

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, March 8th, 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, March 8th, 2023 at 5:34 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, and Senators Brown, Cano-Sanchez, Dean, Galvez, Jojan, Landolfi, Martin, Meiszburger, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez-Ramirez, Salah, Shaffer, Smith, Swackhamer, and Zheleznyakova.

Absent Excused: Senators Bryan, Fiorillo, Gonzalez, and Kuhl.

Tardy Excused: Parliamentarian Kermanshahi.

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No minutes were approved at the time.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. **ASUN 2023 Presidential Election Candidate, Cameron Rose**
- Candidate Rose reported election issues.

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

There was no receipt of petitions and correspondence at the time.

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

- a. **Chief Justice, Zane Taylor**
- Zane Taylor read a judgement into record.
- b. **Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor**
- Director Taylor discussed details for iServe events.
- c. **Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland**
- Senate Secretary Layland reminded the senator about outreach.



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8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. **Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Nathan Noble**
 - Senator Noble shared details for the upcoming committee meeting.
- b. **Chair, Committee on Oversight, Andrew Thompson**
 - Speaker Thompson shared details for the upcoming Committee meeting.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments and announcements at the time.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

There were no motions to fast-track appointments 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

- S.R. 90 – An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes
- S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings
- S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Create Permanent Liaison Positions for the Path to Independence Program
- S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings
- S.R. 90 – A Resolution to Recognize CF56

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. **S.R. 90 – A Resolution to Recognize CF56**
 - **Motion from Senator Perez-Ramirez:** Motion to fast-track S.R. 90 – A Resolution to Recognize CF56.
Seconded by: Senator Brown
 - **Vote:** 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

- a. **S.R. 90 – An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes**
 - **Motion from Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo:** Motion to refer S.R. 90 – An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes to the Committee on Government Operations, through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Perez-Ramirez.

- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- b. **S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings**
 - **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to refer S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings to the Committee on Government Operations, 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.
- c. **S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Create a Permanent Liaison Position for the Path to Independence Program**
 - **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to refer S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Create a Permanent Liaison Position for the Path to Independence Program to the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Perez-Ramirez.
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- d. **S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings**
 - **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to refer S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings to the Committee on Government Operations, 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.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. **S.R. 90 – A Resolution to Recognize CF56**
 - **Motion from Senator Meiszburger:** Motion to approve S.R. 90 – A Resolution to Recognize CF56,0 through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Cano Sanchez.
 - Senator Noble dissented.
 - *The Senate moved into a discussion on the piece.*
 - Senator Kermanshahi delivered a speech in support of the legislation.
 - **Motion from Senator Kermanshahi:** Motion to amend S.R. 90 – A Resolution to

Recognize CF56 page 3 under line item 23 to include Debera Thomas, Dean of the Orvis School of Nursing; Klarissa Beaton, President of the Orvis School of Nursing Association; and Michael Schulz, Director of Public Safety at Truckee Meadows Community College.

Seconded by: Senator Galvez

- **Vote:** 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried

Discussion was moved back to the main motion.

- **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend page 3, line item 8 “Whereas” to “Be it resolved that” and line 11 “Be it resolved that” to “Be it further resolved that”
Seconded by: Senator Noble

- **Vote:** 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Discussion was moved back to the main motion

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Strike “Senate of the” and “through any and all means necessary” Through unanimous consent.
Second by: Senator Cano Sanchez

- 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.

- **Vote:** 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Committee Changes and Additions

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

b. Giving Day Presentation

- Hannah Alterwitz gave a presentation on UNR Giving Day.
- Senator Brown asked how to donate.
 - Hannah stated there would be an email and people can donate on the website.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo discussed the legacy box.

b. Senator Luis Galvez

- Senator Galvez asked about the outreach budget for the remainder of the semester.
- Speaker Thompson said he was not sure how much is left but if he had ideas to reach out.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.