

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd 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 on Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 at 5:31 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Temporary Legislative Clerk, Amanda Drew, and Presiding Secretaries, Wyatt Layland and Ally Chavez.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Speaker Thompson, Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo, Parliamentarian Taeubel, and Senators Bergren, Brown, Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Claussen, Dean, Galvez, Gonzalez, Greb, Jojan, Kane, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Landolfi, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez-Ramirez, Salah, Smith, and Swackhamer.

Tardy Excused: Senator Fiorillo.

Absent Excused: Senator McCulley.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No minutes were approved at the time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

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

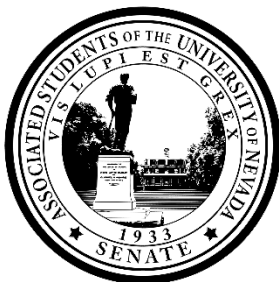
There was no receipt of petitions or correspondence at the time.

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

a. **President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill**

- President Stanfill asked if any Senators had questions for her to ask during her upcoming meeting with UNR President Brian Sandoval. There were no responses.

Senator Fiorillo entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.



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b. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor

- Chief Justice Taylor read two Judicial Council orders into record: An order regarding a pay raise for the Senate Parliamentarian in the 91st Senate Session, and the rejection of a charge about the Committee on Oversight due to the lack of a specific rule violations.

c. Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio

- Director Zamudio announced the assignment of the two Senate liaisons: Programmers Shaikh and Murphy.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

There were no reports from the Senate Committees at the time.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments and announcements at the time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

No nominations were submitted for approval at the time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

No nominations were submitted for approval at the time.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at the time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the consent agenda at the time.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

- S.B. 90 – A Bill Revising Officer Conduct
- S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution Establishing Intern-Mentor Requirements

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- **Motion from Parliamentarian Taeubel:** Motion to fast-track S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution Establishing Intern-Mentor Requirements through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo read her fast-track memo into record.
- **Question from Speaker Thompson:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion.
There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- **Motion from Senator Salah:** Motion to refer S.B. 90 – A Bill Revising Officer Conduct to the Committee on Oversight through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Noble.
- **Question from Speaker Thompson:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion.
There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

a. S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution Establishing Intern-Mentor Requirements

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to approve S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution Establishing Intern-Mentor Requirements.
Seconded by: Senator Kuhl.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo delivered a presentation in support of the legislation, which aimed to codify individual Senator requirements for the ASUN Legislative Branch internship into the Senate Rules.
- The body then deliberated on the legislation. Senator Noble asked about enforcement of the binding resolution apart from the internship accountability contract, while Senator Salah asked about exceptions to assigning points if availability between Senator and intern becomes strained. Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo assured the body that communication and self-accountability would be key to fulfilling the requirements of the internship program and therefore the provisions of the binding resolution.
- **Vote:** 23 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. S.B. 90 – A Bill to Update the Budget

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve S.B. 90 – A Bill to Update the Budget.
Seconded by: Senator Claussen.
- Senator Noble spoke in support of the legislation, which increased the Judicial Council's Outreach budget by \$500.
- **Vote:** 23 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions

- **Motion from Senator Gonzalez:** Motion to remove Senator Gonzalez from the Committee on Government Operations.
Seconded by: Senator Kuhl.
- **Vote:** 23 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Salah:** Motion to remove Senator Salah from the Committee on Budget and Finance through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Kuhl.
- **Question from Speaker Thompson:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Vote:** 23 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

- **Senator for the College of Business, Clayton Greb**
 - Senator Greb discussed his involvement in several upcoming events and programs, including celebrations for Jewish High Holy Days and his Professional Student Closet event. He also discussed upcoming Business Week events and addressed difficulties faced by the Multicultural Center in attaining funding from and points of contact within ASUN.
 - Parliamentarian Taeubel asked what Senator Greb had been working on within ASUN, and Senator Greb replied saying that, while the upcoming events were not directly coordinated by ASUN, they still featured partnerships and other indirect connections with ASUN and CSE entities. Parliamentarian Taeubel referred to Senator Greb's recent Outreach form, which listed the Professional Student closet as ASUN Outreach, and questioned why Senator Greb considered these events outside of ASUN yet still counted them as Senator-related outreach; Senator Greb replied saying that he leveraged his position as a Senator to obtain the necessary attention and resources for these events.
- **Senator for the College of Science, Yesu Cano-Sanchez**
 - Senator Cano-Sanchez discussed his work alongside Chief of Staff Martinez on the resource package; he shared his hope that the package would increase ASUN exposure on-campus. He discussed efforts to obtain a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HIS) designation for UNR and wanting to reach out to Hispanic-majority middle and high schools in Nevada.
 - Senator Greb offered the contact information for an Admissions official, while Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo clarified Senator Cano-Sanchez's involvement in the Schulich Hall project.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments and announcements at the time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. ASUN President, Dionne Stanfill

- President Stanfill firmly contradicted Senator Greb's comments about ASUN not reaching out to the Multicultural Center, who she claimed spoke with members in the President's Cabinet regularly.

b. ASUN Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang

- Director Wolfgang seconded President Stanfill's refutation, discussing their department's own outreach with the Multicultural Center.

c. Center for Student Engagement Director, Dr. Sandra Rodriguez

- Dr. Rodriguez discussed the recent unrest in Iran triggered by the September 16th death of Mahsa Amini at the hands of the state's Morality Police. She shared information about the Iranian Student Association's upcoming protest outside the Joe Crowley Student Union as well as a proposed event from CSE faculty expressing solidarity for protestors.

d. ASUN Senator, John Kermanshahi

- Senator Kermanshahi thanked Dr. Rodriguez for acknowledging the protests in Iran, citing his Iranian descent and connection with the Iranian diaspora.

e. ASUN Senior Secretary, Ally Chavez

- Senior Secretary Chavez wished the Senate a happy Hispanic Heritage Month.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.