

Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Friday, February 3, 2023 at 3:00pm

Presidents Conference Room, 3rd 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, February 3, 2023 at 3:01pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference. Presiding Secretary, Nevaeh Wortinger.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Senators Noble, Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, and Perez Ramirez.

Tardy Excused: Senators Dean and Meiszburger.

Absent Excused: None.

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes at the time.

5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

a. **Report of the President of ASUN, Dionne Stanfill**

- President Stanfill had no report at the time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Committee Legislation: S.B. 90 - AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ASUN AND THE @ONE DIGITAL MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

- **Discussion and Questions:**

- **Senator Kuhl:** Senator Kuhl reported that the directors of UNR's @One had been given a quote of \$16,125 to buy fifteen HP ProBooks. He described the added features that would be bought for each of the devices.

Senator Meiszburger entered the meeting at 3:02pm.

- **Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Dr. Sandra Rodriguez:** There was no dissent to Dr. Rodriguez speaking at the time. Dr. Rodriguez advised the committee that the \$16,125 budget for these devices could be transferred to a new line item within the Milton D. Glick Academic Initiatives Fund. She clarified that the sum would not be withdrawn from the new account, but moved from one line item to a new line item.
- **Senator Noble:** Senator Noble expressed wishes to add implementation methods and account transfer information to the legislation draft. He stated that he did not



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wish for UNR Graduate students to have access to the new devices. Senators Meiszburger, Kermanshahi, and Brown expressed agreement.

- **Senator Kermanshahi:** Senator Kermanshahi asked if the legislation should specify that “only” undergraduates could access the devices, or if undergraduates should be given “priority.” Everyone in the committee agreed that the legislation should specify “undergraduates only.”
- **Motion from Senator Kermanshahi:** Motioned to amend S.B. 90 by addition after line 16, “Be it further enacted that the Senate of the Associated Students that the resources provided be available only to undergraduate students.”
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Brown.
 - **Senator Kuhl:** Senator Kuhl asked if the committee would also strike out language in line 16, “priority access to stated devices being given to undergraduate students.” Senator Noble confirmed that the committee would strike out the language.
 - **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Perez Ramirez, and Meiszburger.
 - **Opposed:** None.
 - **Abstentions:** None.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motioned to amend the S.B. 90 by striking out lines 15 and 16, “with priority access to stated devices being given to undergraduate students.”
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Brown
 - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
 - **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Perez Ramirez, and Meiszburger.
 - **Opposed:** None.
 - **Abstentions:** None.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- noble: include the number of devices as well as a separate clause specifying cost.
- kuhl: on line 15: add amount and type of devices
- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motioned to amend the piece by adding to line 15 “15 HP ProBooks 450 G9’s”.
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Perez Ramirez.
 - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
 - **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Perez Ramirez, and Meiszburger.
 - **Opposed:** None.
 - **Abstentions:** None.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Dr. Rodriguez:** Dr. Rodriguez reminded the committee that, because the piece was a bill, the piece could reduce the Pack Internship Grant Program line item by \$16,125 and add that amount to a new line item.
- The committee discussed the wording of the next amendment with Dr. Rodriguez.

Senator Dean entered the meeting at 3:19pm.

- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motioned to include in Line 8, Page 1 of S.B. 90 the phrase, “Whereas the current system of loanable technology distribution creates an inequity for undergraduate students by prioritizing graduate students access to this technology over the undergraduate students who pay for it,”
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Brown.
 - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
 - **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Perez Ramirez, Meiszburger, and Dean.
 - **Opposed:** None.
 - **Abstentions:** None.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motioned to strike from lines 17, 18, and 19, “(Fairly Certain that we will need to add a specific Line Item for the Budget here as well as to whose discretion this funding should be determined).”
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Perez Ramirez.
 - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
 - **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Perez Ramirez, Meiszburger, and Dean.
 - **Opposed:** None.
 - **Abstentions:** None.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motioned to add by addition to line 8 of page 1, “Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students to reduce funding to the Pack Internship Program by \$16,125 and create a new line item called the Lendable Technology Grant in the Milton D. Glick Student Academics account for the amount of \$16,125 to fund this partnership.”
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Perez Ramirez.
 - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
 - **Vote:**
 - **In Favor:** Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Perez Ramirez, Meiszburger, and Dean.
 - **Opposed:** None.
 - **Abstentions:** None.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Senator Noble:** Senator Noble asked the committee to consider adding more justifications to the draft in order to make for less debate when it was brought to the Senate table. Senators Brown and Kuhl argued that a detailed presentation would be sufficient to gain the Senate's support.
- **Senator Kuhl:** Senator Kuhl emphasized that the piece would create a mutually beneficial partnership with the UNR @One, and that they would only need to drive home the point that
- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motioned to favorably recommend the piece to the Senate of the Associated Students.
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Brown.
 - There was no discussion on the motion at the time.
 - **Vote:**

- **In Favor:** Brown, Kermanshahi, Kuhl, Perez Ramirez, and Meiszburger.
- **Opposed:** None.
- **Abstentions:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Financial Reviews**

- **Fall/Spring Concerts:** Assistant Director Rice of the ASUN Programming Board gave a presentation on the purpose and expenditures of the Programming account. She detailed the expenses and total revenue of the recent Fall Concert and gave estimated expenses for the upcoming Biggest Little Festival. She explained that some contracts had not been signed yet, and as such she would give updated quotes for the Festival as soon as they were available.
- **Questions and Discussion:**
 1. **Senator Dean:** Senator Dean asked if the Programming Board's budget would increase anytime soon, and if this increase would be used to fund more expensive artists for future concerts. AD Rice stated that the increase would not be used exclusively for artists but for all various elements of the Biggest Little Festival (BLF). She added that part of this budget increase would come from the revenue from the next BLF.
 2. **Assistant Director Rice:** AD Rice clarified that charges for BLF had not been moved from the BLF account from the larger Programming budget, but that the process would be lengthy. She stated that the expenses listed in her review were the three largest expenses for the festival so far.
 3. **Senator Brown:** Senator Brown asked if extra attractions at last year's BLF, such as the ferris wheel, would be at the upcoming festival. AD Rice answered that those attractions had been removed from the plans for the next festival.
 4. **Senator Brown:** Senator Brown asked what the marketing budget would be for BLF. AD Rice explained that all marketing would be done through InkBlot and that InkBlot would fund all of it.
Director of Programming Maria Zamudio entered the meeting at 3:45.
 5. AD Rice and Director Zamudio fielded questions about the selection process for local performers, as well as the factors that would decide how much each performer would be paid.

8. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

a. **Outreach for Next Financial Review**

- Senator Noble stated that the committee's next financial reviews would investigate the Executive Board and the Judicial Council.

b. **New Projects Brainstorming**

- **Senator Brown:** Senator Brown asked if Legal Counsel had edited the wording of the ballot question to increase Senator stipends. Director Rodriguez stated that Legal Counsel would submit their recommended wording within the next several days. She added that the Senate would then write the "pros and cons" of passing the ballot question, and that the ASUN Attorney General would review the list to ensure it was objective.
- There were no new project ideas at the time.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Director for the Center of Student Engagement, Dr. Sandra Rodriguez

- Dr. Rodriguez reprimanded the committee for alluding to the failure of the prior year's Biggest Little Festival during their financial review that day. She reminded the members to keep questioning productive in order to make financial reviews less intimidating for the presenters. She also explained that pressuring the Programming Board to disclose their artist before the contract was signed could put the entire agreement in jeopardy at a huge financial loss for ASUN.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Noble adjourned the meeting at 3:53pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference.