

Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Friday, May 27, 2022 at 3:00pm

ASUN President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Noble called the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting to order on Friday, May 27, 2022, at 3:00pm via ASUN President's Room, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretary, Nevaeh Wortinger.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Senators Noble, Kuhl, Salah, Greb, Taglang

Absent Excused: Senator Brown

Tardy Excused: Senators Dean, Kermanshahi

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

a. **Student Body President Dionne Stanfill**

- President Stanfill discussed updates to the proposed budget including eliminating the Pack Pod initiative entirely and redistributing those funds to the department of Clubs and Organizations and the Pack Internship Grant Program.
- President Stanfill proposed \$50,000 be moved from the Clubs and Organizations account to the Programming account. According to Stanfill, Director of Clubs and Organizations Tre Taylor approved this motion.
- President Stanfill stated that she wished for the new budget to reflect the increase in Senator wages.
- **Question from Senator Ngo:** Senator Ngo asked if President Stanfill would consider allocating some leftover funds to the Senate budget.
 - **Answer from President Stanfill:** President Stanfill agreed to consider the idea.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes approved at the time.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **S.B. 90- An Act to Approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023**

- **Comment from Senator Taglang:** Senator Taglang gave a report on the budget for New Student Initiatives and Judicial Council and raised no concerns.



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- **Comment from Senator Noble:** Senator Noble gave a report on the contingency fund and raised no concerns.
 - **Comment from Senator Greb:** Senator Greb gave a report on the Fall and Spring Concert accounts and emphasized the importance of increasing funding for concerts, arguing that they drove student engagement.

 - **Question from Senator Ngo:** Senator Ngo asked if the Programming Board planned to reattend a conference, as past programmers had claimed the conference was unnecessary.

 - **Response from Director of Programming Maria Zamudio:** Director Zamudio stated that she did not plan to send her board to the conference that year.

 - **Question from Senator Kermanshahi:** Senator Kermanshahi inquired about the events that the Programming Department was planning to host and how this department was planning to increase student attendance at these events.

 - **Response from Director of Programming Maria Zamudio:** Director Zamudio answered that she planned on creating the following events: Welcome Week, Club Fair, Homecoming Week, blood drives, a Thanksgiving event, and more. Director Zamudio added that she planned to increasing the attendance of these events by improving the board's marketing efforts.

 - **The body discussed ways to improve attendance at the Fall and Spring concerts, as well as possible venue locations.**
- b. **Comment from Senator Ngo:** Senator Ngo gave her report on the Executive Board account and discussed the Stronger with Nevada Committee initiative.
- **Comment from President Dionne Stanfill:** President Stanfill described the initiative as a way for student leaders across campus to collaborate with one another.
 - **Question from Senator Salah:** Senator Salah asked about ASUN's involvement in Northern Nevada Pride and Black cultural events.

 - **Response from Director of ASUN Center for Student Engagement Sandra Rodriguez:** Director Rodriguez stated that ASUN sponsored both events celebrating Pride and Black History Month by tabling and providing supplies during the events.
- c. **Comment from Senator Dean:** Senator Dean gave his report on the Brushfire account and proposed that ASUN stop funding the Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal entirely.
- **The body discussed the pros and cons of continuing to fund the Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal.**

- **Comment from Chair Noble:** Chair Noble urged the body to consider that Senator Dean did not speak to anyone in Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal before suggesting their program be cut off from ASUN funding.
- d. **Comment from Senator Noble:** Senator Noble read Senator's Brown report on Legal Services into the record. No concerns were raised about this account.
- **Comment from Senator Kermanshahi:** Senator Kermanshahi urged the body to help market the services provided by Legal Services so that more students could benefit from the program.
- di. **Comment from Senator Kuhl:** Senator Kuhl gave his report on the InkBlot account and raised no concerns.
- dii. **Comment from Senator Kermanshahi:** Senator Kermanshahi gave his report on the External Review account and raised no concerns.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Noble adjourned the meeting at 4: 57pm via ASUN President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student and via Zoom Conference Call.