

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, September 14th, 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 14th, 2022, at 5:40 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 Taubel, and Senators Bergren, Brown, Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Claussen, Dean, Fiorillo, Galvez, Gonzalez, Greb, Jojan, Kane, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Landolfi, McCulley, Nithyanandan, Salah, Smith, and Swackhamer.

Absent Excused: Senator Noble and Perez Ramirez

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from October 13th, 2021.
- b. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from October 20th, 2021.
- c. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from October 27th, 2021.
- d. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 3rd, 2022.
- e. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 17th, 2022.
- f. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 31st, 2022.
 - **Motion by Senator Salah:** Motion to approve the minutes from October 13th, 20th, 27th 2021, August 3rd, 17th, 31st, 2022, by unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Ngo.
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was dissent.
 - There was no dissent.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Erin Schaffer
 - Erin stated that Government Affairs would hold many events and she would like to have senator support.
 - Senator Swackhamer asked when the lobbying training would be.
 - Erin started at 6pm.
- b. Luis Galvez, Senator of Education
 - Senator Galvez gave a message from Dr. Jennifer Mahon about international professors that would be hosted by the College of Educations and Human Development. She asked if the association could donate shirts for the event.



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- c. Trace Wolfgang, Director of IDEA
 - Director Wolfgang congratulated the body for the agenized Land Acknowledgement.

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

- a. **RESIGNATION, SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, JACK TAGLANG**

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

- a. **President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill**
 - President Stanfill reported on the plans for Running with the Wolves and the Fall Concert. She attended the Board of Regents meeting in Elko County and all her work.
- b. **Vice President of the Associated Students, Bayla Fitzpatrick**
 - Vice President Fitzpatrick reported on her meetings with Athletics, UNR PD and Student Media. She also attended the voter registration training and worked on Pack Friendly Businesses list.
- c. **Chief Justice, Zane Taylor**
 - Chief Justice Taylor reported he attended a presentation by Pack Provisions and attended Budget and Finance to receive more outreach budget. There was a meeting in which the council discussed their process.
- d. **Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez**
 - Chief of Staff Martinez reported on many of her projects which included the “Who Represents me” campaign and the start of the internship.
- e. **Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao**
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao reported on her meeting which included Sustainability, IDEA, and Wellness to help with events. She also met with Blue Crew. The ASUN Polos are done and if there are any issues let her know.
- f. **Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor**
 - Director Taylor thanked everyone for showing support for Club Fair and the department had started to work on iLead. He had also been in meeting with his Assistant Directors and many more people.
- g. **Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio**
 - Director Zamudio reported on Welcome Week and the Concert Evaluation and started to plan Welcome Week and Pack Midtown.
 - Senator Taubel thanked the programming department for all their hard work.
 - Senator Ngo asked if once the concert report was done, they could present it to the association.
 - Director Zamudio said yes, and she could send out a form for feedback.
- h. **Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov**
 - Director Vaskov reported on her meeting and her work which included: Club Fair, Regent Getty, and coordinated public comment in Board of Regents and Voter Registration training.
- i. **Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang**
 - Director Wolfgang reported his meeting with the Cultural Diversity Committee and with the University Diversity Office Search Committee to find the next University Diversity and Inclusion officer. He attended the Voter Registration training and scheduled meetings with Multicultural directors. They discussed the Proud to be Latinx and the Land Acknowledgement

projects.

- Senator Ngo asked about the Diversity Summit and to talk to the Committee of IDEA.
 - Director Wolfgang stated he would.

j. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe

- Director Rowe reported on many meetings which included the arboretum board, University Bicycle committee, to try and fix issues with the bicycle fill up stations, and legislation.

k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Carlos Lara

- Director Lara reported on a meeting with Inkblot and worked on the Pack Friendly Business list, Met the Department Campaign, and the started the market the Bird Scooters on Campus.

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra

- Director Carpio-Guerra reported on their involvement with Counseling Service and their new Annex and their many planned events.

m. Attorney General, Jakob Schein

- Attorney General Schein reported he wrote the censure resource. He had planned to meet with Senator Galvez and Senator Ngo about officer reports being posted on the website. He also met with Senator Salah about updating the SAS. He also stated that anyone who felt uncomfortable about the email he sent about officer conduct can reach out to him.
 - Senator Ngo asked if there was any way to hold people accountable.
 - Attorney General Schein stated that was part of the legislation he had worked on.
 - Senator Swackhamer stated that the legislation would only be for when the person acted as an officer not personal.
 - Attorney General Schein stated that for events put on by ASUN the officers should be on their best behavior.
 - Senator Greb disagreed with Attorney General Schein because when officers attend events not as an officer it should not matter.
 - Attorney General Schein cited the SAS about officer conduct.

n. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland congratulated the Senate Committee Chair. He reminded the senators to reach out if they did not have access to the form or needed help. He did not want to give out points if not needed.

o. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson thanked everyone for being available even over zoom. He also stated that he would which for more participation of the senators for other departments.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

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

- Senator Nithyanandan reported at the first meeting they assigned liaisons and discussed topics to bring to their liaison meetings. The next meeting would be September 22nd.

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

- Senator Noble reported that legislation was favorably recommended by the committee.

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

- Senator Claussen reported the committee participated in Welcome Week and met with Veterans service Director Chai Cook and Coordinator John Pratt for their Veteran Luncheon.

- d. **Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez**
 - Senator Gonzalez reported that the committee met liaison started to be assigned. He also discussed the 2022 World Cup and their work to see it become an event with the Joe and create a Latino Town Hall.
 - Senator Ngo asked the difference between the Department of IDEAs Proud to be Latin x and their Latino Town Hall.
 - Senator Gonzalez stated they want to focus on the community and if it was something they can collaborate on then they will.
- e. **Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah**
 - Senator Salah stated the committee met with discuss goals and expectations.
- f. **Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Emma Bergren**
 - Senator Bergren reported the committee assigned liaisons meeting.
- g. **Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson**
 - Speaker Thompson reported that Oversight discussed the flow of legislation.
 - Senator Ngo asked if they could add the project tracker on the Senate Agenda once a month for transparency and to discuss at the table.
 - Speaker Thompson stated it would be possible, but chairs discuss it during their reports.
- h. **Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel**
 - Parliamentarian Taeubel reported his one on one with senators. He also went to the Board of Regents meet in Elko.
- i. **Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo**
 - Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo reported on the internship programs and the interview process. She also explained what the internship would work.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or 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 was no consent agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

There were no legislation for first reading.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no motions to Fast-Track any legislations.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

There were no referrals to committee.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

a. S.B. 90- A BILL AMENDING THE JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP STRUCTURE

- **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to approve A BILL AMENDING THE JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP STRUCTURE

Second by: Senator Gonzalez

- Senator Salah explained the legislation.
 - Senator Claussen asked if the curriculum of associate justice interns and Chief Justice interns was different.
 - Chief Justice Taylor stated it was dependent of the Chief Justice but not really for himself.
 - Senator McCulley asked how the elements of a rotational internship would be supplemented in the new system.
 - Chief Justice Taylor stated that since the associate justices all work on the same elements. The only difference is their deliberations which no one is allowed to hear. He also stated that when he was an intern it was harder to be in that rotational system.
- **Vote:** 22 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
- **Motion:** Carried

b. S.B. 90- A BILL AMENDING THE REMOVAL OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICES

- **Motion by Senator Ngo:** Motion to approve S.B. 90- A BILL AMENDING THE REMOVAL OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

Second by: Senator Gonzalez

- Senator Salah and Chief Justice explained the legislation.
- Senator Ngo asked if the legislation gave the president sole power to remove a senator.
 - Chief Justice Taylor stated no, an associate justice would be removed would be by due process.
- Attorney General Chief Schein stated the process to remove an associate justice would be impeachment.
 - Chief Justice stated if there is a conversation to be had then that should happen first but after that, let the people who approved their appointment take control.
- **Vote:** 22 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
- **Motion:** Carried

c. S.B. 90- A BILL TO UPDATE COMPENSATION IN THE ASSOCIATION

- **Motion by Senator Gonzalez:** Motion to approve S.B. 90- A BILL TO UPDATE COMPENSATION IN THE ASSOCIATION.

Second by: Senator Salah

- Attorney General Schein explained the legislation.
- Senator Greb stated his disagreement to the compensation.

- Attorney General Schein stated that the payment was the same as what they were paid at the time.
- Senator Greb stated the senator wages was his opinion.
 - Attorney General Schein stated the number was from the legal document and the wage if it were to increase had to changed with a ballot question.
- Senator Greb asked how the wages had been changed in the past.
 - **Motion by Senator Greb:** Motion to postpone indefinitely until the next senate meeting.
Second by: Senator Kermanshahi
- Senator McCulley stated that it should not be pushed by since there is little that they can do.
- Attorney General Schein stated if they had an issue, they should have discussed it. He also read out the Judicial Order.
 - **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to previous question.
Second by: Senator Ngo
 - **Vote:** 20 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions
 - **Motion:** Carried
 - **Vote:** 2 yeas, 20 nays, 0 abstentions
 - **Motion:** Failed
- Senator Claussen asked to clarify the documentation.
 - Attorney General Schein stated that as an officer they could technically do the work without documentation, they would just not be paid.
- Senator Ngo asked if the fee calculation could be updated.
 - Attorney General Schein stated yes.
- Speaker Thompson stated that the legislation did not determine the wages, it determined how the wages were distributed.
- Senator Greb asked to clarify the numbers in the legislation.
 - Attorney General Schein read the Judicial Order again.
- Senator Kermanshahi asked to clarify the Judicial Order.
- Parliamentarian Taubel stated that in line item 1&2 they regarded the Judicial Order but that was out of the ordinary.
 - Attorney General stated there was a case and no one who had issues showed up. Those who had issues should make a ballot question to discuss wages.
- **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend S.B. 90- A BILL TO UPDATE COMPENSATION IN THE ASSOCIATION to reflect the authorship.
Second by: Senator Ngo
 - **Vote:** 19 yeas, 1 nay, 0 abstentions
- **Vote:** 17 yeas, 2 nays, 1 abstention
- **Motion:** Carried

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions**
 - **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to add himself to the Committee of IDEA, through unanimous consent.
- b. **Senator Reports**
 - **Senator, Ryleigh McCulley**
 - Senator McCulley reported on her work with Senator Claussen and Senator Ngo to reach out to the community partners of the Fall Service Fair, she also worked at the event. She was very involved in with the Veterans Luncheon. She also started outreach to CABNR affiliated clubs and many more.

- **Senator, Robert Smith**
 - Senator Smith reported on his outreach.
- c. **Presentations**
 - Bird Company (Representatives Robert Singleton, Taylor Kenney)
 - Robert Singleton presented the Bird Company and their ideas for the university and students.
 - Senator Smith reported some issues like graffiti and broken scooters and the way people park them. He asked how they want to fix the park issues.
 - Robert stated that there are benefits that are given to those who park right and for those who misuse parking, they are fined. For those Birds who are damaged the rider can report it and it would get fixed.
 - Senator Bryan asked if they have a plan to manage misuse of the scooters.
 - Robert stated that the company had many safeguards in place, and they are vigilant in any misuse of their scooters.
 - Senator Jojan asked what the contractual obligation of the company with the University and City of Reno was.
 - Robert stated they have helped with many programs to help the infrastructure and they have franchise fees to the city.
 - Senator Kuhl asked what legal protection the students have during accidents.
 - Robert stated that it would come down to who was at fault. If there was negligent infrastructure then the fault would be the University/ City of Reno, if it was misuse of the user than the user would be at fault and if it was a malfunction of the equipment than the fault would land on the company.
 - Senator Ngo asked about the driver's license to verify age.
 - Robert stated it did not need to be a drivers license but id to verify the age of the rider.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Senator, Clayton Greb**
 - Senator Greb invited everyone to club events to celebrate Jewish holidays, donation drives, and many more events.?
- b. **Senator, John Kermanshahi**
 - Senator Kermanshahi stated there was an event to fund cancer research in young adults.
- c. **Senator, Jaime Gonzalez**
 - Senator Gonzalez stated "La Bienvenido" event had been postponed and discussed many more events that people could attend.
 - Speaker Pro- Tempore asked about a conference and if they could discuss it at Oversight.
- d. **Speaker Pro- Tempore, Olivia Ngo**
 - Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo reminded Senator that the agenda had been posted Friday to give everyone enough time to create an opinion.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.