

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, October 5th, 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, October 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretary, Wyatt Layland.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Speaker Thompson, Parliamentarian Taubel, and Senators Bergren, Brown, Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Claussen, Dean, Fiorillo, Galvez, Gonzalez, Jojan, Kane, Kermanshahi, McCulley, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez-Ramirez, Salah, Smith, and Swackhamer.

Absent Excused: Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo and Senators Greb, Kuhl, and Landolfi.

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 reported on her recent go

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Bayla Fitzpatrick

- Vice President Fitzpatrick reported on her recent attendance at the Governor's Office of New Americans Meeting along with Director Vaskov. She also discussed her upcoming ride along with the University Police Department, a scheduled meeting with Chief James of the University Police, and ASUN's upcoming social media marketing initiative. She also announced plans to deliver her own State of the Association Address, which would likely take place during President Sandoval's unveiling of a campus memorial monument on Tuesday, October 18th. SHE continued that she had attended a retention enrollment working group with other campus leadership, and she also discussed her recent work on the Nevada Day celebration. She mentioned doing work to coordinate Pack Midtown activities, and she listed her participation in



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several recent campus presentations and events. She stated that she had done an interview with the Nevada Sagebrush that day regarding the UNR Lake Tahoe Coalition announcement that had been sent out the previous week. Lastly, she announced that her recent referral to the Academic Standards Committee had been rejected. She stated that she would nominate Senator Noble when he showed interest in joining the committee.

- **Questions and Comments:**

- Senator Fiorillo inquired about the hierarchy of the Nevada System of Higher Education. In response, President Stanfill explained her work advocating for students in the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), which included presenting initiatives to the NSHE Board of Regents. She stated that one such initiative advocated for students to have access to the Board of Regents Agenda.
- Senator Kermanshahi asked how the ASUN Senate could assist in conducting outreach to work more closely with the UNR Alumni association. President Stanfill explained that ASUN could reach out to the Alumni Association to ask them for assistance in ASUN projects. She added that ASUN could assist the Alumni Association by joining the Alumni Association after they graduated.
- Parliamentarian Taubel inquired about the increased University Police presence on campus. President Stanfill answered that she would raise this concern at her upcoming meeting with Chief James of the University Police.

Senator Bergren left the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

c. Vice President, Bayla Fitzpatrick

- Vice President Fitzpatrick discussed her recent work facilitating the Cookies and Complaints event and thanked Chief of Staff Maglinao for coordinating it. In anticipation of Homecoming Week and other upcoming sporting events, she discussed her recent meetings with the ASUN Department of Programming, the UNR Athletics Department. She also discussed a recent meeting with Wolf Pack Sports Properties, wherein she tried to get them to participate in the Pack Friendly Business initiative. She stated that NEvada Bound events were ongoing during that week and discussed her attendance at the State of the University address.

- **Questions and Comments:**

- Senator Fiorillo asked what VP Fitzpatrick's plans were to increase student engagement with NEvada Athletics. VP Fitzpatrick listed several liaisons who she met with in order to coordinate donated goods as incentives for students to attend games. She also described other plans that she and Blue Crew had been coordinating to make students more familiar with University athletics.
- Senator Kermanshahi asked how VP Fitzpatrick adhered to her New Student Initiative budget in her efforts to increase student engagement with Nevada Athletics. She answered that she minimized spending on smaller "student incentive" items such as T-shirts and that she had not spent any of the New Student Initiative (NSI) budget that had been allocated for the current fiscal year. She clarified that all of her spending had come from the prior year's NSI budget. Senator Kermanshahi asked if she would use the NSI budget from the current fiscal year in order to increase student engagement at UNR games. VP Fitzpatrick responded that she would need to conduct more outreach and make more detailed plans before making that decision.
- Senator Taubel asked if she had any updates on the University Field House

project. VP Fitzpatrick responded that she did not have any updates at the time.

d. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor

- Chief Justice Taylor announced that he had recently joined the Advisory Board for the UNR Police department and that their first meeting would be held soon. He clarified that the board would be reviewing and possibly revising their policies. He reminded the body of an upcoming Law School Fair on November 2 and stated that the Judicial Council would be facilitating it. Lastly, he discussed his interns' recent work and detailed a team bonding event that had been attended by the Judicial Council.
- **Questions and Comments:**
 - Senator Kermanshahi asked Chief Justice Taylor to detail the goals and discussions held by the UNR Police Department Advisory Board. Chief Justice Taylor reiterated that the Board had not met yet and detailed who would be sitting on the Board.

Senator Bergren entered the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

e. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez

- Chief of Staff Martinez reported that she had met with a representative from the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative to discuss expanding the Initiative to benefit UNR's junior class. She continued that, in order for iPads to be given to juniors, these representatives expressed a need for more data detailing student success before and after iPads were distributed. Chief of Staff Martinez also discussed the costs of supplying more technology to students. She stated that she had attended Commissioner Lambert's presentation on member retention at an event put on by the Department of Clubs and Organizations. She also mentioned attending a Media Training that had been facilitated by Director Lara. She then detailed her plans to contribute to the upcoming Fall Festival and Howl Fest events. She also discussed her upcoming meeting with Parliamentarian Tarubel and Attorney General Schein to formally review and update the ASUN Officer Handbook. She stated that this "Officer Handbook Working Group" would be drafting legislation to codify their edits. Lastly, she stated that she would send out statistics detailing student engagement at ASUN's latest student outreach event, Cookies and Complaints.
- **Questions:**
 - Senator Claussen commented that she was conducting outreach in hopes of expanding the availability of technology rentals in the UNR @One.

f. Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao

- Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao reported that student complaints for Cookies for Complaints generally mentioned several topics: UNR Dining Facilities, Parking Services, academics, ASUN, and the Center for Student Engagement. She discussed plans to hold a similar outreach event in the following December. She detailed her plans for ASUN's Home Means Nevada events, which would be held on Monday, October 31 from 11am-4pm. She continued that she had been appointed to the faculty senate's University Athletic Committee and the UNR Foundation Committee, which both had upcoming meetings.

g. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor

- Director Taylor reported on his department's most recent event, iServe, and thanked the Senators who had attended. He discussed the department's preparations for the following semester's iServe as well as Spring Club Fair. Lastly, he stated that the Senate would soon discuss his proposed changes to the UNR Club Funding Manual. Senator McCulley had Director Taylor

then discussed technological issues with the recent iServe RSVP form.

h. Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio

- Director Zamudio reported on her department's preparations for homecoming week. She also discussed her recent meetings with Senator Gonzalez to discuss his upcoming events, as well as meetings with the UNR Alumni Association to coordinate Pack Midtown. She also announced that applications for the vacant programmer position in her department would close on October 14th. Lastly, she announced that she would be presenting her department's financial report to the Committee on Budget and Finance on the following Friday.

i. Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov

- Director Vaskov announced an upcoming round table event featuring Nevada Assemblywoman Selena Torres, who would be discussing sexual misconduct issues on campus. She stated that the event would be held on the following Friday in the Joe Crowley Student Union from 12-1pm. She also discussed her plans for an upcoming campus event called Coffee with Councilors, as well as her plans to host Sparks City Council members on campus. She also discussed her department's upcoming Donut Forget to Vote event, which would be an effort to register students to vote. Director Vaskov invited interested Senators to attend the next quarterly NSHE Board of Regents meeting. She explained that she wished to bring students who would give public comments in favor of allowing UNR students to access the agendas for future Board of Regents meetings. She also discussed the department's plans to raise voter registration rates among UNR students and explained that the department used the help of nonpartisan, tax exempt groups. Lastly, she explained that the Department of Government Affairs would be collaborating with the Committee on Democratic and Civic Engagement to draft ASUN's legislative priorities. Lastly, they announced that the UNR President's Office had opened up a position for a new Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Parliamentarian Taubel entered the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

j. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang

- Director Wolfgang acknowledged ongoing Yom Kippur celebrations and gave well-wishes to all who celebrated. They announced that the department's commissioner for Social Justice and Policy had recently resigned and that the department was in need of a replacement. They detailed several student-centered IDEA events that the department would facilitate in the coming months, and they also announced that the department had officially welcomed five interns to their team. Additionally, they discussed their work with Senator Jojan to draft a piece favoring UNR's divestment from prison labor. They added that this piece would be discussed by the Senate soon. They announced a National Coming Out Day event in collaboration with Planned Parenthood Generation Action, which was scheduled for October 13th. Director Wolfgang also discussed his department's efforts to bring student awareness to recent events in Iran, which included plans for a tabling event. They then discussed the department's work with the UNR Multicultural Center, as well as efforts to get more administrative support for Hispanic and Latinx UNR students.

k. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe

- Director Rowe did not give a report.

l. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Carlos Lara

- Director Lara reported that he, President Stanfill, and Director Wolfgang had completed an episode of Calling the President for WolfPack Radio. He continued that he was creating a meet

the Departments campaign on social media in order to familiarize students with ASUN. He described his recent work with the Latino Student Advisory Board, as well as his plans to hold future ASUN media trainings in collaboration with his liaisons.

Senator Kane left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

m. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra

- Director Carpio-Guerra announced an upcoming spiritual wellness event that he had planned with Sound Body Sound Mind. He continued that that week was Mental Health Awareness week. Lastly, he discussed his work to form a strong working relationship with NevadaCARES.

n. Attorney General, Jakob Schein

- Attorney General Schein reported that no ASUN meetings had been canceled due to agendizing issues during the past week. He then discussed his personal goals as Attorney General, as he was halfway through his term. He discussed his priorities, which included transparency and fast turnaround time in response to charges filed against ASUN. He continued that he planned to codify ASUN special elections procedures and formally review and edit the ASUN Code of Ethics.

Senator Kane entered the meeting at 6:45pm.

o. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland reminded senators to include Legislative Clerk Habon in any communication regarding new legislation. He explained that updating manuals could sometimes be achieved without drafting legislation and instead by working with the Legislative Clerk.

p. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson announced that applications for the open seat for the College of Business Senator opened on September 26th and that they would be closed on October 10. He discussed the process of choosing a senator should there be multiple applicants and stated that he planned for the seat to be filled by October 19th. He also announced that the Interim Dean for the University of Nevada, Lake Tahoe campus would be visiting the Senate body sometime in the coming weeks. He also stated that the Director of University Athletics would be giving a presentation at the following Senate meeting. He also discussed his recent meetings with the Director of Undergraduate Research, where they discussed involving ASUN in upcoming undergraduate research events. Lastly, he listed several upcoming ASUN events and requested that senators attend and volunteer if possible.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Nivetha Nithyanandan

- Senator Nithyanandan reported that her committee had not met during the prior week but that they would meet during the following week. She stated that the committee had passed the senate resolution to change the Board of Regents Handbook, which would see its first reading at the Senate table later on in this agenda.

b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Nathan Noble

- Senator Noble reported that his committee would be conducting financial reviews for the Programming Board and for the Fall and Spring Concert accounts. He continued that Director Wolfgang and the Department of IDEA would be giving a presentation to the committee on November 14. He continued that the presentation would explore financial equity and the ways that marginalized communities experience discrimination in our financial systems.

c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Kimberly Claussen

- Senator Claussen reported that the committee was discussing their role in the upcoming state legislative session and that they were collaborating closely with Director Vaskov of the Government Affairs Department. She continued that plans were being finalized for the upcoming Veterans' Luncheon. She announced that the committee would hold its next meeting on October 10, wherein the senators would update their legislative priorities in collaboration with Director Vaskov.

d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez

- Senator Gonzalez reported that the committee had passed S.B. 90 - A Resolution to Divest from Prison Labor. He continued that the committee was in the process of planning a World Cup event to highlight diverse clubs on campus by giving them a spotlight during the games.

Senator Gonzalez left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah

- Senator Salah reported that each committee member gave comprehensive reports on their recent work and that they updated the committee Project Tracker. She also announced that the committee had favorably recommended S.B. 90 - An Act to Amend Senator Titles for the College of Education and Human Development. She added that this bill would be discussed by the Senate at their next meeting.

f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Emma Bergren

- Senator Bergren reported that her committee would be meeting on the following Friday, and that they had not met during the prior week. She stated that she expected public comments from stakeholders regarding UNR Parking and Transportation Services as well as PackRides. She also stated that a Campus Safety Walk had been scheduled for the following day and invited senators to join.

g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson reported that S.B. 90 - A Bill Revising Officer Conduct had been postponed at the most recent committee meeting. He continued that the bill would be discussed again at the committee's next meeting on October 17. He also stated that the committee had discussed sending senators to the 2022 Circle of Change Leadership Conference, and that they would be discussing the matter more at their next meeting.

h. Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel

- Parliamentarian Taeubel reported that he had attended the recent State of the University Address. He also announced that he and the other College of Liberal Arts senators had met with the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts to discuss encouraging students to double major in the college of Liberal Arts. He also stated that he had met with his new intern, that he had attended Cookies for Complaints and iLead, and that he would be leading the intern meeting that night.

i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo

- Speaker Thompson read a report on behalf of Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo. The report detailed Senator Ngo's recent work to coordinate the internship, including her work writing their curriculum. The report added that Chief Justice Taylor and Parliamentarian Taeubel would be leading the internship meeting on her behalf that night.

Senator Fiorillo left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of Amending Article V, Sections 7-10 of the Board of Regents Handbook to Allow the Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Agenda**
- **S.B. 90 – A Bill to Updating the Club Support Funding Policy Manual**

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- **Motion from Senator Kermanshahi:** Motion to fast-track S.B. 90 – A Bill to Updating the Club Support Funding Policy Manual.
Seconded by: Senator Noble
- Senator Noble read his fast-track memo into record. In the memo, he explained that the bill required immediate consideration by the Senate because it would determine whether or not the Department of Clubs and Organizations could hold meetings.
- **Question from Speaker Thompson:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- **Motion from Senator Nithyanandan:** Motion to refer S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of Amending Article V, Sections 7-10 of the Board of Regents Handbook to Allow the Nevada Student Alliance Chair Access to the Agenda to the Committee on Government Operations through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Kermanshahi
- **Question from Speaker Thompson:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Senator Fiorillo entered the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

a. S.B. 90 – A Bill to Updating the Club Support Funding Policy Manual

- **Motion from Senator Fiorillo:** Motion to approve S.B. 90 – A Bill to Updating the Club Support Funding Policy Manual.
Seconded by: Senator Kermanshahi.
- **Presentation:** Senator Noble delivered a presentation to explain the proposed changes to the Club Support Funding Manual. He clarified that one of the original three club funding tiers into a separate tier, which would separate campus events and travel costs into two different categories. He argued that doing so would make ASUN funding more accessible to UNR clubs.
- **Discussion:**
 - Senator Kermanshahi endorsed the piece.
 - Taeubel: why was the 5k changed to 1k in section 3? is that change moving money somewhere else/ noble: 5k covered travel and on campus events, and this small amount forced clubs to choose which they wanted to do. now 1k covers on campus events.
 - Mcculley: is the 4k for travel based on past travel costs? tre: on campus and travel were not together to begin with but they were combined during covid. most clubs did not spend much of their budgets during covid. noble: this tier is funded at 50% so clubs have to match whatever asun gives them. meaning thatll help revert overspending there.

Senator Kermanshahi left the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Senator Kermanshahi entered the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to amend the piece by substitution, correcting the title from “S.B. 90 – A Bill to Updating the Club Support Funding Policy Manual.” to “S.B. 90 – A Bill to Update the Club Support Funding Policy Manual” via unanimous consent.
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Kermanshahi.
 - **Question from Speaker Thompson:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions

- **Motion from Senator Dean:** Motion to remove Senator Dean from the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, and to place Senator Dean on the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Cano-Sanchez.
- **Question from Speaker Thompson:** Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

- **Senator Kane**

- Senator Kane reported on her recent meeting with a representative from UNR's chapter of Dance Marathon. She described her efforts to help the organization benefit children at local hospitals. She reviewed her recent meeting with her liaison, the president of UNR's Residence Hall Association. She said that they discussed ASUN getting involved with RHA events and advertising open student worker positions within RHA. She continued that she had been hosting office hours in the Student Union regularly in order to speak with constituents about their concerns while also familiarizing them with ASUN. She also announced that she had been meeting with her intern. She also stated that she had met with her liaison in the UNR Admissions and Records Department, where they discussed issues including new student registration, class registration, schedule changes, and commencement. She detailed several recent events that she had attended.

- **Senator Swackhamer**

- Senator Swackhamer reported that he had scheduled meetings with his liaisons. He also explained that he had conducted outreach with his constituents regarding the safety and availability of bike maintenance on campus. He continued that he had reached out to Director Rowe of the ASUN Department of Sustainability, who stated that he could pass a piece mirroring a piece passed by the city of Reno regarding micro mobility. He stated that he did not have time to author or lead such a piece and encouraged other senators to lead that initiative. He also discussed his efforts to garner support from students for the construction of a new Agricultural Sciences building on the UNR campus.

c. iLead Experience

- Speaker Thompson asked the senators to share any actionable student concerns during their participation in iLead.
 - Senator Claussen stated that she had spoken with students in pre-professional clubs, who expressed desires to network with students in other professional clubs. She asked the body how ASUN could help facilitate such networking opportunities.
 - Senator Kane voiced concerns from a student regarding a disorganized line at the recent ASUN fall concert.
 - Senator Noble stated that he had spoken with students from medical related clubs. He explained that they expressed confusion about how to get club merchandise funding and event funding through ASUN. He discussed creating informational campaigns that would target these clubs so that they would be better able to get the funding they needed.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Senator Noble

- Senator Noble announced that he would be meeting with representatives from the office of the Nevada Governor, Catherine Cortez Mastow, to discuss the Governor providing support for the Nevada CARES Advocacy Center. He invited other senators to attend the upcoming meeting, which would be held on the following day.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- Dr. Rodriguez delivered clarifying remarks about the budget. She also thanked those involved with organizing the El Grito event and shared some thoughts about the

Latino/Chicano/Hispanic community at UNR, including the grant from the Latino Research Center which enabled ASUN to put on the event.

b. **ASUN Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov**

- Director Vaskov announced that she would be meeting with a lobbying team from Washington, D.C. to discuss what UNR students wished to see from the federal government. She continued that she would be bringing up student securities during the discussion. She also announced that the Department of Government Affairs would be sponsoring the catering for the Department of IDEA's Indigenous Peoples Day event.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.