

Judicial Council

90th Session of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Friday, October 7th, 2022 at 3:00pm

Joe Crowley Student Union Room 324, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chief Justice Taylor called the Judicial Council meeting to order on Friday, October 7th, 2022, at 3:00pm via JCSU Room 324, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Amanda Drew.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chief Justice Taylor, Senior Associate Justice Stamps, Associate Justice Hovatter, Associate Justice Melendez, Associate Justice Glowniak

Absent Excused: None

A quorum was present.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chief Justice Taylor read the land acknowledgement into the record: "It is important to recognize this space and place that we are able to live, work, and learn in. We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homelands of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Newe (Western Shoshone), and Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. It is at this moment we recognize their connection to this land and honor their powerful legacy."

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

5. MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved at the time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Governing Document Review

- **Discussion:** Chief Justice Taylor announced that the Judicial interns would be presenting their findings on the ASUN governing documents that were assigned to them. Each intern was officially recognized and permitted to speak by the body prior to their presentations.
- **Dominic Chase:** Dominic presented a summary of his findings and thoughts on the SAS Title I document. The document detailed the rules of the ASUN Senate, the transition of power between officers, and the duties of various officers. The presentation also outlined the procedures involved in passing legislation and amendments to legislation in ASUN. Lastly, Dominic explained that the Judicial Council had the authority to bring charges and enforce the rules followed by officers in ASUN's legislative branch.



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- **Chanel Gonzalez:** Chanel presented a summary of her findings and thoughts on Title 28 of the SAS. The document detailed the processes required to remove ASUN officers from the Association. Chanel clarified what counts as a malfeasance, how charges are filed, how investigations and impeachment trials proceed, and the role of the Judicial Council in these proceedings. Chief Justice Taylor clarified that any officer in ASUN can file charges against another officer.
- **Mackenzie:** Mackenzie presented a summary of her findings and thoughts on Title 7 of the SAS. The document detailed the rules and conduct mandated during elections, the procedures for any necessary disciplinary actions, and the appointment of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education. Her presentation also detailed the necessary qualifications for student voters and stated the locations of the polls. Her presentation also explained the role of Judicial Council in carrying out disciplinary actions in the case that a code of conduct is breached.
- **James Greco:** James presented a summary of his findings and thoughts on Nevada Open Meeting Law, or SAS Title 9. His presentation outlined how the law mandates officers to uphold transparency and maintain records of their meetings, including agendaing, documents, recordings, and discussions. He also mentioned the criteria which determined which meetings would need to comply with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- **Gerardo Navarin:** Gerardo gave a presentation of his findings and thoughts on SAS Title 3, which focuses on the Judicial Branch of ASUN. He reviewed the composition of the Judicial Branch and outlined the duties of each position. He also covered judicial rules and procedures, including the scope and purpose of judicial council, equal protections, accommodations for disabled people, and procedures before, during, and after each hearing. James asked if hearings are recorded, and Chief Justice Taylor answered that secretaries only took audio recordings of ongoing hearings, not of deliberations.

7. **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. **Chief Justice Taylor**

- Chief Justice Taylor announced that he would not be present at the following Judicial Council meeting, and that the next meeting would be led by Senior Associate Justice Stamps.

b. **Associate Justice Glowniak**

- Associate Justice Glowniak asked what would be covered in the upcoming case reviews and what would be expected of interns and mentors. Chief Justice Taylor answered that mentors and their interns would present two cases together. He continued that both mentors and interns would be conducting their own research and contributing their own thoughts on the cases.

c. **Associate Justice Melendez**

- Associate Justice Melendez asked for clarification on the number of cases presented by each mentor and intern. Chief Justice Taylor answered that there would be two cases per partnership, and that the interns would choose their two cases from separate categories. .

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chief Justice Taylor adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm via JCSU Room 324, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union.