

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, September 28th, 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 Wednesday, September 28th, 2022, at 5:34 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretaries, Wyatt.

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Tardy Excused: Senator Bryan

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from November 3rd, 2021.
- b. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from November 17th, 2021.
- c. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from July 6th, 2022.
- d. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from July 20th, 2022.
 - **Motion by Senator Jojan:** Motion to approve the minutes from November 3rd, 2021, November 17th, 2021, July 6th, 2022, July 20th, 2022, by unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Noble.
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was dissent.
 - There was no dissent.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

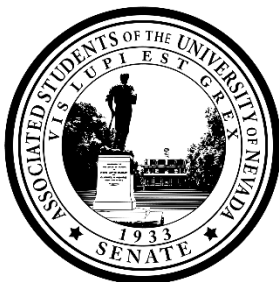
There was no public comment at this time.

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

There were no receipts of petitions and correspondence at this time.

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. **President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill**
 - President Stanfill reported on her meetings and a new coalition that would discuss concerns of the students at the Lake Tahoe campus, she also sent out memos for committee members and



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was waiting on senators to accept. She congratulated Chief of Staff Martinez, Wellness Department, and the Department of Government Affairs for their events during Welcome Week. She also invited everyone to join Presidents Cabinet.

- Senator Ngo asked if the State of the Association address would be recorded.
 - President Stanfill stated she was not sure but would check and send out a link to the list serve.
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Bayla Fitzpatrick**
 - Vice President Fitzpatrick reported on her meetings and the games that happened. She congratulated the Department of Wellness for their event. She also called students from the Lake Tahoe campus and participated in the voter events put on by the department of Government Affairs.
- c. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor**
 - Chief Justice Taylor reported on their internship programs.
- d. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez**
 - Chief of Staff Martinez congratulated the department of Wellness and Government Affairs for their events. She stated the internship kick off was amazing and headshots were being taken and she was trying her best to get this done. She had also worked on the Officer Handbook and academic integrity with the university.
- e. Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao**
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao reported on an event called Cookies for Complaints.
 - Senator Ngo asked if the complaints would be anonymous or not.
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao stated if they were done on paper then it would be optional but if on PackLife it would not be.
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor**
 - Director Taylor reported that iLead would be October 1st and attended the Student Advisory Board.
- g. Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio**
 - Director Zamudio reported on the work on Homecoming events and the Concert report. She also attended the Student Advisory board meeting.
- h. Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov**
 - Director Vaskov reported on the events and started to plan even more events.
- i. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang**
 - Director Wolfgang reported meeting with all the coordinators of the Multicultural Center and wanted to collaborate with the center in a meet and greet. They also met with Jesus from the Human Rights Campaign to discuss how to help LGBTQIA+ students. They had many more meetings and event updates.
- j. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe**
 - Director Rowe reported on many meetings about legislation, the arboretum board, and climate specialty, and water reduction over the summer. The faculty passed legislation to support the micro mobility project in downtown Reno.
 - Senator Ngo asked if they had gotten applications for the Sniff.
 - Director Rowe stated yes.
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Carlos Lara**

- Director Lara reported on continues Pack Friendly business and a podcast. He had been in communications with the Latino Advisory board and much more.

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra

- Director Carpio-Guerra reported on the quarterly Night Walk and the student Advisory board for the counselor service, the sports games would be to promote mental health and the student health center would be able to test for STI and flu shots.

m. Attorney General, Jakob Schein

- Attorney General Schein reported he agenized for Presidents Cabinet and worked on the Advisory Board and participated in events put on by department of Government Affairs. He also explained some more legislation he had worked on.
 - Senator Ngo reminded the chairs to add “for possible action” or “for information only”
 - Attorney General added to put “for possible action/information only”.

n. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland reminded the senators about the new outreach period and the additional intern hours needed. He stated the Senate would see S.R 90-A Resolution to Divest from Prison Labor. He also stated he would be out of town until Monday October 3rd and Senior Secretary Chavez would take on the role while he was out of town.

o. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson reported on his many meetings which included Senior Leadership Committee, some senators and many more. On Mondays he would release information on events that could be used for outreach. He stated for iLead he needed a final RSVP number.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

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

- Senator Nithyanandan reported at the last committee meeting they heard all the liaisons. The committee would meet October 6th at 2pm.

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

- Senator Noble reported that the committee had a financial review. He also explained the financial review schedule.

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

- Senator Claussen reported on updates from liaison meeting and updates of the veteran’s luncheon.

d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez

- Senator Gonzalez reported that the committee met, and liaison were assigned.
 - Senator Greb stated that the event would only be for First Generation students.
 - Senator Gonzalez stated that last he heard it was opened to everyone.

e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah

- Senator Salah stated the senators were assigned projects of the governing documents.

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

- Senator Bergren reported the committee updated project tracker and liaison position.

g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson reported that Oversight would meet and discuss if any officers should be

sent to a conference and legislation.

h. **Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel**

- Parliamentarian Taeubel reported he attended the internship kickoff, continued to work on the officer handbook and started to work on a code of ethics.

i. **Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo**

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo thanked everyone who attended the internship kickoff, and the pairs were done and would be sent out. The outreach would include another 2 hours because of the interns. She will send out information to the senators about their interns and what was needed.
 - Senator Greb asked when the interns would know who their mentor was.
 - Senator Ngo stated later that evening or September 29th.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments and announcements.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

No nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

There were no appointments at this time.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at the time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. **S.B. 90- AN ACT TO AMEND SENATOR TITLES FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**
- b. **S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION TO DIVEST FROM PRISON LABOR**

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no motions to Fast-Track any legislations.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- a. **S.B. 90- AN ACT TO AMEND SENATOR TITLES FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**
 - **Motion by Senator Salah:** Motion to refer S.B. 90- AN ACT TO AMEND SENATOR TITLES FOR THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT to the committee of Government Operations
 - **Second by:** Senator Kuhl
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent.
 - There was no dissent.
 - Motion: Carried
- b. **S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION TO DIVEST FROM PRISON LABOR**

- **Motion by Senator Jojan:** Motion to refer S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION TO DIVEST FROM PRISON LABOR to the committee of IDEA.
 - **Second by:** Senator Salah
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent.
 - There was no dissent.
- Motion: Carried

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

a. S.B.R. 90- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO CENSURE SENATOR KERMANSHAHI

Speaker Thompson gave the gavel to Senator Ngo.

- **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to approve S.B.R. 90- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO CENSURE SENATOR KERMANSHAHI
- **Second by:** Senator Noble and Kuhl
- Speaker Thompson presented the legislation.
- Senator Kermanshahi explained his reasons behind the points.
 - Senator Jojan asked about the public apology to the Nevada Sagebrush.
 - Speaker Thompson stated that the punishments were seen to be a range and since the issues was internal Senator Kermanshahi would just need to release a statement to the body.
 - Senator Jojan stated that he believed Senator Kermanshahi was very invested.
 - **Vote:** 18 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions
 - **Motion:** Carried

Senator Ngo gave the gavel to Speaker Thompson.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions **b. Senator Reports**

- **Senator, Nivetha Nithyanandan**
 - Senator Nithyanandan stated she had been in communication with University Libraries for events to promote the libraries and liaisons for them. There was also the first meeting with the College of Science dean which she would miss but would go to the rest of them. She also had been at work to fix the pendulum.
 - Senator Bergen asked when the Open Education Week would be.
 - Senator Nithyanandan stated it would be the last week of October.
 - Senator Noble asked who she had contacted for ENDURE. He stated his contact was Dr. Tanya Kelly.
- **Senator, Luis Galvez**
 - Senator Galvez stated he had done outreach at the Lake Tahoe Campus, which allowed him to understand issues from students. There are also many other legislations that he started work on. He stated that he met with the college Dean and many more people to discuss more issues with his college.

c. Presentations

- Athletic Director of the University of Nevada, Reno, Stephanie Rempe

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.