

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, October 26th, 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 26, 2022 at 5:37 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Legislative Clerk, Nathan Habon, and Presiding Secretary, Wyatt Layland.

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent Excused: Senators Jojan and Swackhamer.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No minutes were approved at the time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Pack Internship Representative
 - Promoted the Pack Internship program.

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

- a. Candidate, Senator for the College of Business, Mark Meiszburger
- b. Candidate, Senator for the College of Business, Marina Zheleznyakova
- c. Candidate, Senator for the College of Business, Samuel McCoy

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. **President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill**
 - President Stanfill reported on her busy week, she had many meetings which included Dr. Ellis, President Sandoval, Chief James, an Alumni Association Banquet. She also had worked as NSA Chair, GSA, and meeting President Sandoval. She also gave a shout out to programmers and everyone who supported Homecoming Week.

Senator Fiorillo entered the meeting at 7:19pm.

Senator Brown entered the meeting at 7:19pm.

- b. **Vice President of the Associated Students, Bayla Fitzpatrick**



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- Vice President Fitzpatrick reported on n her meeting which included; the Pack Internship Grant, Tanta Kelley about a collaboration between Wolf Pack Discovery and Pack Internship Grant, Student Tech Advisory Board, Student Leadership Alliance, CIA Magliano about Nevada Dinning and Cocoa for Complaints, Chief of Staff Martinez and Director Zamudio about the 125th Anniversary of ASUN.
- c. **Chief Justice, Zane Taylor**
 - Chief Justice Taylor reported on work with the Career Studio on the Law School Fair.
- d. **Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez**
 - Chief of Staff Martinez reported on the last rounds of headshots, she reminded everyone to attend the “Home means Nevada” event, and on December 9th there would be an intern wide meeting that everyone was invited to attend, she also work on the new ASUN Alumni Association.
- e. **Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao**
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao reported on events “Home means Nevada” and “Cocoa for Complaints”. She reminded everyone to read the “VibeChecks” that she sends to senators.
- f. **Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor**
 - Director Taylor reported on the department started plans on the Spring Club Fairs and iServe. The programmers started meeting with their clubs.
- g. **Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio**
 - Director Zamudio reported on reported on work for Homecoming Week and interviewed for the new programmers.
- h. **Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov**
 - Director Vaskov reported on her work and research for the department.
- i. **Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang**
 - Director Wolfgang reported the IDEA Commissioner for Social Justice and Policy positions was opened on Workday.
- j. **Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe**
 - Director Rowe reported he would met with the former Chief of Environmental Affairs on campus, and some business about sustainability, the Assistant Director met with the founder of University of Utah’s Outdoor program and how to implement a similar program at the university, and he had worked on legislation.
 - Senator Ngo asked if he had sponsors for the legislation.
 - Director Rowe stated yes.
- k. **Director of Campus and Public Relations, Carlos Lara**
 - Director Lara reported on his work on “Met the Departments” campaign, a press release on elections, statement on student safety, cookies for compliment.
- l. **Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra**
 - Director Carpio-Guerra reported on election de-stress-handouts, they had their first Wellness Wednesday post on Instagram and the Counseling Services would host a transgender and

gender event on November 17th.

m. Attorney General, Jakob Schein

- Attorney General Schein reported on their canceled meeting and legislation work.

n. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland reminded senators about outreach.

o. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson thanked everyone for being involved in all the events. He would also work with the new senators to give them all the information needed.
 - Senator Noble asked if they should describe their committees for the new senators.
 - Speaker Thompson stated yes.
 - Senator Ngo asked Secretary Layland if he had the committee numbers.
 - Secretary Layland stated only one committee was full, all other committees have at least one spot.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

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

- Senator Nithyanandan reported on the last meeting and explained the committee.

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

- Senator Noble explained the committees' duties and explained their meetings. He stated they would not meet that week. He discussed technology and a campaign to help fund it.

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

- Senator Claussen explained the committee and invited everyone to the veteran's luncheon. The committee would meet October 31st.

d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez

- Senator Cano-Sanchez explained the committee.

e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah

- Senator Salah reported on the last meeting and explained the committee.

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

- Senator Bergren reported on the last meeting and explained the committee.

g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson explained the committee and stated the next meeting would be November 2nd.

h. Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel

- Parliamentarian Taeubel explained his role as parliamentarian.

i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo reported on the interns and discuss with the interns their experience.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments and announcements at the time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

a. Senator for the College of Business Nominations

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to fast-track the nominations of Mark Meiszburger, Marina Zheleznyakova, and Samuel McCoy to the Office of Senator for the College of Business, through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Kuhl.

Senator Kermanshahi left the meeting at 6:41pm.

Senator Kermanshahi entered the meeting at 6:42pm.

- Question from Speaker Thompson: Asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

a. Senator for the College of Business Nominations

- **Motion from Senator Salah:** Motion to approve the nomination of Samuel McCoy to the Office of Senator for the College of Business
Seconded by: Senator Kuh

Objected by: Parliamentarian Taeubel

- **Vote:** 0 in favor, 16 against, 4 abstained
- **Resolved:** Motion failed.
- **Motion from Senator Kermanshahi:** Motion to approve the nomination of Mark Meiszburger to the Office of Senator for the College of Business.
Seconded by: Noble
 - Mark delivered a presentation to the body.
 - Senator Ngo asked how he would prepare to be a mentor.
 - Mark stated he would be very open about his experience as a senator.
 - Senator Salah asked about how initiatives for diversity and inclusion.
 - Mark stated he would join the committee of IDEA and work with the committee on projects.
 - Senator Noble asked about issues with the College of Business and how to fix them.
 - Mark stated a big issue was the students' voices not being heard and they want more job fairs, which is a project he intended to work on.
 - Senator Claussen asked if being a lobbyist was a passion and how he would reflect that in the senate.
 - Mark stated since he had prior experience with state officials that it would be easier for him to discuss issues with them.
 - Candidate Meisburger exited the room.
 - The body deliberated on the appointment.

- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (Kermanshahi).
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve the nomination of Marina Zheleznyakova to the Office of Senator for the College of Business.
Seconded by: Senator Kuhl
 - Candidate Zheleznyakova delivered a presentation to the body.

Senator Salah left the meeting at 6:53pm.
Senator Salah entered the meeting at 6:55pm.

 - Senator Noble asked about issues with the College of Business and how to fix them.
 - Marina stated she did not have a specific issue with the College of Business, but the job fair had issues.
 - Senator Ngo asked about what representation and advocacy meant to her.
 - Marina stated she brought in a different perspective and would love to hear everyone's story.
 - Senator Galvez asked how she described herself.
 - Marina stated experimental, devoted, and people-person.
 - Senator Ngo asked how he would prepare to be a mentor.
 - Marina asked if she would walk them through her process and be transparent in her job.
 - Candidate Zheleznyakova exited the room.
- The body deliberated on the appointment.
- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (Galvez).
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

The oath of Office was administered to Mark Meisburger and Marina Zheleznyakova.

Senator Fiorillo left the meeting at 7:15pm.

Senator Brown left the meeting at 7:15pm.

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

No legislation was submitted at the time.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

No legislation was fast-tracked at the time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

No legislation was referred to Committee at the time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

a. S.B. 90 – A Bill Revising Officer Conduct

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve S.B. 90 – A Bill Revising Officer Conduct.
Seconded by: Senator Nithyanandan
- Attorney General Schein delivered brief remarks in support of the legislation.
- Motion from Senator Noble: Motion to amend the legislation to change the “while acting in an official capacity. This is defined as attempting to discharge the duties and privileges of the Office in which the officer sits.”
Seconded by: Senator Bergrem
- Senator Noble explained his amendment.
- **Vote:** 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Discussion was moved back to the main motion.

- Senator Bryan asked about the repercussions.
 - Attorney General Schein explained that they trust the judicial process to have fair repercussions.
- Attorney General Schein explained the intent in the legislation.
- **Vote:** 20 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.
- **Vote:** in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

- **Senator McCulley**

- Senator McCulley reported on a Democratic Civic Engagement event which they were waiting on approval from SEAB and explained some of the changes to the Title 9 office. She also reported on a barbeque project she and Senator Swackhamer had worked on with CABNR to talk with students about the college.
- **Senator Brown**
 - Senator Brown reported work on the Senator Stipend ballot questions, tried to meet with Nevada Dinning and worked with his intern on legislation for parking.
 - Senator Salah asked who he reached out to in Nevada Dinning.
 - Senator Brown stated Ethan Price.
 - Senator Salah stated she met with Dean Kennedy, and he might want to reach out to him.
 - Parliamentarian Taeubel stated he would reach out to anyone already involved with Nevada Parking.
 - Senator Noble explained the ballot question about senator stipend.

c. Presentations

- **Senior Vice Provost, UNR at Lake Tahoe, Dr. Jill Heaton**
 - Dr. Heaton delivered a presentation outlining the goals of Semester@LakeTahoe 1.0 program as well as her vision for the campus into the 2023-24 school year.

Senator Bergren left the meeting at 6:11pm.
Senator Bergren entered the meeting at 6:14pm.
Senator Gonzalez left the meeting at 6:17pm.
Senator Fiorillo left the meeting at 6:21pm.
Senator Fiorillo entered the meeting at 6:24pm.
Senator Ngo left the meeting at 6:30.
Senator Ngo entered the meeting at 6:33pm.
 - Dr. Heaton then fielded questions from the Senate body. Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo and Senators Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Dean, Kermanshahi, and Noble asked questions about the program.
 - Speaker Thompson then asked for questions from the public body. Director Rowe, President Stanfill, and Attorney General Schein asked questions about the program.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Luis Galvez

- Senator Galvez discussed tech and promoted the Music Department's upcoming production of 9 to 5.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. ASUN President, Dionne Stanfill

- President Stanfill discussed upcoming meetings with parking administration.

b. Attorney General, Jakob Schein

- Attorney General Schein reminded the senators about the Nevada Day Holiday and its effects on meetings.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.