

90th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, March 29th, 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 29th, 2023 at 5:32 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 Kermanshahi and Senators Brown, Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Dean, Fiorillo, Galvez, Gonzalez, Jojan, Kuhl, Landolfi, Martin, Meiszburger, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez-Ramirez, Salah, Shaffer, Smith, Swackhamer, and Zheleznyakova.

Tardy Excused: Senator Cano-Sanchez

A quorum was present.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. January 25th, 2023
- b. February 1st, 2023
- c. February 8th, 2023
- d. February 15th, 2023
- e. February 22nd, 2023
- f. March 1st, 2023
- g. March 8th, 2023
- h. March 15th, 2023

- **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to approve the minutes of January 25th, 2023; February 1st, 2023; February 8th, 2023; February 15th, 2023; February 22nd, 2023; March 1st, 2023; March 8th, 2023; March 15th, 2023, by unanimous consent.

Second by: Senator Noble

- Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

a. **Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio**

- Director Zamudio spoke out in opposition of S.B. 90 – An Act to Restructure the Department of Event Programming.



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- b. Associate Director, A'Keia Sanders**
 - A'Keia reminded the body they would lose access to the NV Box around April 14th.
- c. Assistant Director of Event Programming, Olivia Rice**
 - Assistant Director Rice spoke out in opposition of S.B. 90 – An Act to Restructure the Department of Event Programming.
- d. Assistant Director of Event Programming, Hannah Alquiza**
 - Assistant Director Alquiza spoke out in opposition of S.B. 90 – An Act to Restructure the Department of Event Programming.
- e. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio Guerra**
 - Boris reminded everyone to reach out to the executive board mostly if they attempt to change the department.
- f. Vice President, Jada Maglinao**
 - Vice President Maglinao spoke in support of S.B 90- A BILL TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SENATE MEETINGS with the exception of better technology. She also spoke out in opposition of S.B. 90 – An Act to Restructure the Department of Event Programming.
- g. Director of Elections, Liesel Kammelmeir,**
 - She read into record the results of the general election.

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. President of the Associated Students, Dionne Stanfill**
 - President Stanfill reported on meetings with NASPA and University Senior Leadership. She also reported work on the Rural Nevada Tour, Banquet, and transition.
 - Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo asked about the meeting with the city of Reno
 - President Stanfill stated she spoke on behalf of students about the most visited places.
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Jada Maglinao**
 - Vice President Maglinao reported on GSA events and UNR Day at the Legislature. She helped Chief of Internal Affairs Klein with the banquet and transitions.
- c. Chief Justice, Zane Taylor**
 - Zane Taylor read judgments into record and explained everything the judicial council had done during the session.
- d. Chief of Staff, Ashley Martinez**
 - Chief of Staff Martinez reported on exit interviews, awards for Banquets, Day at the Legislature and many more ending projects.
- e. Chief of Internal Affairs, Noah Klein**
 - Chief of Internal Affairs Klein that reported on the ASUN Banquet.
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Tre Taylor**
 - Director Taylor reported on iServe, Club Banquet and Club Renewal.
- g. Director of Event Programming, Maria Zamudio**
 - Speaker Thompson read a written statement from Director Zamudio that reported on work for

transition documents.

h. Director of Government Affairs, Amanda Vaskov

- Director Vaskov reported on legislation that the association was in support of.
 - Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo thanked Director Vaskov for her work.

i. Director of IDEA, Trace Wolfgang

- Director Wolfgang reported on tabling for queer prom and helped with Pow Wow.

j. Director of Sustainability, Chris Rowe

- Speaker Thompson read a written statement from Director Rowe that reported on “the usual stuff”.

k. Director of Campus and Public Wellness, Winter Nelson

- Director Nelson had no report

l. Director of Campus Wellness, Boris Carpio-Guerra

- Director Carpio-Guerra reported on transition documents.

m. Attorney General, Brayden Taeubel

- Attorney General Taeubel reported on work for incoming senator training and Artemisia.

n. Secretary of the Senate, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland reported statistics of legislation and stated he would be graduating and Senior Secretary Chavez would take his place.

o. Speaker of the Senate, Andrew Thompson

- Speaker Thompson thanked everyone for their work and reminded everyone about their transition documents.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

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

- Senator Noble reported on work his committee would finish up.

b. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Jefrin Jojan

- Senator Jojan stated the committee would not have their final meeting and was proud to serve as a senator.

c. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Fayza Salah

- Senator Salah reported on the committee's legislation.

d. Speaker Pro Tempore, Olivia Ngo

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo reminded everyone to vote for banquet awards and to finish their transition documents.

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 – A Resolution to Recognize and Implement Emergency Medical Service Degree Programming in the School of Public Health
- S.B. 90 – An Act to Restructure the Department of Event Programming
- S.B. 90 – A Bill Establishing Regular Meeting Requirements for Executive Departments
- S.R. 90 – An Act to Update the Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs Duties and Titles
- S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Create a Permanent Liaison Position for the Path to Independence Program

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. S.R. 90 – A Resolution to Recognize and Implement Emergency Medical Service Degree Programming in the School of Public Health; S.B. 90 – An Act to Restructure the Department of Event Programming; S.B. 90 – A Bill Establishing Regular Meeting Requirements for Executive Departments; S.R. 90 – An Act to Update the Chief of Staff and Chief of Internal Affairs Duties and Titles; S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Create a Permanent Liaison Position for the Path to Independence Program; S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Provide for the Adjournment Sine Die of the Associated Students for the 90th Senate Session.
 - Motion from Senator Galvez: Motion to fast-track the above items through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Noble
 - Speaker Thompson asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
 - Resolved: Motion carried.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

There was no legislation referred to committee at the time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

- a. S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MORE SIGNAGE FOR GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS
 - Motion from Senator Perez Ramirez: Motion to approve S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MORE SIGNAGE FOR GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS
Seconded by: Parliamentarian Kermanshahi
 - Previous legislative intern Luis presented the legislation.

- Parliamentarian Kermanshahi asked about the possible actionability.
 - Senator Perez Ramirez stated the bathroom does not have proper signage.
- Parliamentarian Kermanshahi asked if they talked about Title IX.
 - Senator Perez Ramirez stated they discussed building facilities but would be open to add Title IX as a receiver of the legislation.
- **Motion by Parliamentarian Kermanshahi:** Motion to amend the legislation by addition of the Title IX to the “Bet it further resolved that” by 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.
- Senator Salah stated that the signage does not violate the law.
- Senator Perez Ramirez stated the legislation was to make this bathroom more accessible to those students who need it.
- Senator Noble showed approval of the piece.
- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

b. **S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DEGREE PROGRAMMING IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

- **Motion from Parliamentarian Kermanshahi:** Motion to approve S.R. 90- A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DEGREE PROGRAMMING IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH .
Seconded by: Senator Salah

- Parliamentarian Kermanshahi presented the legislation
 - Senator Brown showed support of the legislation.
 - Senator Salah showed support for the legislation.
- **Motion by Parliamentarian Kermanshahi:** Motion to add Paul U. Hauptman, Dean of the School of Medicine” and “Debra Thomas, Dean of the School of Nursing”.
Seconded by: Senator Noble
- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo asked why it would be sent to “Vice Chair Joseph Arrascada, Nevada System of Higher Education”.
 - Parliamentarian Kermanshahi stated the implementation would have to be by NSHE.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo asked for an explanation of the statistics.
 - Parliamentarian Kermanshahi explained the statistics.
- **Motion by Senator Noble:** Motion to replace “Vice Chair Joseph Arrascada, Nevada System of Higher Education” with “Members of the Board of Regent and Chancellor Dale Erquigaga of the Nevada System of Higher Education”

Senator Brown

- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

c. **S.B. 90- AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING**

- **Motion from Senator Noble:** Motion to approve S.B. 90- AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE DEPARTMENT OF EVENT PROGRAMMING.

Seconded by: Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo

- Parliamentary Kermanshahi and Senator Meiszbürger presented the legislation.
- The body entered a lengthy discussion about the legislation.
 - They body discussed the effect on the department, job duties, and traditions.
- **Motion by Senator Bryan:** Motion to previous question
Second by: Senator Dean
- Senator Noble dissented.
- **Vote:** Senator Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Galvez, Gonzalez, Kermanshahi, Landolfi, Ngo, Nithyanandan, Salah, Shaffer, Smith, Swackhamer, Zheleznyakova yeas; Senator Dean, Jojan, Kuhl, Martin, Meiszbürger, Noble, Perez Ramirez no; 0 abstentions.
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Vote:** Senator Cano-Sanchez, Dean, Galvez, Kermanshahi, Martin, Meisburger, Noble, and Perez Ramirez yeas; Senator Bryan, Gonzalez, Jojan, Kuhl, Landolfi, Ngo, Nithyanandan, Salah, Shaffer, Smith, Swackhamer, Zheleznyakova no; 0 abstentions.
- **Resolved:** Motion Failed.

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

- **Motion from Senator Salah:** Motion to approve S.B. 90 – An Act Revising Election Punitive Processes

Seconded by: Senator Noble.

- Senator Kuhl and Chief Justice presented the legislation.
- The body entered a lengthy discussion about the legislation
 - The body discussed the legislation's effect on the Director of Elections and the judicial branch.
- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the legislation through substitution “To be it further enacted this law will enter into force upon the convening of the 91st of the Associate Student of the University of Nevada Reno for enforcement in subsequent elections as required in SAS VII.702.15(e(2)).
Second by: Senator Salah

- There was no discussion.
- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

Discussion was moved to the previous question.

- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

e. **S.B. 90- A BILL ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS**

- **Motion from Parliamentarian Kermanshahi:** Motion to approve S.B. 90- A BILL ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Salah
- Speaker Pro-Tempore dissented.
- Advocacy Director Claussen presented the legislation.
 - Senator Noble showed approval of the piece.
 - Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo asked if the legislation provides a punitive action for executives.
 - Advocacy Director Claussen stated no the legislation was about accountability.
 - Parliamentarian Kermanshahi asked if there was consideration to give the job to the committee of Oversight.
 - Advocacy Director Claussen stated yes but to have accountability within branches would be the best option.
 - Senator Salah showed approval for the piece.
- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

f. **S.B. 90- AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND CHIEF OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DUTIES AND TITLES**

- **Motion from Senator Galvez:** Motion to approve S.B. 90- AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND CHIEF OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DUTIES AND TITLES.
Seconded by: Parliamentarian Kermanshahi
- Senator Salah, Vice President Maglinao and Chief of Staff Martinez presented the legislation.
 - The body entered a lengthy discussion about the changes in job duties and name changes.
- **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the title to S.B 90.
Second by: Senator Noble
- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Motion by Senator Salah:** Motion to amend Addendum section 4b to Executive Affairs and section 4 to executive outreach.

Second by: Parliamentarian Kermanshahi

- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

Discussion moved into previous discussion.

- **Motion by Senator Noble:** Motion to amend to replace all “Director of Executive Outreach” to “Director of Executive Assessments”

Second by: Senator Galvez

- The body entered a lengthy discussion about the name change.
- **Resolved:** Motion Failed
- **Motion by Parliamentaria:** Motion to amend to replace all “Director of Executive Outreach” to “The Chancellor” by unanimous consent.

Second by: Senator Kuhl

- The body entered a lengthy discussion about the name change.
- **Vote:** Senator Brown, Dean, Kermanshahi, Meiszburger yes; Senator Bryan, Cano-Sanchez, Fiorillo, Galvez, Gonzalez, Jojan, Kuhl, Landolfi, Martin, Ngo, Nithyanandan, Noble, Perez Ramirez, Salah, Shaffer, Smith, Swackhamer, Zheleznyakova.
- **Resolved:** Motion Failed
- The body entered a lengthy discussion about the Director of Executive Outreach job duties.
- **Motion by Senator Noble:** Motion to amend the legislation to add “To engage and conduct all outreach to the student body and within the Association that is pertinent to the limitations and duties of the Executive Branch. This shall not replace nor superseded any other outreach done in any other part of the association.

Second by: Parliamentarian Kermanshahi

- **Vote:** 21 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried
- The body entered a lengthy discussion about the Director of Executive Outreach job duties.
- **Motion by Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo:** Motion to amend Addendum A 4b to state “to ensure the goals of the association are met” and section Addendum A 5b to “to ensure the goals of the association are met”.

Second by: Senator Galvez

- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

g. S.B. 90- AN ACT TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE EVENT BEST-PRACTICES

- **Motion by Senator Noble:** Motion to approve S.B. 90- AN ACT TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE EVENT BEST-PRACTICES

Second by: Senator Kuhl

- Senator Noble presented the legislation.
- Senator Ngo asked if the memo about changes would be every session or just when the legislation passed.
 - Senator Noble stated the memo is just to inform people of the change once it passed but would not oppose those memos being sent out every session.
- Director Rodriguez asked if they could add that cardboard needed to be disposed of.
- **Motion by Senator Noble:** Motion to amend the legislation addendum A, section 3, subsection d to add “Offers shall then dispose of such materials in an appropriate fashion.

Second by: Senator Salah

- **Vote:** 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- **Vote:** 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

h. 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 approve S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Create a Permanent Liaison Position for the Path to Independence Program.

Seconded by: Senator Kuhl

- Senator Galvez presented the legislation.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo asked with the intention of adding the liaison.
 - Senator Galvez stated he wants to make sure the program receives constant representation.
- Senator Noble showed approval of the piece.
- **Vote:** 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

i. S.B. 90 – A Bill to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meeting

- **Motion from Senator Galvez.:** Motion to approve S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings.

Seconded by: Senator Kuhl

- Senator Galvez presented the legislation.
- **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the legislation by striking line item 12 and 13.

Seconded by: Senator Swackhamer

- Attorney General Taeubel asked if technology did not work would they cancel the meeting.
 - Parliamentarian Kermanshahi stated the university had many measures for equitable access. It would not be an issue.
 - Senator Jojan agreed.
 - Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo suggested an amendment to say “to the extent practicable”.
 - Senator Noble stated since it would be up to the attorney general opinion, there was no need for the amendment.
 - Parliamentarian Kermanshahi disagreed with Senator Noble.
 - **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the legislation by addition to addendum A: Section 2 line item 4 “to the extent practicable” by unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Swackhamer
 - **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- Body moved to previous question.*
- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions (Kermanshahi)
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried
- j. S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings
- **Motion from Senator Galvez.:** Motion to approve S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Ensure Public Access to Senate Meetings.
Seconded by: Senator Kuhl
 - Senator Galvez presented the legislation.
 - The body entered a lengthy discussion about proper representation, participation, and public accommodations.
 - **Motion by Senator Galvez:** Motion to amend the legislation by striking line item 10-12 and Addendum B.
Seconded by: Senator Noble
 - Parliamentarian Kermanshahi asked if the amendment changed the intent of the bill.
 - Senator Galvez stated no, the intent was for public access.
 - **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
- Body moved to previous question.*
- **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.
- Gavel passed to Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo*
- k. S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Provide for the Adjournment Sine Die of the Associated Students For the 90th Session.
- **Motion from Speaker Thompson:** Motion to approve S.B.R. 90 – A Binding Resolution to Provide for the Adjournment Sine Die of the Associated Students For the 90th Session.
Seconded by: Parliamentarian Kermanshahi
 - Speaker Thompson presented the legislation.
 - **Vote:** 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Presentations

- Executive Director for the Office of Digital Learning, Ed Huffman, presented on online learning.
- Director Huffman fielded questions from Senator Noble and Speaker Pro-Tempore Ngo.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Senator Shaffer

- Senator Shaffer stated if anyone had a project they wanted continued to the next session to contact her.

b. Senator Galvez

- Senator Galvez reminded senators about their legacy box and there was still an outreach budget. He also presented Emma Thomsen to the body as a possible Senator for the College of Education and Human Development.

c. Senator Gonzalez

- Senator Gonzalez shared details about Juntos Con La Manada survey.

d. Senator Noble

- Senator Noble thanked everyone who worked to make the session great.

e. Senator Perez Ramirez

- Senator Perez Ramirez shared details about a clothesline project.

f. Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo

- Speaker Pro Tempore Ngo shared details about Stupid Fucking Bird show, AB 245 would be presented at the legislature, and APPI Market.

g. Parliamentarian Kermanshahi

- Parliamentarian Kermanshahi shared details about Nevada Athletics games in the future.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Emma Thomsen, Student

- Ms. Thomsen introduced herself.

b. Senate Secretary, Wyatt Layland

- Senate Secretary Layland reminded any leaving senators to take their name tags.

c. Director of Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez

- Director Rodriguez reminded senators that they will lose their emails, to continue to attend events. She also congratulated all the senators for their hard work during the session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.