

Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session
Minutes for Friday, September 23rd, 2022 at 4:00pm
Room 406, 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom Meeting
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Bergren called the Committee of Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness meeting to order on Friday, September 23rd, 2022, at 4:01pm via the JCSU Room 406, 4th Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Amanda Drew.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Senator Bergren, Senator Brown, Senator Bryan, Senator Perez Ramirez, Senator Landolfi, Senator McCulley, Senator Galvez, Senator Kuhl

Tardy Excused: Senator Swackhammer

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Director of the Department of Wellness, Boris Carpio Guerra

- Director Guerra gave a report on his recent meetings and projects. He announced that he would also be working closely with the senators' liaisons. He also mentioned that the committee was encouraged to attend the next quarterly nighttime safety walk on October 6th at 6:45 pm on the south side of the Fitzgerald Student Services Building he clarified that this event would be overseen by campus police. He also outlined the Counseling Center's pilot peer educator program, as well as its efforts to get feedback on students' needs. He detailed his meeting with athletics regarding their mental health game.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved at the time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Liaison Reports

- **Liaison Report of Senator Bergren**
 - Senator Bergren announced that each member of the committee would be expected to give a liaison report by the following meeting, but that no reports were expected during the current meeting. She mentioned that she would send out liaison contact information to the committee members as soon as possible. She reminded the senators with liaisons in UNR Counseling Services, the Wiegand Fitness Center, the Student Health Center, and Campus Police Services to communicate with Director Guerra regarding their upcoming meetings so that liaisons would not be holding redundant meetings with ASUN officers.
- **Liaison Report of Senator Brown**



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- Senator Brown reported that he surveyed about thirty freshmen in the Argenta dining hall, and that he also got input from several RAs regarding changes that students wanted to see in campus dining. He asked Senator Bergren if campus dining locations like The Habit were on the same pay scale as the dining hall, and she responded that campus meal plans were contracted through Chartwells, and that Senator Brown could look through the Chartwells plan. She also suggested that Senator Brown ask his liaison, the Head of Campus Dining, how to access this information.
- **Liaison Report of Senator Galvez**
 - Senator Galvez reported that he checked the Residence Hall Association website, and each web page he tried to access gave a 404 error message. He mentioned that he reached out to two RAs regarding the issue, and that they both told him that the RHA was no longer active and needed to be “built back up from nothing.” Senator Bergren added that there is still an RHA President with whom to meet, in addition to Dean Kennedy.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **90th Session Project Tracker**

- **Discussion:** Senator Bergren announced that she had created a Google spreadsheet with edit access for every committee member, where they may enter a short description of their ongoing projects with deadlines, priority level, and other information. She emphasized that upcoming meetings and outreach were relevant, as well, and she mentioned that the spreadsheet would be reviewed by Legislative Clerk Nathan Habon. Senator Bergren asked the committee members to share any of their ongoing projects.
- Senator Swackhammer mentioned that he had been working with Director Rowe to improve the maintenance of bike maintenance stations on campus. Senator Bergren expressed her support and said that the project would be in the outreach stage when entered into the project tracker spreadsheet.
- Senator Bryan reported that she was working with Director Rowe and Commissioner Garduno on a piece of “Leave No Trace” legislation that would mandate picking up trash via an amendment to the SAS.
- Senator Brown requested contact information for the dining hall liaison so that he could begin an investigation of the dining hall’s new guest swipes policy. He also mentioned that he had a meeting during ASUN’s lobbyist workshop, where they discussed a new public health building in the works over by the UNR Medical School.
- Senator Perez Ramirez reported that she was working on a project with Senator Gonzales to get undocumented students paid employment opportunities on campus. She announced that she had an upcoming meeting to draft legislation on the issue, and that she also wished to schedule a meeting with the UNR Financial Aid Office.
- Senator Landolfi reported that she and Senator Kuhl met with a representative from Pack Provisions and that they discussed preparing a hygiene drive for two weeks in October. The committee discussed methods of advertising the drive in order to collect as many supplies (such as toothbrushes and shampoo) as possible.

b. **Follow-up on Liaison Expectations**

- Senator Bergren reiterated that each committee member should reach out to their liaisons and have a liaison report prepared by the following meeting. She announced that she had sent each committee member a document containing contact information

for their liaisons. She outlined how the senators could foster good working relationships with their liaisons and mentioned that she had sent out a list of speaking points for them to use in their meetings and emails.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio Guerra

- Director Carpe-Guerra shared contact information he had for some of the committee members' liaisons. These included the liaisons for the Student Health Center, Counseling Services, Police Services, and the Wiegand Fitness Center.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Bergren adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm via JCSU Room 406, 4th Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union.