

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Ansari Business Building Room 108 & Zoom Conference Call

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Thompson called the Senate of the Associated Students to order Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, 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 Secretaries, Wyatt Layland

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Speaker Thompson, Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo, Parliamentarian Taubel, and Senators Bergren, Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Claussen, Dean, Fiorillo, Galvez, Greb, Jojan, Kane, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Landolfi, McCulley, Noble, Salah, Smith, and Swackhamer

Absent Excused: Senator Galvez, Nithyanandan, Perez Ramirez, and Taglang

Tardy Excused: Senator Brown

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved at the time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

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

- a. Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Amelia Glowniak
- b. Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Kate Hovatter
- c. Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Fernando Melendez
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- k. Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Malcom Feest



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- l. Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Lexy Ashford
- m. Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Vera Vaz
- n. Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Autumn Breanna Rizo
- o. Nomination, Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Jonel Stevenson
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- w. Nomination, Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion, Om Patel
- x. Nomination, Commissioner of Social Justice, and Policy for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion, Jocelyn Simmons
- y. Nomination, Commissioner of Projects, and Events for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill
 - President Stanfill reported her work on the budget and her many meetings which included; Chief James, Ricky Salazar, Nevada Sports, Tylar Tidwell from Recreational Sports, Nevada Student Alliance, Board of Regents, Nevada Athletes. She also listed out her future meeting.
 - o Senator Ngo asked about the Nevada Student Alliance.
 - President Stanfill stated they discussed Nevada Open Meeting Law and met the members.
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Bayla Fitzpatrick
 - Vice President Stanfill reported on her work with orientation and Pride Parade.
- c. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor
 - Chief Justice Taylor stated he met with the other intern coordinators to plan the Judicial internship, went to his old high school to recruit students, and helped the associate justices' nominees with their presentations.
- d. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez
 - Chief of Staff Martinez reported on her work with the internships.
- e. Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao reported all the information for retreat.
 - o Jonel Stevenson asked if the at home Covid-19 test had a procedure to prove the negative or if a picture is sufficient.
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao stated a picture would be sufficient.
 - o Senator Ngo asked if their phones are not allowed in certain areas.
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao stated she was not sure but would get an answer to them soon.
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor
 - Director Taylor reported the department had trained their nominations and meeting with the assistant directors and professional staff about club renewal.
- g. Director of Programming, Maria Zamudio
 - Director Zamudio reported on her work and meeting which included reservation for Lawlor Stadium for the Fall Concert, Vice President Fitzpatrick, Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao, Assistant Director Alquiza and started to plan the training meetings.
- h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Amanda Vaskov
 - Director Vaskov report on marketing and meeting which included voting, interviews of the

- nominees, Director Carpio Guerra, Democratic Engagement Coalition, Vice President Flores, and Board of Regents. She also explained legislation on the Board of Regents agenda.
- i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Trace Wolfgang
 - Director Wolfgang had a minute of silence for the Uvalde School Shooting. They reported on the nomination, Pride Parade, Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao meeting about a presentation for retreat, and work on some legislation.
 - j. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe
 - Director Rowe reported on nominations, work with Nevada Dining on more sustainable practices, presentation for retreat, met with “Compost Cat” a program at the University of Arizona.
 - k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Carlos Lara
 - Director Lara reported on his work for retreat, inkblot, and university marketing.
 - l. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio Guerra
 - Director Carpio Guerra reported on the implementation of a Wellness Session for NV Fit and met with the fitness center about goals. He reminded the body if they want to collaborate with the Fitness Center to let them know ahead of time. He also responded to Senator Kermanshahi about referrals for other clinics which they do but they might not be able to help with the price.
 - m. Attorney General, Jakob Schein
 - Attorney General Schein reported he worked on the senator wages, he met with Senator Kermanshahi and Heather Turk to discuss it. He also worked with President Stanfill and Director Wolfgang about posting and public viewing area. He started work on the SAS interpretation.
 - n. Senate Secretary, Wyatt Layland
 - Senate Secretary Layland had no report.
 - o. Legislative Clerk, Nathan Habon
 - Legislative Clerk had no report.
 - p. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson
 - Speaker Thompson reported on the updates public view and thanked the directors for their help with information on their nominees. He also reported on work for retreat.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. **Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Nathan Noble**
 - Senator Noble reported the committee will continue to meet on Fridays and invited everyone to join.
- b. **Chair, Committee on Democratic and Civic Engagement, Kimmy Claussen**
 - Senator Claussen stated the committee would meet to discuss the Senator Debate and Service Fairs.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Nomination for;** Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Amelia Glowniak; Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Kate Hovatter; Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Fernando Melendez
 - **Motion from Senator Ngo:** Motion to fast-track all the appointments above, through unanimous consent.
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the

time.

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

- a. Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Amelia Glowniak
- **Motion from Parliamentarian Taeubel:** Motion to approve the Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Amelia Glowniak

Seconded by: Senator Kuhl

- Chief Justice Taylor introduced their nomination.
 - Amelia Glowniak delivered a presentation.
 - Senator Noble asked how she could balance her proactive personality and reactive duties.
 - Amelia stated she understood her duties, but she was interested in law and the position would be a road to the real world.
 - Senator Ngo asked how she would manage her time.
 - Amelia stated the structure of TMCC would allow her to get her associates while she attended the university.
 - Senator Noble asked how her projects would fit into the job duties.
 - Amelia stated the projects do not interfere with her job duties as associate justice since they are very different.
 - Senator Noble asked if those projects would be passion projects.
 - Amelia stated not really, the projects would show how she understands certain aspects.
 - The body deliberated on the appointment.
 - **Vote:** 20 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- The oath of office was administered to Amelia Glowniak.*
- b. Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Kate Hovatter
- **Motion from Senator Salah:** Motion to approve Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Kate Hovatter

Seconded by: Senator Galvez

- Chief Justice Taylor introduced their nominations.
- Kate Hovatter delivered a presentation.
 - Senator Swackhamer asked how she heard about the job.
 - Kate stated she saw the opportunity on the Law Fraternity Instagram or Group Me.
 - Senator Noble asked where her plans would fit into the job duties.
 - Kate stated she wanted to go to law school, so the job was a great way to get experience.
 - Senator Noble asked how her projects would work with her duties.
 - Kate stated she would reach out to students to discuss additional duties to the judicial branch.

- Senator Ngo asked if the familiarization of the governing documents with students would take place during the internship, voting season, or when.
 - Kate stated she would like to work on that goal with her intern and the duration of voting season.
- The body deliberated on the appointment.
- **Vote:** 20 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

The oath of office was administered to Kate Hovatter.

- c. Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Fernando Melendez
 - **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motion to approve Nomination, Associate Justice for the Judicial Branch, Fernando Melendez

Seconded by: Senator Noble

- Chief Justice Zane Taylor introduced their nominations.
- Fernando Melendez delivered a presentation.
 - Senator Swackhamer asked for an example of high commitment.
 - Fernando stated his GPA of 3.94 showed his high commitment.
 - Senator Noble asked how his goals would fit into the job duties.
 - Fernando stated that the hearing and interpretation of documents is a large duty of associate justice and he had already started work on the interpretation of those documents.
- The body deliberated on the appointment.
- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained.

The oath of office was administered to Fernando Melendez.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at the time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Nomination, Advocacy Director for the Department of Government Affairs, Dawson Deal
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Consent Agenda passed.

The oath of office was administered to all the nominees.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

There was no first reading of legislation.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no motion to fast track.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

No legislation was referred to committee at the time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

There were no second readings for legislation.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions**
No senate committee changes or additions.
- b. **Senator Reports**
No senator reports.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Speaker Thompson
 - Speaker Thompson reminded the senators that there would be a Senate meeting June 1st.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Patrick Alejaga, Director for CSE
 - Patrick reminded the new hires to do the on boarding for central station to be paid.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.