

Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 90th Session

Minutes for Friday, March 17, 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, March 17, 2023 at 3:01pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference. Presiding Secretary, Wyatt Layland.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: noble brown galvez kuhl

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tue: dean meisz

Absent Excused:

aue: perez ramirez

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Ashley Martinez, ASUN Chief of Staff

- thx yall in the committee for your hard work on the huge asun budget. please tell all committee members to not be aggressive with other asun officers if asun or cse employees. give recs to future b&F committee members, lots of officers are working on prepping their depts for the next session. we all need to do our own jobs and dont need any other external pressures.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved at the time.

5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

a. Report of the President of ASUN, Dionne Stanfill

- President Stanfill did not give a report at the time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Budget Priorities Discussion

- noble: threw a fit about receiving only two ssi questionnaires. discussed options for doing budget priorities without these questionnaires.
- brown: association has survived this many years without budget priorities/recommendations.dont call everybody in during our last meeting. thats a bit much.
- noble: technically a fin rev is getting memos in the box and reading them on our own time, according to gov docs. this is how to force them to sorta give ssi answers.



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Senator Nathan Noble at senatornoble@asun.unr.edu

- brown: not worth the push back. just chill.
- sandy: spend the last senate meeting passing a bill that puts it into the sas for next year.
- noble: k. yall in the committee need to help get the word out and facilitate a good discussion on that piece during the senate discussion.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Financial Reviews**

- **Wolf Pack Radio:** General manager of Wolf Pack Radio Adelynn Puett updated the committee on the account's recent expenditures, which included recent and upcoming events and various new shows on the station.
 - **Questions and Discussion:**
 1. noble: whys there a hige difference in the amounts that various positions get paid? puett: gm and music director are 20 hr/week positions. the rest of the positions are 10 hrs a week and the web master gets paid equally from 4 diff depts. noble: yall wanna cut or add any positions? puett: working as efficiently as possible with the limited staff we have, could hire more 2-3 more program directors to put on some more events and shows.
 2. brown: yall should do radio sports. get into that. id be pumped. itll give yall more exposure. how viable would that be? adelynn: im fields have asked wpr to provide music for them. sports casting would be disruptive to sports teams' contracts with certain stations. sports commentary is a thing but not sportscasting. discussed th elogistics of doing im entertainment.
 3. galvez: any equipment you need for wpr live performances that would not fall under the category of studio office equipment? adelynn: already have stuff to do evetnst in smaller spaces. for larer events, renting may be good for us. live sound equipment may be a good idea for future, but its not in the budget rn.
 4. kuhl: any quotes on the costs of upgrading yall studio and will these be recurring in future fiscal years? puett: rn projected cost is 2k ish. this is not for state of the art equipment but for stuff that could still include wpr's sound. recurring costs if things break. investing in good equipment that is treated well will keep recurring costs low orr none.
 5. drod: youre likely gonna have 4k leftover in wages, would you like to use that to buy equipment this fiscal year?
 6. noble: how are yall planning to upset costs to asun in the future, help support yourselves? puett: goal is to grow as much as possible, growth generates outside interest. this would allow us to charge people for certain services in the future. noble: price point? puett: idk dude. everything is free in my area of radio, so price points are hard to come by but can look into it. noble: make sure youre not charging students tho.
 7. noble: free is a dirty word, everything free to wpr is paid for by someone else. yall need to offset asun costs somehow.
 8. drod: could do a sep account for wpr called the recharge account which would fund only the costs of putting on event, like wages and equipment. itll create additional wages and dollars.
- **Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal:**

- **Questions and Discussion:** phoebe: recent brushfire accomplishments this semester. focused on hosting student events and fostering relationships between unr colleges. discussed recent ongoing events. gave expenditures for those. also a new dei zine is coming in collab with idea. many brushfire employees are first paid out of work study and then paid out of the brushfire wages budget. this leaves lots of uncommitted wages to be put into general ops budget. using a reno based printer for the journal edition, copies delivered next week.
 1. noble: yall still have 60% of your budget that hasnt been spent yet. phoebe: youre literally wrong. i dont predict ant surplus. remaining costs will go toward the journal that is currently being printed. bulk of the budget will be taken up by that.
 2. phoebe: interested in upping number of dist spots on campus, which would involve buying more racks and marketing materials for those new sites. this is a way to spend the surplus wages.
 3. galvez: good job on yalls work. slay monthly poetry nights. for the zine workshop collab events u mentioned, what are the costs associated with guest speakers and such? phoebe: working in collab with makerspace. so no costs to brushfire for the zine collabs. guest speakers will e academic faculty, two from unr one one from uni of texas. the supplies needed fo the zines will be taken from materials from previous zine workshops. makerspace and idea are also willing to provide supplies, so \$100 max is coming out of the brushfire budget for those workshops.
 4. noble: we dont wanna fund yall anymore. how are you guys gonna self monetize? phoebe: found several federal and state grants to cover brushfire's printing costs. working on proposals for those. spoken with sogand, student media coordinator. noble: what ab business with th eplaces where you drop off copies of brushfire? phoebe: delay in us receiving brushfire copies, so hard to ask them for that at the moment.
 5. drod: lets say brushfire and wpr brings in 3k more? is b&f gonna cut their original budget by 3k? or do u want them to seek more resources than what they are currently being given? noble: the second one. also phoebe yall should utilize scarcity as a marketing tactic.
 6. phoebe: brought some brushfires in for yall to see. look at the new soft touch cover.
- **Fall/Spring Concerts:** The financial review focused on the expenditures of the Biggest Little Festival, which was put on by the ASUN Department of Programming.
- **Questions and Discussion:** dir zamudio and dir alquiza. will open up for questions on the previously sent memo now.
 1. noble: how successful was the concert? give us numbers. zamudio: we had to quickly change location at the livestock center. concert woulve needed to be cancelled if not for the quick backup venue. we did great with ticket sales esp considering the quick last minute changes. did better than former blf concerts bc of the cheaper venue in the end. saved 11k.
 2. noble: how did the 1586 tickets sold compare to former fall concerts? zamudio ur dumb we can tcompare ticket sales from 2 diff events. compared to last years blf, only sold 1200 tickets. didnt sell as many tickets as hoped due to limitations, but still even more

than 1200. snow also postponed ticket sales. last year, almost 2 weeks selling tickets got smaller ticket sales. noble: online tickets? maria: logistically tickets have to be physical so online buyers would have to go to the wolfshop and pick up the tickets.

3. drod: last year blf concert was 350k vs this years 224k. explained several logistical issues around online ticket sales.

- **Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal (NSURJ):** Editors of NSURJ Lucy Burnham, Anders Hoover, and Pantera Kivisto gave a presentation detailing the purposes and expenditures of the NSURJ account for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. They also detailed their budget for the following fiscal year. fully staffed for the first time ever. new journal coming out online in the next few weeks. reviewed projected staff leaving/new hires.

- **Questions and Discussion:**

1. noble: whats yalls general justification for more money for staff wages? kivisto: some nsurj people nnot paid equitably, others taking on more responsibility, and the possibility of hiring on more people.
2. kuhl: for travel plans - plans to connect with students at tahoe campus - wat are you looking to invest in for that? kivisto: working on business cards, nsurj swag for memorability, travel costs of gas, some other incidentals.
3. galvez: whats the goal of oging to tahoe? about 80 students over there and theres a research center down there. nsurj wants to make connections with students at more schools, as nsurj publishes mostly unr students.
4. noble: do you think nsurj should look into getting grants instead of getting asun funding? kivisto: to her knowledge no one has looked into that. lucy: in order to get these grants the journal would need to build momentum again and be more on the scene to get interest from benefactors. drod: original founder of the journal said that nsurj is funded by asun bc asun can. itd be good to form a round table with all 9 nv institution to include them all. noble: yall should still tryto get more money from grants.

- **Academic Initiatives:** sandy. look at teh attachments she submitted. breakdown of how the money was spent by the dean of students office. also peter martinez of the pack internship grant program broke down the grants that were given out. you all agreed to let them spend some additional dollars and some funds were spent on new computers. so their funds will justifiably be depleted this year.

- **Questions and Discussion:** none

8. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. **Outreach for Next Financial Review**
 - skipped

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. none
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10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Noble adjourned the meeting at 4:01pm via the Presidents Conference Room, 3rd Floor at the Joe Crowley Student Union and via Zoom conference.