

# Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Friday, March 4, 2022 at 12:00pm

Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom Meeting

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

Chair Ramirez called the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting to order on Friday, March 4, at 10:03am via the Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference. Presiding Secretary, Wyatt Layland.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Senators Pilks, Thompson, Fitzpatrick, Ramirez, and Noble.

**Tardy Unexcused:** Senator Howell.

**Absent Excused:** Senator Kidd.

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. OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Financial Reviews**

- **Insight Magazine Budget Presentation:** Editor-In-Chief Olivia Sullivan gave a presentation on the purpose and expenditures of the Insight account (PG07739). She reviewed proposed budgetary changes by line item, which included reallocating funds from the travel item to increase wages.
- **Questions and Discussion:** There were no questions or comments at the time.
- **Brushfire Journal Budget Presentation:** Editor-In-Chief Nick Huffman gave a presentation detailing the purposes and expenditures of the Brushfire Journal for Literature and Arts (PG03922). He proposed that the Brushfire take all funds from their travel item and reallocate them to fund wage increases and a new computer.
- **Questions and Discussion: none**
  1. **Chair Ramirez:** Chair Ramirez explained that the incoming ASUN President would be researching how to allocate money in the next ASUN budget. She stated that the Committee could reach out to the incoming ASUN President for the 90th Session to allow Brushfire to reallocate its funds for the reasons indicated.

### **b. S.B. 89 - An Act to Move Funds into the Budget and Finance Committee Budget Line**



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- **Motion from Chair Ramirez:** Motioned to pass the gavel to Vice Chair Pilks.
  - Vice Chair Pilks accepted.
- **Motion from Senator Fitzpatrick:** Motion to approve S.B. 89 - An Act to Move Funds into the Budget and Finance Committee Budget Line.
  - **Seconded by:** Senator Thompson
- **Presentation:** President Brown gave a presentation to the Committee, where he proposed a transfer of \$25,000 into the “transfer” line item of the Budget and Finance Committee account. He explained that this sum would be used to fund the design fee for the construction of Pack Plaza, and that the UNR President’s Office intended to match this payment. He added that the President’s Office was seeking donations from Reno community members and alumni to fund the rest of the project, which would total about \$300,000 and included the design fee.
  - **Questions and Discussion:**
    1. **Senator Thompson:** Senator Thompson asked if there was insurance that the project would be finished. President Brown answered by detailing where funds would be taken from and stating that much of the \$300,000 total would be taken from rollover money from the previous fiscal year.
- **Vote:**
  - **In Favor:** Senators Pilks, Thompson, Fitzpatrick, Ramirez, and Noble.
  - **Opposed:**
  - **Abstentions:**
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
  
- **Motion from Vice Chair Pilks:** Motioned to give the gavel back to Chair Ramirez.
  - Chair Ramirez accepted.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

There was no miscellaneous business at the time.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 10:45am via the Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference call.