

# Department of Government Affairs

Executive Board of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Thursday, August 18th, 2022 at 9:00am

ASUN President's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom Meeting:  
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## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

called the Department of Government Affairs meeting to order on Thursday, August 18th, 2022, at 9:05am via the ASUN President's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom. Presiding Secretary, Amanda Drew.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Director Vaskov, Assistant Director Hatt, Director Sauls, Director Schaffer

**Absent Excused:** Director Deal

**Tardy Excused:** Coordinator Shipley

A quorum was present.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

a. There was no public comment at the time.

## **4. MINUTES**

a. There were no minutes to be approved at the time.

## **5. REPORTS**

### **a. Report of the Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov**

- Director Vaskov reported that she would be tabling in the JCSU to register voters from 5:30-7pm from Monday to Thursday during the week of NevadaFit. She said she would be presenting to 400 freshmen on August 24 on how to make a voter plan and how to vote, as well as helping to facilitate the Wolf Pack Howl later that day. She announced that the senatorial debate was not likely to take place, but that she was discussing holding a town hall for the senators instead. She mentioned that UNR was in contact with a local news station to hold a gubernatorial debate on campus. Finally, she reported that she met with the NSHE General Council to discuss legislation to add a student representative to the NSHE Board of Regents.

*Outreach Coordinator Shipley entered the meeting at 9:06am.*

### **b. Report of the Assistant Director of Government Affairs, Isabella Hatt**

- Assistant Director Hatt reported that she was finalizing the Government Affairs internship syllabus, planning internship meetings, and working on the internship's kickoff barbecue. She also mentioned that she was setting up voter registration training sessions so that there would be people to help register voters on September 20th, and that she was helping to plan tablings for any outside groups who want to register voters on campus. She announced that she was finalizing meetings with the DRC to set up additional voter registration sites, and that she was making tentative plans to hold a round table event at the end of the following month.

### **c. Report of the Policy Director, Matthew Sauls**



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- Director Sauls announced that he was working on a policy brief on student debt; he explained that the brief would cover the Department's reasons for addressing the problem, their tentative steps to resolve it, and why the issue is important. He also mentioned that he was planning to propose resident hall floor meetings in anticipation of voter registration week.

**d. Report of the Projects Director, Erin Schaffer**

- Director Schaffer announced that she had submitted seven events to the Student Events Advisory Board to take place before or during the Department's Week of Welcome: Constitution Day, a panel with UNR's Political Science Department, Trivia Crack: Constitution Edition, a BIPOC panel, National Voter Registration Day, Let's Make a Lobbyist, Cereal for STEM, and Splash Into Voting.

**e. Report of the Outreach Coordinator, Peverel Shipley**

- Outreach Coordinator Shipley reported that he had been working to get the code book ready for the upcoming semester.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Constitution Day Budget Proposal**

- **Discussion:** Director Schaffer outlined the items listed in the Constitution Day budget, and Director Vaskov listed the prices of each of said items. Director Vaskov announced that the budget totaled \$74.30.

- **Motion from Assistant Director Hatt:** Assistant Director Hatt made a motion to approve the Constitution Day budget.

**Seconded by:** Director Sauls seconded the motion.

- **Debate:** There was no debate on the motion at the time.

- **Vote:**

**In favor:** Director Vaskov, Assistant Director Hatt, Director Sauls, Director Schaffer, Coordinator Shipley

**Opposed:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**b. Political Groups University Policy**

- **Discussion:** Director Vaskov announced that Next Generation America and the Asian Community Development Council would be coming to campus. She explained that both groups had a designated 501(c)(3) status, which means they are nonprofit and nonpartisan by definition. She said that both groups were interested in registering students to vote, and that the Asian Community Development Council would be helping the Department of Government Affairs to register students to vote on September 20th. Director Vaskov outlined the steps that the department must take if it wishes to sponsor partisan and nonpartisan groups' presence on campus.

**c. Fall Semester Meeting Schedule**

- **Discussion:** Director Vaskov announced that the department would henceforth hold meetings on Mondays at 10am, and that they would be biweekly for the time being. She emphasized that meetings should be held when the department brings politicians or groups to campus, or if budgets need to be approved.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. There was no public comment at the time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Vaskov adjourned the meeting at 9:19am via the ASUN President's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom.