

# 90<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Joe Crowley Student Union, & 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Brown, Bryan, Claussen, Dean, Fiorillo, Greb, Kane, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Landolfi, McCulley, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez Ramirez, Salah, and Taglang.

**Absent Unexcused:** Senator Smith

**Absent Excused:** Senator Cano-Sanchez, Galvez, Gonzalez, Jojan, Swackhamer

A quorum was present.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved at the time.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang

- Trace stated that the assistant Director of IDEA should be challenged and soon they would submit a new nomination.

b. Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao

- Jada reminded the senator about retreat.

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

- Nomination, Assistant Director of Budget & SEAB for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Charles Dunn
- Nomination, Assistant Director of Club Renewal & Interns for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Shaun Mabanta
- Nomination, Assistant Director of Budget & Assessment for the Department of Event Programming, Olivia Rice
- Nomination, Assistant Director of Marketing & Interns for the Department of Event Programming, Hannah Alquiza
- Nomination, Assistant Director for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion, Helen Girma
- Nomination, Projects Director for the Department of Government Affairs, Erin Schaffer
- Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Autumn Kidd
- Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Kendell Lambert
- Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Yahit Lopez



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- j. Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Francisco Guardado-Saucedo
- k. Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Malcom Feest
- 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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- v. Nomination, Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Simon De Freitas
- 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
- y. Nomination, Commissioner of Projects, and Events for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion

## **7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

There were no reports from the ASUN officers at this time.

## **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.

## **9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Speaker Thompson
  - Speaker Thompson reminded everyone to fill out the retreat RSVP.

## **10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Nomination for; Nomination, Assistant Director of Budget & SEAB for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Charles Dunn; Assistant Director of Club Renewal & Interns for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Shaun Mabanta; Assistant Director of Budget & Assessment for the Department of Event Programming, Olivia Rice; Assistant Director of Marketing & Interns for the Department of Event Programming, Hannah Alquiza; Assistant Director for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion, Helen Girma; Projects Director for the Department of Government Affairs, Erin Schaffer; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Autumn Kidd; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Kendell Lambert; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Yahit Lopez; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Francisco Guardado-Saucedo; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Malcom Feest; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Lexy Ashford; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Vera Vaz; Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Autumn Breanna Rizo; Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Jonel Stevenson; Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Myah Shaikh; Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Brandon Le; Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Ryan Sevy; Programmer for the Department of Event

**Programming, Elizabeth Guillen; Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Dominick Floratos; Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Libby Murphy; Programmer for the Department of Event Programming, Simon De Freitas; Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion, Om Patel; Commissioner of Social Justice, and Policy for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion; Commissioner of Projects and Events for the Department of Diversity & Inclusion**

- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motion to fast-track all the appointments above, through unanimous consent.

**Seconded by:** Senator Ngo

- 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, Assistant Director of Budget & SEAB for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Charles Dunn

- **Motion from Senator Ngo:** Motion to approve the Nomination, Assistant Director of Budget & SEAB for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Charles Dunn

**Seconded by:** Senator Noble

- Director Taylor introduced their nominations.
- Charles Dunn delivered a presentation.
  - Senator Kermanshahi asked about the outreach to the IIFC.
    - Charles stated he had helped them with their events and wanted to be a resource to them.
  - Senator Noble asked if he had plans to help with clarity of the club handbook.
    - Charles stated that was part of his plans to educate clubs about funds.
  - Senator Ngo asked how he would encourage clubs to hold more events.
    - Charles stated while at SEAB meetings promote the help that the department can give to those events.
  - Senator Kermanshahi asked if he had done outreach to reaffiliate IIFC.
    - Charles said no but he would like to.
  - Senator Kermanshahi asked about the reallocation to club equipment.
    - Charles stated yes, not the whole budget but some leftover funds.

- The body deliberated on the appointment.

- **Vote:** 18 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained.

- b. Nomination, Assistant Director of Club Renewal & Interns for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Shaun Mabanta

- **Motion from Senator Taeubel:** Motion to approve Nomination, Assistant Director of Club Renewal & Interns for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Shaun Mabanta

**Seconded by:** Senator Kuhl

- Director Taylor introduced their nominations.
- Shaun Mabanta delivered a presentation.
  
- The body deliberated on the appointment.
  
- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.  
*The oath of office was administered to Charles Dunn and Shaun Mabanta.*

b. Nomination, Assistant Director of Budget & Assessment for the Department of Event Programming, Olivia Rice

- **Motion from Senator Salah:** Motion to approve Nomination, Assistant Director of Budget & Assessment for the Department of Event Programming, Olivia Rice.

**Seconded by:** Senator Ngo

- Director Zamudio introduced their nominations.
- Olivia Rice delivered a presentation.
  - Senator Brown asked what type of Greek-Life she looked for.
    - Olivia stated she want not sure since that element would be closer to Clubs and Organizations.
  - Senator Kermanshahi asked if the same outreach for Athletics would be given to Greek-life.
    - Olivia stated she had no jurisdiction to Greek-Life.
  - Senator Noble asked how much money she would control.
    - Olivia said yes that amount would be about \$261,000.
  - Senator Noble asked the plan to disperse the money.
    - Olivia stated there is a scheduled event and those events have an estimate and to work closely with executive board.
  - Senator Greb asked how to make the concerts bigger.
    - Olivia stated she wants to work closely with the executive board and the big issue would be the budget.
  
- The body deliberated on the appointment.
  
- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

*The oath of office was administered to Olivia Rice.*

c. Nomination, Assistant Director of Marketing & Interns for the Department of Event Programming, Hannah Alquiza

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve Nomination, Assistant Director of Marketing & Interns for the Department of Event Programming, Hannah Alquiza.

**Seconded by:** Senator Byan

- Director Zamudio introduced their nominations.
- Olivia Rice delivered a presentation.
  
- The body deliberated on the appointment.

- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

*The oath of office was administered to Hannab Alquiza.*

## **12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There were no veto messages at the time.

## **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

- d. Nomination, Projects Director for the Department of Government Affairs, Erin Schaffer
- e. Nomination, Commissioner for the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Autumn Kidd
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  - Senator Noble stated he felt uncomfortable with the option of approval without any information on the nominees.
  - Parliamentarian Taubel asked if it would be better if they postponed the approvals.
  - **Motion by Senator Noble:** Senator Noble moved to postpone the consent agenda until May 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - **Second by:** Senator McCulley
    - Parliamentary Taubel stated if everyone except Senator Noble was comfortable with the approval the senate should allow it, because of the retreat deadline.
    - Senator Claussen stated she saw no reason to delay the approval.
    - Senator Ngo asked if it would make Senator Noble more comfortable if they heard the prepared comments by the directors.
      - Senator Noble stated he had no issues with a specific nomination, but it would be a rubber stamp if they approved someone without the knowledge of their credentials or experience.
    - Senator Perez Ramierz agreed with Senator Noble.
    - Senator Salah stated if they delay it to the 25<sup>th</sup> it would not affect the retreat.
    - Senator Greb stated there were people who he supported.
    - Chief of Staff Magliano stated it would create an issue with some departments since their

- workers have to be approved by Senate before they have access to elements of their position.
- Senator Noble stated fundamentally without any information the approval of the nominees would be wrong.
  - Parliamentarian Taeubel stated Senate should have faith in the nomination and he would vote no to the postponement.
  - Senator Dean agreed with Parliamentarian Taeubel.
  - **Vote:** Senator Bryan, McCulley, Noble, Perez Ramirez in favor, Senator Bergren, Brown, Claussen, Dean, Greb, Kane, Kuhl, Landolfi, Nithyanandan, Ngo, Salah, Taeubel, Taglang against, 0 abstained.

*Consent Agenda failed.*

#### **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**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

#### **20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments at this time.

#### **21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.