

Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Friday, October 14, 2022 at 3:00 pm

ASUN President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

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a. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Noble called the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting to order on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 3:01 via ASUN President's Room, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretary, Nevaeh Wortinger.

b. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Senators Noble, Ngo, Brown, Greb, Kuhl

Absent Excused: Dean

Tardy Unexcused: Kermanshahi

A quorum was present.

c. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

d. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes approved at the time.

e. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

There was no report at the time.

f. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business at the time.

g. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Financial Reviews – Inkblot Promotions**

- **Director Matovina gave a presentation about the purpose and expenditures of the Inkblot Promotions account.**
- **Question from Senator Noble:** Mentioned that the Committee budgeted for lower prices, and that specific budget items have not yet been amended. He then asked how Inkblot is getting around their budget problems.
 - **Director Matovina** stated that they have had to look into denying printing requests that are too large and had already started suggesting that departments print smaller quantities. Also mentioned that departments can pay for printing out of their own budget.
- **Question from Senator Ngo:** Asked if work orders had been coming in consistently from Clubs and if they had any plans to get clubs to use their services more often.



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- **Director Matovina** responded that clubs do not interact with Inkblot much. She also mentioned that, per the SAS, Inkblot can only help market events that are given ASUN funding and later asked for ASUN support.
- **Question from Senator Brown:** Asked if there were any way senators can support Inkblot to get their numbers back to pre-COVID levels.
- **Director Matovina** asked for more freedom in terms of what Inkblot can do for clubs so that they can better help them.

b. Financial Reviews – New Student Initiatives

- **Vice President Fitzpatrick gave a presentation about the purpose and expenditures of the New Student Initiative.**
- **Question from Senator Kermanshahi:** Asked if there was any way that money could be reallocated to include things like recruitment.
 - **Vice President Fitzpatrick** stated that more money would need to be put into the account if they wanted to include other areas like recruitment. She stated that the money that was allocated to them is going to get used.
 - **Senator Greb** commented that the Office of Admissions has their own budget outside of ASUN. They are able to host their own events.
- **Question from Senator Noble:** Asked about the fiscal impact that Nevada Bound has on ASUN.
 - **Vice President Fitzpatrick** stated that ASUN's role in Nevada Bound is largely tabling at the beginning of the event so there are not many expenditures.

h. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. IDEA Training

- Director Trace Wolfgang gave a presentation on how organizations that are more IDEA focused tend to be more prosperous.
Senator Kermanshahi entered the Zoom at 3:07 pm
- **Question from Director Wolfgang:** Do the senators have any specific ways to promote diverse perspectives?
- Senator Kermanshahi: Expressed his appreciation for Director Wolfgang's presentation. Explained how education about what the Department of IDEA does, how they work, and why they are important will help the department become more representative. Explained that the general student view of IDEA is to help specific underrepresented groups but mentions that the department should be trying to unite all communities on campus.
 - Director Wolfgang replied that they agree and mentioned the idea to start binding the senate meetings to have a physical copy to help continue tradition on campus. They also mentioned the canned food drive that had been incorporated into Dead Day.
- Senator Noble: Mentioned how the committee on Budget and Finance had actively pursued the issue of Senator wages and how this is an example of the committee helping with IDEA related issues. Later mentioned that leaders of ASUN always need to be conscience of the perspective that they bring to the table.
 - Director Wolfgang agreed and mentioned that senators can continue to expand this idea by including undocumented students into the equation.
- Senator Ngo: Reiterated what Senator Noble said about Senator Wages, mentioned that paid positions are often the only way underrepresented students can get into leadership positions. Senator Ngo mentioned later that as a club leader she often did not request

funding because she understands what goes on to get the money, but also understands that approving funding must be done bureaucratically. Suggested to Director Wolfgang the importance of ensuring that elections are also done bureaucratically and to always function with students' best interest in mind.

- Director Wolfgang agreed that there are accessibility issues surrounding the process for clubs to receive funding. Specially, they mentioned that bureaucratic processes are often huge barriers for club leaders because they are often confusing. In terms of elections, Director Wolfgang said that there is a huge equity issue for students who are unfamiliar with the processes because students are being punished for things that they cannot control.
- Director Rodriguez with permission from Senate: Mentioned that Senators and the Department of IDEA should be looking at funding statistics to understand what clubs and organizations are being historically underfunded.

b. Outreach for next financial review

- **Senator Noble** stated that the next financial review will be October 21st, 2022. The committee will be reviewing the Senate account, the Budget and Finance account, and the Judicial Council account.

c. New Projects Brainstorming

- **Senator Brown** is working on legislation to increase the Stipend that Senators receive.
- **Senator Kuhl** is working on creating a project to create a partnership deal between ASUN and the @One in terms of technology services.
 - **Senator Greb** asked more about what the project would entail.
 - **Senator Kuhl** answered that they would be looking at purchasing more technology for the @One so they can be lent out to ASUN departments. He stated that undergraduate students do not have access to borrow laptops, despite graduate students being able to.

c. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment at the time.

d. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Noble adjourned the meeting at 3:56 pm via ASUN President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student and via Zoom Conference Call.