

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, February 1st, 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, February 1st, 2023, at 5:35 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 Brown, Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Claussen, Dean, Fiorillo, Galvez, Gonzalez, Jojan, Kuhl, Landolfi, Meiszburger, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez-Ramirez, Salah, Smith, Swackhamer, and Zheleznyakova.

Tardy Excused: Senator Kermanshahi.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No minutes were approved at the time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

a. ASUN Attorney General, Jake Schein

- Attorney General Schein read his resignation letter into record.

Senator Kermanshahi entered the room at 5:39 p.m.

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

a. Nomination, Kimberly Claussen to the Office of Advocacy Director for the Department of Government Affairs.

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

a. President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill

- President Stanfill reported on her work with the Artemisia. She would meet with Governor Lombardo and went to retreat.

Senator Nithyanandan left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Jada Maglinao

- Vice President Maglinao reported on her work with the housing fair, day at the legislature, Career Fair, ASUN and GSA resource fair and athletics.



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c. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor

- Chief Justice Taylor reported on events and meetings concerning the judicial council.

d. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez

- Chief of Staff Martinez reported on her projects and helped with government affairs for the legislature term.

Senator Nithyanandan entered the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

e. Chief of Internal Affairs, Noah Klein

- Chief of Internal Affairs Klein reported on retreat and Artemisia.

f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor

- Director Taylor reported on Club Fair and started transition documents,

g. Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio

- Director Zamudio reported on work for Mackey Week and Biggest Little Festival.

h. Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov

- Director Vaskov reported on roundtables about medical students and their loan repayment and PR plan for the legislative priorities.

i. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang

- Director Wolfgang reported on events to celebrate Black History Month

j. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe

- Director Rowe had no report.

k. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra

- Director Carpio-Guerra reported on the NevadaCares facility that opened and possible legislation for menstrual product accessibility.

l. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland discussed Jakob Schein's legacy in the secretary's office and mentioned the new hires in the department.

m. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson reported on outreach possibilities with Mackey's Gone Missing.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

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

- Senator Nithyanandan reported on recommendations of legislation and vice chair election.

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

- Senator Noble reported on legislation and campaigns the committee work on.

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

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo had no report for the committee.
- d. **Chair, Committee on IDEA, Jaime Gonzalez**
 - Senator Gonzalez reported they would have their first meeting Friday February 3rd at 3pm.
- e. **Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah**
 - Senator Salah reported on the agenda for the next meeting.
- f. **Vice Chair, Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Amelia Bryan**
 - Senator Bryan reported the next meeting would be February 6th at 6pm.
- g. **Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson**
 - Speaker Thompson reported the committee recommended the student media fee ballot question piece.
- h. **Parliamentarian, Brayden Taeubel**
 - Parliamentarian Taeubel had no report.
- i. **Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo**
 - Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo expressed contentment about the work interns have done.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments and announcements at the time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Nomination of Kimberly Claussen to the Office of Advocacy Director for the Department of Government Affairs.**
 - **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to fast-track the nomination of Kimberly Claussen to the Office of Advocacy Director for the Department of Government Affairs, through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo.
 - 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. **Nomination of Kimberly Claussen to the Office of Advocacy Director for the Department of Government Affairs.**
 - **Motion from Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo:** Motion to approve the nomination of Kimberly Claussen to the Office of Advocacy Director for the Department of Government Affairs.
Seconded by: Senator Galvez.
 - Director Vaskov spoke in support of the nomination.
 - Senator Claussen did not deliver a presentation, though she shared brief remarks expressing her gratitude for having served as a Senator.

- The nominee then fielded questions from the body.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo asked Senator Claussen how she would connect students to the lawmaking process via lobbying.
 - Kimberly discussed the ability to have students join them at the legislature.
- Senator Noble explained his abstention on the approval.
- **Vote:** 20 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstained (Kermanshahi, Noble).
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- Chief Justice Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Kimberly Claussen.

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 Athletics Installing Protective Netting Behind Peccole Park

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no pieces of legislation fast-tracked at the time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- a. S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of Athletics Installing Protective Netting Behind Peccole Park
 - **Motion from Parliamentarian Taeubel:** Motion to refer S.R. 90 – A Resolution in Support of Athletics Installing Protective Netting Behind Peccole Park to the Committee of Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Galvez
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

There were no pieces of legislation considered at the time.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. Selection of Chair for the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness
 - **Nomination from Senator Bryan:** Motion to nominate Senator Bryan.
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. Committee Changes and Additions

- Motion from Senator Bryan: Motion to add Senator Bryan to the Committee on Oversight.
- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

c. Senator Reports

- Senator Cano-Sanchez reported he worked on projects.
- Senator Zheleznyakova reported on legislation.
- Senator Noble reported on his projects and legislation.
- Senator Smith reported on the University Police advisory board.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. ASUN Senator, Luiz Galvez

- Senator Galvez discussed legislation that would make the process of approval for legislation faster. He also relaid the want of the event “Get Bakes with Senators”.

b. ASUN Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Nathan Noble

- Senator Noble stated he was trying to plan that event.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at that time.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.