

91st Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union, & Zoom Conference Call
Email senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu for more information.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Salah called the Senate of the Associated Students to order Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at 5:31 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call. Presiding Secretaries, Ally Chavez, and Amanda Drew.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Speaker Salah, Speaker Pro Tempore Shaffer, Parliamentarian Girardello, and Senators Acevedo Perez, Acklin, Ahmed, Ali, Beaulac, Frobes, Jojan, Landazuri Nova, Martin, Meiszburger, Mirth, Perez-Alvarez, J. Tracy, and M. Tracy.

Absent Unexcused: Senator Duhamel

Absent Excused: Senator Limbacher, and Raygoza

A quorum was present.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved at the time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Dionne Stanfill, Past ASUN President
 - Dionne explained the Artemisia Yearbook and her work for it.

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

- a. Nomination, Attorney General for the Executive Branch, James Greco
- b. Nomination, Director of Executive Outreach for the Executive Branch, Stacen Suzuki
- c. Nomination, Director of Public and Campus Relations for the Executive Branch, Olivia Ngo
- d. Nomination, Director of Campus Wellness for the Department of Campus Wellness, Harley Guerrero
- e. Nomination, Director for the Department of Event Programming, Jonel Stevenson
- f. Applicant, Senator for the School of Public Health, Milena Haile
- g. Applicant, Senator for the School of Public Health, Alex Whitney
- h. Applicant, Senator for the College of Engineering, Antony Kuhl
- i. Applicant, Senator for the Orvis School of Nursing/School of Medicine, Tivona Brumfield
- j. Applicant, Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources, Joelle Pickrell



Posted online at
www.nevadaasun.com.

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact the Senate Secretary at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS

a. President, Boris Caprio Guerra

- President Caprio Guerra reported he presented the budget and encouraged people to ask him question, he attended Wolf Pack Discovery, he met to college of Education and Human Development, external review, discuss to expand the menstrual product project across campus and met with Romando Nash.

b. Vice President, Hannah Alquiza

- Vice President Alquiza reported on a meeting with Romando Nash and Dr. Ellis, worked to get more swag for orientation, had been in contact with high schools for outreach, debriefed API Night Market with Multicultural Night Market, attended the external review, and discussed Cabinet Training.

c. Director of Government Affairs, Dawson Deal

- Director Deal reported a meeting with Amanda Vaskov for transition documents and legislation updates. He stated applications are open and started interviews. He also started work on legislation with Senator Shaffer. He would also like to work with the presenter to give public comments at the Board of Regents meeting.
 - Speaker Salah asked if senators could give public comments.
 - Director Deal stated yes.

d. Chief Justice, Brayden Taeubel

- Chief Justice Taeubel reported on interviews for associate justices, one on one with returning justices. He also met Zane Taylor and James Greco.

e. Director of Event Programming, Jonel Stevenson

- Director Stevenson reported interviews for the opened programming positions and started work on the Fall Concert.

f. Director of Executive Affairs, Isabella Hatt

- Director Hatt reported on purchases of signs for UNR Commencement, reached out to inkblot for partnership marketing, started to plan an alumni event. She also reported on discussions with colleges for possible partnership credit.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Mark Meiszburger

- Senator Meiszburger did not give a report.

b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Diana Landazuri Nova

- Senator Landazuri Nova did not give a report.

c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Leaf Acklin

- Senator Acklin did not give a report.

d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Aween Ali

- Senator Ali reported the committee planned to meet on Wednesday.

e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Joel Martin

- Senator Martin reported the committee's first meeting in which they elected Parliamentarian Girardello as Vice Chair.

f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Tori Beaulac

- Senator Beaulac reported the committee would meet May 4th at 7:30pm.
- g. **Chair, Committee on Oversight, Fayza Salah**
 - Senator Salah did not give a report.
- h. **Parliamentarian, Juliana Girardello**
 - Parliamentarian Girardello did not give a report.
- i. **Speaker Pro Tempore, Erin Shaffer**
 - Speaker Pro Tempore Shaffer did not give a report.

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Asd
 - Asd

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Nomination for; Attorney General for the Executive Branch, James Greco; Director of Executive Outreach for the Executive Branch, Stacen Suzuki; Director of Public and Campus Relations for the Executive Branch, Olivia Ngo; Director of Campus Wellness for the Department of Campus Wellness, Harley Guerrero; Senator for the School of Public Health, Milena Haile; Senator for the School of Public Health, Alex Whitney; Senator for the Orvis School of Nursing/School of Medicine, Tivona Brumfield; Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources, Joelle Pickrell**
 - **Motion from Senator Acklin:** Motion to fast-track all the appointments above, through unanimous consent.
Seconded by: Senator Ali
 - Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
 - **Resolved:** Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

- a. **Nomination, Attorney General for the Executive Branch, James Greco,**
 - **Motion from Senator J. Tracy:** Motion to approve Attorney General for the Executive Branch, James Greco
Seconded by: Senator M. Tracy
 - President Carpio Guerra presented the nominee.
 - James Greco delivered a presentation.
 - Senator Martin asked about the 2-warning system.
 - James stated if there was an issue there would be 2 meetings in which they discuss any issues.
 - Senator Martin asked how he would handle the position since he was a busy person.
 - James stated his schedule was very flexible and had plenty of time.
 - Senator Jojan asked about his approach to cancellations of meetings.
 - James stated with the universal agenda hopefully there would not be much issue. He also would discuss with the chair or director about the cancellation and re-agendize as soon as possible.
 - Speaker Salah asked for an elaboration of the universal agenda.

- James stated the agendas have small differences that could be more universal. He also wanted to create a new checklist which might add more items.
- The body deliberated on the appointments.
- **Vote:** 15 in favor, 3 against, 0 abstained.
Chief Justice Taubel administered the oath of office to James Greco
- b. Nomination of Executive Outreach for the Executive Branch, Stacen Suzuki
 - **Motion from Senator Ali:** Motion to approve Executive Outreach for the Executive Branch, Stacen Suzuki
Seconded by: Senator Schaffer
 - Vice President Alquiza presented the nominee.
 - Stacen Suzuki delivered a presentation.
 - Senator M. Tracy asked how he would increase outreach or involvement.
 - Stacen stated he would like to include more people to the retreat and network with alumni.
 - Senator Martin asked what his weaknesses were.
 - Stacen stated his biggest weakness was making sure he had time to do all his events and still help people.
 - Senator Landazuri asked about how he would provide services.
 - Stacen stated there were a lot of services he worked with as Assistant Director of Wellness, and he would like to connect ASUN official with those resources.
 - Senator Landazuri asked where he would post those connection to services.
 - Stacen stated it would be sent to the gov list serve.
 - The body deliberated on the appointments.
 - **Vote:** 14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
*Chief Justice Taubel administered the oath of office to Stacen Suzuki.
Senator Jojan left at 6:05.*
- c. Nomination, Director of Public and Campus Relations for the Executive Branch, Olivia Ngo
 - **Motion from Senator Frobes:** Motion to approve Director of Public and Campus Relations for the Executive Branch, Olivia Ngo
Seconded by: Senator M. Tracy
 - Vice President Alquiza presented the nominee.
 - Olivia Ngo delivered a presentation.
 - Senator Martin asked what her biggest learning curve would be.
 - Olivia stated it would be her Day-to-Day marketing collaboration, but she had experience in the past.
 - Senator Perez Alvarez asked how often they would do focus groups.
 - Olivia stated it would be up to President Carpio Guerra to discuss specific issues.
 - The body deliberated on the appointments.
 - **Vote:** 14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.
Chief Justice Taubel administered the oath of office to Olivia Ngo.
- d. Nomination, Director of Campus Wellness for the Department of Campus Wellness, Harley

Guerrero

- **Motion from Senator Beaulac:** Motion to approve Director of Campus Wellness for the Department of Campus Wellness, Harley Guerrero
Seconded by: Senator Probes

- President Carpio Guerra presented the nominee.
- Harley Guerrero delivered a presentation.
 - Senator Beaulac asked about the funding of her events.
 - Harley stated she did not have the exact numbers, but she would plan and discuss with Budget and Finance for the funding.
 - Senator M. Tracy asked about her plans to implement nutritional information to events.
 - Harley stated she would like to have a social media campaign and table to show students that cooking does not have to be a chore but fun.
 - Senator J. Tracy asked about an additional assistant director position.
 - Harley stated the additional position would be for the next term.
 - Senator Martin asked how she would make the campus healthier.
 - Harley stated she would work closely with the Fitness center to promote healthy lifestyles.
 - Senator Landazuri asked about her plans for spiritual wellness.
 - Harley stated she had no plans but would plan those events early in the semester.

- The body deliberated on the appointments.

Chief Justice Taubel administered the oath of office to Harley Guerrero.

- **Vote:** 15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

e. Applicant, Senator for the School of Public Health, Milena Haile

- **Motion from Senator Girardello:** Motion to approve Senator for the School of Public Health, Milena Haile

Seconded by: Senator M. Tracy

- Milena Haile delivered a presentation.
 - Senator Martin asked how ASUN would fit into her schedule.
 - Milena stated she felt comfortable taking on the duties of a senator.

- The body deliberated on the appointments.

- **Vote:** 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

Speaker Salah administered the oath of office to Milena Haile.

f. Applicant, Senator for the School of Public Health, Alex Whitney

Senator Perez (Alvarez) entered the meeting at 7:14pm.

- Applicant Whitney was not present.

Senator J. Tracy left the meeting at 7:15pm.

g. Applicant, Senator for the Orvis School of Nursing/School of Medicine, Tivona Brumfield

- **Motion from Senator Frobes:** Motion to approve Senator for the Orvis School of Nursing/School of Medicine, Tivona Brumfield

Seconded by: Senator Ali

Senator Acklin entered the meeting at 7:17.

- Tivona Brumfield delivered a presentation.
 - Speaker Pro-Tempore Shaffer asked about her past exposure for ASUN.
 - Tivona stated she was a senate intern.
 - Parliamentarian Girardello asked about her goals for senate.
 - Tivona stated her specific goals were to make the campus safer and to outreach to organizations.
 - Senator Martin asked her to elaborate on her plan for campus safety.
 - Tivona stated she would like to work with campus police to make information more accessible.
 - Senator M. Tracy asked her to elaborate on her plan to outreach to organizations.
 - Tivona stated she wanted everyone to have a seat at the table, be heard, and successful. She would also want to promote diversity and inclusivity.

Senator J. Tracy and Senator Acklin entered the meeting at 7:18pm.

- The body deliberated on the appointments.
- **Vote:** 13 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstained.

Speaker Salah administered the oath of office to Tivona Brumfield.
- h. Applicant, Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources, Joelle Pickrell
 - **Motion from Senator Ahmed:** Motion to approve Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources, Joelle Pickrell
Seconded by: Senator Ali
 - Joelle Pickrell delivered a presentation.
 - Parliamentarian Girardello asked what her biggest challenge would be.
 - Joelle stated Robert rules.
 - Senator Perez Alvarez asked what other ideas she had to help CABNR students.
 - Joelle stated she would like to have more research opportunities and encourage students to be more engaged.
 - Senator Landazuri asked about her plans to promote CABNR students.
 - Joelle stated she would use social media.
 - Senator Martin asked about her internship legislation.
 - Joelle stated it was to create a monthly payment plan for parking services.

- The body deliberated on the appointments.

- **Vote:** 14 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

Speaker Salah administered the oath of office to Joelle Pickrell.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no veto messages at the time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

There was no first reading of legislation.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

There were no motion to fast track.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

No legislation was referred to committee at the time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

There were no second readings for legislation.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions

- There were no committee changes or additions.

Senator Meiszbarger left the meeting at 7:46pm.

b. Senator Reports

• Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Schaffer

- Speaker Pro-Tempore Schaffer stated there should be an idea for group discussion about possible legislative projects.

• Senator for the College of Engineering, Aween Ali

- Senator Ali stated she was going to work on legislation for more meditation rooms and make them more accessible. She also wanted to work on the accessibility of mental health services for athletes.

Senator Meiszbarger left the meeting at 7:48pm.

• Senator for the College of Business, Landazuri

- Senator Landazuri stated Fridays Budget and Finance would meet and encouraged everyone to attend talk.

• Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Martin

- Senator Martin stated he would start golf club over the summer.

c. Presentation

- Dr. Cheryl Hug presented on the increase of the Student Health Center Fee.
- Dr. Cheryl Hug fielded questions from Senator Jojan, Senator Shaffer, Senator Ali, Senator about the increase fee and what it meant for students.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Senator Frobes

- Senator Frobes stated there were still appointments opened for Journalism Council.

b. Senator Ali

- Senator Ali stated there would be a Muslim Student Association board meeting and they were opened to meet with anyone to discuss the organization.

c. Speaker Salah

- Speaker Salah stated there would not be a meeting on the 10th. There will be a meeting on the 17th.
- Senator Frobes asked about the public viewing Gallery.
 - Speaker Salah stated there were people willing to attend the public viewing gallery from oversight.

d. President Carpio Guerra

- President Carpio Guerra stated the retreat would be June 9th -11th.

- Senator Ahmed stated he would not be present for retreat.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Director of Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez
 - Sandy stated that everyone has differences, student government as a system does not have room for difference, but it needs to have it. The body should look at what senators can bring to the table, embrace the difference. She was appreciative of disagreement of the Senators, there will never be a real truth but there is an association truth. She also mentioned the external review.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Salah adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.