.

## 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:22pm via the ASUN President's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference call.