

# Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session  
Minutes for Friday, December 2, 2022 at 3:00pm  
Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom Meeting  
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## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Noble called the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting to order on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 3:03pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference. Presiding Secretary, Nevaeh Wortinger.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Senators Noble, Brown, Ngo, Dean, and Kuhl.

**Tardy Unexcused:** Senators Fiorillo and Kermanshahi.

**Absent Excused:** Senator Claussen.

A quorum was present.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

## **4. MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved at the time.

## **5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- a. **Report of the President of ASUN, Dionne Stanfill**
- The President did not give a report at the time.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Committee Legislation: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ASUN AND THE @ONE DIGITAL MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**
- The Committee did not discuss this agenda item at the time.
- b. **Discussion surrounding Loanable Technology and Tech Fees**
- The Committee did not discuss this agenda item at the time.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Committee Legislation: AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASUN CONSTITUTION FOR RAISING SENATOR PAY**
- **Motion from Senator Ngo:** Motion to favorably recommend S.B. 90.  
**Seconded by:** Senator Brown.
  - **Discussion:**
    - **Motion from Senator Brown:** Motioned to amend by substitution to replace the text of the piece in the December 2nd, 2022 agenda with the updated version of the piece, which was located in Nevada Box.  
**Seconded by:** Senator Ngo.



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- **Senator Noble:** Senator Noble explained the edits that he had made to Senator Brown's original draft. He stated that the question in the current version was identical to that in the original.
- **Senator Brown:** Senator Brown argued that Article I Section 1 of the Statutes of the Associated Students was more relevant to the draft's "Pursuant of" clause, rather than Article V Section 1.
- **Motion from Senator Ngo:** Motioned to amend S.B. 90 by substitution from "Be it enacted, pursuant to Article V Section 1," to "Be it enacted, pursuant to Article I, Section 1, subsection e."
  - **Seconded by:** Senator Brown.
  - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
  - **Vote:** 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
  - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Brown:** Motion to amend S.B. 90 by substitution from "standardization of pay" to standardize pay" on page 2.
  - **Seconded by:** Senator Dean.
  - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
  - **Vote:** 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
  - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Senator Ngo:** Senator Ngo asked Senator Brown to clarify what he meant by "standardizing pay" within the Association. Senator Dean answered that he intended to use a set number, a \$5,000 stipend, to define senator pay rather than defining pay with a combination of changing factors.
- The Committee discussed how to best educate students on the ballot question. They debated various rationales to use in the piece to encourage students to vote "yes."

*Senator Kermanshahi entered the meeting at 3:20pm.*
- The Committee discussed how best to make the terms of the ballot question clear to students.
- **Motion from Senator Ngo:** Motioned to amend S.B. 90 by addition, adding the words "per year" to the "Be it enacted" clause.
  - **Seconded by:** Senator Kermanshahi.
  - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
  - **Vote:** 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
  - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Brown:** Motioned to amend S.B. 90 by striking out the word "dollars" in the "Be it enacted" clause.
  - **Seconded by:** Senator Kermanshahi.
  - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
  - **Vote:** 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
  - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Vote:** 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

**b. Financial Reviews**

- **Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal:** Editor in Chief of Brushfire Phoebe Coogle detailed the Brushfire's budget and anticipated costs. She stated that their budget for the fiscal year was \$33,000 She gave the cost estimations for the upcoming Brushfire issue and stated that their total costs would be \$11,000 over the course of two semesters. She also explained the fluctuating cost of student wages throughout the

semester and announced that one student worker position had been eliminated. She clarified that the Brushfire team was now fully staffed at five student employees.

- **Questions and Discussion:**

1. **Senator Kermanshahi:** Senator Kermanshahi asked how many Brushfire journals were in circulation and how they were distributed. EIC Coogler answered that there were about 1400 journals in circulation and that copies were distributed to various locations on the UNR campus and in the Reno community.
2. **Senator Brown:** Senator Brown asked when Brushfire had last done a smaller project rather than a full journal issue. EIC Coogler answered that the Brushfire had published a Black Lives Matter zine in 2020, but that the Brushfire could not start such a project that year due to budget constraints. Senator Brown suggested that the Brushfire put advertisements in their issues to generate more revenue. EIC Coogler replied that ASUN already funded the Journal and that doing this would compromise the integrity of the journal. She argued that the Journal should be free to all students and not be put behind any paywall.

- **Insight Magazine Presentation:** Insight Magazine contributor Clayton Posey gave a presentation on behalf of Editor In Chief Kira Ewoldt. He requested a pay increase in anticipation of the magazine's fall issue and discussed cost estimates for the issue.

- **Questions and Discussion:**

1. **Chair Noble:** Chair Noble stated that the Insight financial review would be postponed until the account signator, Kira Ewoldt, was able to attend and answer more in-depth questions.

- **Wolf Pack Radio:** General Manager of Wolf Pack Radio (WPR) Adelynn Puett gave a presentation detailing WPR's plans for growth and their recent expenditures. She announced that WPR was in the process of replacing old and broken equipment and that they had collapsed two positions into one, thereby increasing hours for student staff. She discussed the possibility of putting unallocated student wages toward increasing the visibility of UNR student bands.

- **Questions and Discussion:**

1. **Senator Ngo:** Senator Ngo voiced support for WPR's recent events and gave suggestions for other events that could be facilitated by WPR.
2. **Senator Kermanshahi:** Senator Kermanshahi asked if WPR may reallocate its budget to put on more live music events in the future. Ms. Puett replied that WPR was looking into this idea, as well as creating more podcasts.
3. **Senator Dean:** Senator Dean asked if WPR was playing its station in the JCSU or in the Wiegand Fitness Center. Ms. Puett answered that she was already discussing both ideas with President Stanfill.

## 8. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### a. **Outreach for Next Financial Review**

- Chair Noble announced that the Committee would conduct the financial reviews for the following accounts at their next meeting: PackRides, External Review, the Center for Student Engagement, and Insight Magazine.

### b. **New Projects Brainstorming**

- There was no discussion on this agenda item at the time.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Noble adjourned the meeting at 4:09pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference.