

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Friday, March 10th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Conference Room 405, 4th Floor Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom Conference Call

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Salah called the Committee on Government Operations to order on Friday, March 10th, 2023, at 4:10 p.m. via Room 405, 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretaries, Wyatt Layland and Lennox Jacobson.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Senators Salah, Galvez, and Swackhamer.

Absent Excused: Senators Brown and Kermanshahi.

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

a. **ASUN Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo**

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo spoke in support of amending S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings, and S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings. She primarily voiced concerns about publishing meeting links directly on meeting agendas, citing past incidents of Zoom bombings during public meetings.

b. **ASUN Chief Justice, Zane Taylor**

- Senator Salah read a written statement from Chief Justice Taylor about Nevada's student loan legislation. The statement also included remarks in support of S.B. 90 – An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Project Tracker**

- There were no updates to the project tracker at the time.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **S.B. 90 – An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes**

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to favorably recommend S.B. 90 – An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes.

Seconded by: Senator Swackhamer.

- There was no presentation on the legislation delivered at the time; nevertheless, the Committee proceeded with discussion on the legislation.
- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the legislation on page 2, line 6 to include the following language: "This law will enter into force upon the conclusion of the 2024



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ASUN General Election,” through unanimous consent.

Seconded by: None.

- **Resolved:** Motion failed.

Discussion was moved back to the main motion.

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the legislation on page 2, line 6 to include the following language: “This law will enter into force upon the conclusion of the 2024 ASUN General Election,” through unanimous consent.

Seconded by: Senator Swackhamer.

- Senator Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Motion:** Motion carried.

Discussion was moved back to the main motion.

- **Vote:** 2 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to favorably recommend S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings.
- Seconded by:** Senator Swackhamer.

- Senator Galvez presented on the legislation, a revised version of the one previously failed at Committee. He stated that the new version required Senators who wanted to attend through Zoom to receive permission from the Speaker of the Senate beforehand.
- Senator Galvez addressed Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo’s public comment about Zoom link security, as well as a question from Senator Swackhamer regarding the necessity of the legislation.

- **Vote:** 2 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

c. S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to favorably recommend S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings.
- Seconded by:** Senator Swackhamer.

- Senator Galvez presented on the legislation, which aimed to codify the provisions of S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings into the Senate Rules.
- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the legislation on page 3, lines 12-13 “the

remote meeting link shall be made accessible by emailing the Speaker via his or her email at the top of the Senate meeting agenda,” through unanimous consent.

Seconded by: Senator Swackhamer.

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Discussion was moved back to the main motion.

- **Vote:** 2 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

6. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Senator for the College of Education, Luis Galvez

- “I think it’s been a great Session.” Senators Salah and Swackhamer concurred.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. ASUN Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland congratulated the Committee on their work during the Session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Salah adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m. via Room 405, 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.