

# 90<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, November 16th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, November 16th, 2022 at 5:33 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, Dean, Fiorillo, Galvez, Gonzalez, Jojan, Kane, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Landolfi, Meiszburger, McCulley, Noble, Perez-Ramirez, Salah, Smith, and Zheleznyakova.

**Absent Excused:** Senators Claussen and Swackhamer.

**Absent Unexcused:** Senator Nithyanandan.

A quorum was present.

## 4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No minutes were approved at the time.

## 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### a. ASUN Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang

- Director Wolfgang led a “Happy Birthday” recitation for President Stanfill.

### b. ASUN Co-Directors of Elections, Samuel Kahnke and Liesel Kimmelmeier

- Co-Directors Kahnke and Kimmelmeier introduced themselves to the Senate body. They then disclosed the timeline for the 2023 ASUN General Election and shared general thoughts about the election, including their decision to use PackLife for voting.

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

### a. ASUN Vice President, Bayla Fitzpatrick

- President Stanfill read Vice President Fitzpatrick’s resignation letter into record. In the letter, Vice President Fitzpatrick cited family issues as her reason for leaving the Association.



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## **7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

### **a. President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill**

- President Stanfill thanked former Vice President Fitzpatrick for her work and contributions over the past year and stated that she would nominate a new Vice President before the November 30th, 2022 Senate of the Associated Students meeting. President Stanfill then reported on the upcoming NSHE Board of Regents meeting, in which the Regents would be considering her proposal for allowing student access to the Regents' meeting agendas; she stated that she would be attending the meeting in-person in Las Vegas and appealed for additional support from the Association. She then shared various remarks about her recent goings-on.

### **b. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor**

- Chief Justice Taylor reported on the upcoming Judicial Council meeting, in which the Council would be hearing their final intern presentations as well as presentations from the Co-Directors of Elections.

*Senator Fiorillo left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.*

### **c. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez**

- Chief of Staff Martinez reported on her attendance at the Veteran's Luncheon, her assistance with Directors Vaskov and Zamudio on minor Department-related operations, and the withdrawal of one intern from the ASUN Executive Branch internship.

### **d. Chief of Internal Affairs, Jada Maglinao**

- Chief of Internal Affairs Maglinao reported on the data from the Cocoa and Complaints event, encouraging the Senators to consider students' suggestions for legislative action.

### **e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor**

- Speaker Thompson delivered a written statement from Director Taylor reporting on plans for the end-of-semester intern bonding activity as well as his work alongside Assistant Director Dunn in updating the club funding tracker.

*Senator Fiorillo entered the meeting at 6:28 p.m.*

### **f. Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio**

- Speaker Thompson delivered a written statement from Director Zamudio reporting her Department's first planning meeting for the Biggest Little Festival.

### **g. Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov**

- Director Vaskov reported on her work organizing an e-mail campaign for President Stanfill's NSHE meeting agenda proposal. She also remarked briefly on her Department's presentation earlier in the meeting about the 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections.

### **h. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang**

- Director Wolfgang reported on their Department's progress in interviewing candidates for the vacant Social Justice & Policy Commissioner position. They also discussed plans for the upcoming Proud To Be Indigenous celebration and gave shout-outs to CSE Director Rodriguez and Assistant Director Girma.

**i. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe**

- Director Rowe reported on his attendance at the 2022 Nevada Transportation, Trails, and Tourism Summit as well as his attendance at meetings about the STARS report.

**j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Carlos Lara**

- Director Lara reported on his work alongside his intern on the Pack Friendly Business campaign and the #ICYMI reports. He also detailed his work on the ASUN Presidential seal project, on Director of Campus and Public Relations legacy documents, and on a presentation about InkBlot Promotions to be delivered at the following Senate of the Associated Students meeting.

**k. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra**

- Director Carpio-Guerra reported on UNR Counseling Service's receipt of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration Grant, which shall be used to fund programs and restructure the department as demand increases among the student body for counseling services.

**l. Attorney General, Jakob Schein**

- Attorney General Schein reported on his meeting with the Co-Directors of Elections on ballot questions as well as his drafting of an Attorney General opinion about Election candidate conduct. He discussed the cancellation of the previous week's Committee on Budget and Finance meeting before briefly addressing the tension lately over his authoring of several pieces of legislation.

**m. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland**

- Senate Secretary Layland thanked former Vice President Fitzpatrick and wished her well during her transition out of the Association. He then reported on a recent article from the Nevada Sagebrush profiling the Secretaries' work on the prison labor divestment legislation before reminding Senators to input their hours for the next Outreach period.

**n. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson**

- Speaker Thompson reported on the Outreach due date and briefly remarked on upcoming Senate meeting times.

**8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

**a. Vice Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Emily Kane**

- Senator Kane reported on the upcoming Committee on Academics and Student Affairs meeting.

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

- Senator Noble reported on the recent Committee on Budget and Finance meeting and complained about the cancellation of the upcoming Committee meeting by Attorney General Schein. He also shared plans to discuss the Senator wages ballot question during the December 1st Committee meeting.

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

- Speaker Thompson delivered a written statement from Senator Claussen congratulating Committee members on the recent Veteran's Luncheon event.

**d. Vice Chair, Committee on IDEA, Yeshe Cano-Sanchez**

- Senator Cano-Sanchez delivered a written statement from Senator Gonzalez reporting on the recent Committee meeting as well as the recent tabling event. The report also detailed the postponement of a Latino-focused event due to student concerns.

**e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah**

- Senator Salah reported on her Committee's amending and favorably approving of two pieces of legislation at their recent meeting.

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

- Senator Bergren reported on the upcoming Committee meeting.

**g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson**

- Speaker Thompson reported on the upcoming Committee meeting.

**h. Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel**

- Parliamentarian Taeubel reported on his work volunteering at the Veteran's Luncheon and Cocoa for Complaints. He also discussed the Code of Ethics legislation, which was favorably approved at the recent Committee on Government Operations meeting and sent to Speaker Thompson for consideration at the following Senate of the Associated Students meeting.

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

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo reported on the upcoming ASUN Legislative Branch Internship meeting, in which interns would be hearing a presentation from the Co-Directors of Elections. She then stated that the interns would not be meeting over Thanksgiving break and that she would be offering help for legislation in the time off.

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments and announcements at the time.

**10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

No nominations were submitted for approval at the time.

**11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

No nominations were submitted for approval at the time.

**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**

- a. S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of Changing the Signage on the William J. Raggio Building

**15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

No legislation was fast-tracked at the time.

## **16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

### **a. S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of Changing the Signage on the William J. Raggio Building**

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to refer S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of Changing the Signage on the William J. Raggio Building to the Committee on IDEA.  
**Seconded by:** Senator Salah.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo and Senator Kermanshahi spoke in support of referring the piece to the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs instead of the Committee on IDEA.
- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the motion to refer the piece to the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs.  
**Seconded by:** Senator Kuhl.
- **Vote:** 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

*Discussion was moved back to the main motion.*

- **Vote:** 21 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

## **17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

There were no pieces of legislation considered for second reading at the time.

## **18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions**

- There were no Committee changes or additions at the time.

### **b. Senator Reports**

- **Senator Dean**
  - Senator Dean discussed his work on legislation which aimed to increase accessibility for physically and visually impaired students on-campus.
- **Senator Salah**
  - Senator Salah reported on her recent meetings with College of Science and College of Engineering officials before promoting various initiatives and programs across both Colleges. Senator Salah also discussed her work alongside Attorney General Schein on a resolution about ASUN Executive Branch line of succession as well as her work alongside Senator Kane on Title II-related legislation.

### **c. Presentations**

- **AYCE Delivery**
  - No presentation was delivered at the time. The AYCE Delivery presentation was rescheduled for the November 30th, 2022 Senate of the Associated Students meeting.

- **Elections Update**

- The ASUN Department of Government Affairs, represented by Advocacy Director Dawson Deal and Policy Director Matthew Sauls, delivered a presentation on the recent 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections, including the results for elections that took place within the state of Nevada.

*Senator Brown left the meeting at 5:59 p.m.*

- **Pack Provisions**

- The Director of Pack Provisions, Sophia Morton, delivered a presentation to the Senate body about the eponymous food pantry, speaking generally on its mission and procedures. She also shared thoughts about food insecurity, stigmatization, resource accessibility, and community involvement, and discussed how Pack Provisions planned to engage on these issues, including, but not limited to, participating in events like the upcoming Resource Fair.
- Director Morton fielded questions from Senators Noble and Kermanshahi, as well as questions from Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo, regarding funding. Director Morton stated that Pack Provisions did not necessarily need funding from ASUN, underlining its independence from the Association, though she did not discount the idea entirely.

*Senator Brown entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.*

## **19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **a. ASUN Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Nathan Noble**

- Senator Noble shared updates on the upcoming “Get Baked With Senate” bake sale and appealed to Senators for help in arranging the event. He stated that it would provisionally take place in the KC Breezeway, sometime between December 5th and 9th.

### **b. ASUN Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo**

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo proposed College-specific outreach events in the Spring semester. She also asked for events to feature on the College of Liberal Arts newsletter.

### **c. ASUN Senator for the College of Engineering, Amelia Bryan**

- Senator Bryan discussed the OIS board and the upcoming Night of All Nations event.

### **d. ASUN Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel**

- Parliamentarian Taeubel advised the Senate on an easier way to revise motions to amend legislation. He recommended that Senators who make an amendment and decide mid-debate to revise it should instead withdraw the amendment and propose a new amendment altogether.

### **e. ASUN Senator for the College of Science, Fayza Salah**

- Senator Salah discussed the Search Committee for the new College of Science dean.

## **20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **a. RHA President, Helen Girma**

- President Girma (who is also the ASUN Assistant Director of IDEA) discussed the upcoming RHA Town Hall event. She also briefly discussed her imminent resignation from ASUN due to her transferring to another university in the Spring.

**b. Center for Student Engagement Director, Dr. Sandra Rodriguez**

- Director Rodriguez disclosed CSE's operational hours during the upcoming Thanksgiving break.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.