

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, 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, January 25th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Temporary Legislative Clerk, Amanda Drew, and Presiding Secretaries, Wyatt Layland and Ally Chavez.

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, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Landolfi, Meiszburger, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez-Ramirez, Salah, Smith, Swackhamer, and Zheleznyakova.

Tardy Excused: Senator Gonzalez.

Absent Excused: Senator Jojan.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No minutes were approved at the time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Max Vincze Foundation Representatives, Craig & Susanna
 - Craig and Susanna voiced support for S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council and explained their son's story, who suffered from cancer.
- b. Fraternity members
 - List of ppl voiced support for S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council.
- c. ASUN Associate Director of Clubs and Organizations, Charles Dunn
 - Assistant Director Dunn expressed support for BIPOC representatives for the upcoming MLK dinner.

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

- a. Resignation, Emily Kane
 - Speaker Thompson read Senator Kane's resignation letter into record.



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b. Resignation, Emma Bergren

- Senator Bergren stated that she would be resigning upon the end of the meeting to pursue nursing studies.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill

- President Stanfill reported on Welcome Back Week events and a new pillar in her campaign “History” which included projects like the Artemisia, the alumni chapter and archival work. She also informed the body on the firing of Director of Campus and Public Relations, Cole Sawyer.

Senators Bergren and Brown left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Senator Brown entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Senator Bergren entered the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Senator Fiorillo left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

- Senator Salah asked about the celebration for the university’s anniversary.
 - President Stanfill stated she wanted students to see how wanted to celebrate.

Senator Fiorillo entered the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Jada Maglinao

- Vice President Maglinao reported on her attendance at spring orientation, her meeting with the student media directors, and her upcoming attendance at Nevada Bound.
 - Senator Kermanshahi shared appreciation of Vice President Maglinao’s work with Blue Crew.

c. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor

- Chief Justice Taylor reported on upcoming activities concerning Judicial Council and their interns.

d. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez

- Chief of Staff Martinez reported on her work with government affairs and roundtables.

e. Chief of Internal Affairs, Noah Klein

- Chief of Internal Affairs Klein reported on retreat.

f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor

- Director Taylor reported on work for Spring Club Fair, serve, and Club Banquet.

g. Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio

- Director Zamudio reported on Welcome Back Week and other events for the spring semester.

h. Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov

- Director Vaskov reported on work at the legislature and outreach with many associations on campus and off. She also discussed events about and news about higher education.
- Senator Noble asked about legislative lobbyist.
 - Director Vaskov and Senator Noble disagreed over lobbyist registration deadlines.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo discussed an upcoming budget briefing and resources for students.

i. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang

- Director Wolfgang reported on upcoming IDEA-sponsored events, including events about Black representation in music, movies, and popular culture, as well as Multicultural Diversity summit.

Senator Kermanshabhi left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

j. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe

- Director Rowe reported on upcoming events and Living Landscape Adaptation Plan

k. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra

- Director Carpio-Guerra reported on some campaigns and events with his department.

Senator Kermanshabhi entered the room at 7:04 p.m.

l. Attorney General, Jakob Schein

- Attorney General Schein reported on continued support of the election, stating that he would not be starting any new major projects but would continue to work on Honors college legislation. He also discussed underaged drinking while carrying out the job duties.

m. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland reminded senators to include their secretaries on the time of their meetings, outreach. He also mentioned legislation ideas about accessibility.

n. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson reported on outreach.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

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

- Senator Nithyanandan reported on their meeting time out be Monday at 3pm. The committee's next meeting would discuss legislation and the new vice chair election.

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

- Senator Noble reported that their meeting would be Friday at 3pm. The committee would continue to do financial reviews. He also discussed some legislation to help the future committee chair.

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

- Senator Claussen reported on the committee would met Mondays at 4pm. She discussed her

work over the winter break.

d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez

- Senate Secretary Layland read Senator Gonzalez's report into record.

e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah

- Senator Salah reported the committee would meet Fridays at 4pm. The next meeting would discuss legislation.

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

- Senator Bergren discussed the transition of the Vice Chair of the Committee, Senator Bryan, into the position of Chair.
- Senator Noble shared appreciation of Senator Bergren.

g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson reported that the committee would meet Wednesdays at 4pm. The next meeting would discuss ballot questions.

h. Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel

- Parliamentarian Taeubel detailed his upcoming intern campaigning workshop.

i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo echoed Parliamentarian Taeubel's intern campaigning workshop comment. She reported on legislative proposals set forward by the interns and encouraged pursuing the pieces. Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo concluded her report by detailing legacy box and thanked outgoing Senators Bergren and Kane for their legacy boxes.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Senator Kermanshahi

- Senator Kermanshahi gave updates about Blue Crew and athletics.
- Senator Kermanshahi later elaborated on Senator Claussen's comment and announcement, highlighting the student health center.

b. Senator Salah

- Senator Salah discussed the roundtable.

c. Senator Swackhamer

- Senator Swackhamer contributed positive comments regarding the recent MLK gala.

d. Senator Claussen

- Senator Claussen shared campus resources such as the writing and speaking center.

e. Senator Noble

- Senator Noble reminded everyone about the NevadaCares center that opened.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments to fast-track at the time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

There were no appointments considered 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.B. 90 – A Bill to Create the Director of Lake Tahoe Affairs

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no items fast-tracked at the time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- a. S.B. 90 – A Bill to Create the Director of Lake Tahoe Affairs

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to refer S.B. 90 – A Bill to Create the Director of Lake Tahoe Affairs to the Committee on Government Operations, through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo.
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. S.B. 90 – A Bill to Update the Budget

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve S.B. 90 – A Bill to Update the Budget.
Seconded by: Senator Kuhl
- Senator Noble delivered a speech in support of the legislation.
- Senator Swackhamer questioned if the Spring concert would have a better attendance rate.
 - Senator Noble replied that the programming department have changed elements to have a better attendance rate.
- Senator Salah asked if the prices would be changed.
 - Senator Noble stated no, the budget is to allow the department to have better concerts.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo asked if the \$10,000 in reserves would be enough.
 - Senator Noble stated the amount in reserves would be fine and the do not plan to use money in reserves.
- **Vote:** 21 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained.

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council

- **Motion from Senator Fiorillo:** Motion to approve S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council.

Seconded by: Senator Fiorillo

- Senator Kermanshahi spoke in support of the legislation, which aimed to establish a UNR-sponsored committee. He highlighted the overwhelming support in public comment for the legislation, the IIFC's charter. He advocated for the amelioration of hostility toward IIFC.
- Senator Fiorillo, a co-author for the piece, elaborated Senator Kermanshahi's remarks.
- Senators Brown, a co-author for the piece spoke in support of the piece.
- Senator Dean, also co-authors, spoke in support of the piece.
- Senator Claussen asked about the envisioned goal of the legislation.
 - Senator Fiorillo discussed the proposed creation of the UNR-sponsored committee.
 - Senator Kermanshahi spoke generally about making Greek life voices heard on-campus.
- Senators Brown and Swackhamer discussed the impact of interfraternal voices and participation, describing the legislation as a step in the right direction.
- Parliamentarian Taeubel asked if prior attempts outside the Association failed to yield the creation of a UNR-sponsored interfraternal committee.
 - Senator Kermanshahi stated he worked very hard to produce a better relationship with the university. He argued that ASUN can set the precedent to undo a 50-plus year neglect on behalf of the university.
- Senator Noble, though voicing support for IIFC and Greek life at UNR, expressed dissent toward the legislation, questioned the efficacy of a proposed committee and voicing concern about IIFC non-cooperation in the long-term.
 - Senators Kermanshahi discussed his hopes that a committee could agree on a contract that benefited both. The piece was a symbol of support for the organization.
 - Senator Brown stated the piece shows that the students support the organization. The university can reflect on it as they deemed necessary.
- Senator Perez-Ramirez questions why the IIFC has not been re-affiliated at UNR, asking for cultural reasons as opposed to agreement-related or logistical ones.
 - Senator Kermanshahi replied by citing resources and bias arising from Greek life stigma outside of Reno.

- Senators Fiorillo and Swackhamer elaborated on the authors' commitment to "getting the footwork done".
- Senator Salah asked for elaboration on restrictions and the issues.
 - Senator Kermanshahi stated the committee would help fix those restrictions and issues.
- Senator Kuhl asked the exact restrictions and if those restrictions should have their own piece of legislation.
 - Senator Fiorillo explained the issues which included mandatory housing.
 - Senator Dean stated some fraternities deal with housing insecurity which wouldn't allow those fraternities to be affiliated.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo shared appreciation for the legislation authors as well as public commenters. Though expressing support for the legislation, she asked for further clarification on the enforcement.
 - Senator Kermanshahi delivered a breakdown of the proposed committee and reiterated the precedent-setting nature of the piece.
- **Motion from Senator Fiorillo:** Motion to amend the legislation to strike line items 21-22 on page 5 "Dale Erquiaga, NSHE Acting Chancellor 22; Members of the NSHE Board of Regents", through unanimous consent
Seconded by: Senator Swackhamer.
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Discussion was moved back to the main motion.

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo and Senator Noble voiced support of the piece and proposed a follow-up piece in the future; Senator Fiorillo agreed.
- Senator Claussen inquired about outreach to non-affiliated fraternities.
 - Senator Kermanshahi complied.
- **Vote:** 22 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Committee Changes and Additions

- **Motion by Senator Claussen:** Motion to remove herself from Budget and Finance and Academics and Student Affairs, by unanimous consent.
Second by: Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo.

- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Fiorillo:** Motion to remove himself from Budget and Finance and add himself to Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Senator Noble
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Kermanshahi:** Motion to remove himself from Academics and Student Affairs and add himself to Government Operations, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Senator Noble
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Meiszburger:** Motion to remove himself from Democratic and Student Engagement and add himself to Budget and Finance, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Perez Ramirez:** Motion to remove herself from Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness and add herself to Budget and Finance, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Senator Noble.
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Zheleznyakova:** Motion to remove herself from Democratic and Civic Engagement and add herself to Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Senator Noble.
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Brown:** Motion to remove himself Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness and add himself to Government Operations, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Senator Noble.

- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo:** Motion to remove herself from Budget and Finance, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Senator Noble
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Cano Sanchez:** Motion to remove himself from IDEA and add himself to Academics and Student Affairs, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo.
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Bryan:** Motion to remove herself from IDEA and add himself to Academics and Student Affairs, by unanimous consent.
 Second by: Senator Noble.
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. Senator Reports

- Senator Bergren reminded everyone about the spring off-campus housing fair.
- Senator Noble explained his meeting with Pack Provisions and new ideas of legislation.
- Senator Kuhl discussed a new project that researched the allowed self defense items that were allowed on campus.
- Senator Noble discussed the issue of prohibition of naloxone.
- Senator Claussen asked for help with the legislature and public comments.
- Senator Kermanshahi stated the reason for the prohibition was the lack of training for students.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements.

20. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Director of Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez
- Director Rodriguez discussed candidates for Associate Director, Student Government, ballot question and Central Station. She also expressed her appreciation for Senator Bergen.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor

of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.