

# 91<sup>st</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Joe Crowley Student Union, & Zoom Conference Call  
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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Salah called the Senate of the Associated Students to order Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:37 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

Legislative Clerk Habon explained his position and job duties.

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

**Tardy Unexcused:** Senator Frobes

**Absent Unexcused:** Senator Duhamel

**Absent Excused:** Senator Acevedo Perez and Raygoza

**Tardy Excused:** Senator Haile and Jojan

A quorum was present.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved at the time.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Trace Wolfgang, Past Director of IDEA

- Trace gave a huge shout out for the new Director of IDEA and explained their relationship with them.

b. Associate Justice, Fernando Melendez

- Fernando resigned his position as associate justice.

c. A'keia Sanders

- A'keia reminded the senator that they were booking flights for retreat and to contact her if they need any accommodations.

d. Luis Galvez, Senator for the 90<sup>th</sup> Session

- Luis expressed his approval for Antony Kuhl and Emma Thomsen.

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

a. Nomination, Director for the Department of IDEA, Arthur-James Okwuosa

b. Nomination, Director for the Department of Sustainability, Matthew Sauls

c. Nomination, Senator for the College of Education, Emma Thomsen



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d. Nomination, Senator for the College of Engineering, Thomas Vasile

e. Nomination, Senator for the College of Engineering, Antony Kuhl

## **7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

### **a. President, Boris Carpio Guerra**

- President Carpio Guerra stated he had been able to speak at the Night of the Wookiee's and many more events. He also met with the multicultural search committee for a new director, attended Budget & Finance and alumni events. They had the first cabinet training and meeting.

### **b. Vice President, Hannah Alquiza**

- Vice President Alquiza stated she received the dates for orientation, she met with people to work on a collaboration with Nevada Fit, had a cabinet training, met with Olivia about Pack Friendly Business and more.

### **c. Chief Justice, Brayden Taubel**

- Chief Justice Taubel stated he attended the ASUN Alumni chapter mixer, helped plan retreat and retreat presentation.

### **d. Director of Executive Affairs, Isabella Hatt**

- Director Hatt reported that the UNR Sign and Marques were being set up. The marketing for the partnership was going well along with a blog. She met with the deans of college to establish a partnership with academic credit. The Alumni Chapter held its first event, they paid under \$2,000 for the venue and food, the interest form still available for anyone interested and can join once the chapter was officially established.

### **e. Director of Executive Outreach, Stacen Suzuki**

- Director Suzuki reported on new invites for the ASUN Retreat and dates for the makeup retreat had not been decided, and shirts were ordered. He also reminded the officials to contact A'keia about flight if travel accommodations were needed.
  - Speaker Pro-Tempore Shaffer asked about retreat emails.
    - Director Suzuki stated he would be sending them soon.

### **f. Director of Programming Jonel Stevenson**

- Director Stevenson reported on the hiring process, she sent out offers. She started the process of planning the concert. She helped interview the candidates for advisor of programming and IDEA. She also asked if anyone wanted to join the department as a programmer to reach out.

### **g. Director of Government Affairs, Dawson Deal**

- Director Deal reported applications were opened and started the hiring process, he wanted to have the final nominations by the end of the week, he presents legislations. He discussed Board of regent's meetings and updates on legislations at the Nevada State Legislature.

### **h. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Olivia Ngo**

- Director Ngo work with President Carpio Guerra and Vice President Alquiza for a statement on the death of Sky a student on campus. She worked with Amy on the student planner, a Welcome Letter, Wolf Pack Bucket list. She and Vice President Alquiza wanted to revamp the Pack Friendly Business list. She also started to set up meetings with Inkblot, Career Studio and more.

### **i. Director of Campus Wellness, Harley Guerra**

- Director Guerra stated she worked on hiring an Assistant Director and cabinet training.

### **j. Attorney General, James Greco**

- Attorney General Greco stated he had settled into the job, attended the cabinet training, met with the Career Studio about the Law School fair.

### **k. Speaker, Fayza Salah**

- Speaker Salah gave details on the summer Senate meetings.

**1. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Yahit Lopez**

- Director Lopez reported on the last 2 funding hearings and cabinet training. He also stated the board had 3 open spots, which he was trying to fill.

**8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES**

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

- Senator Meiszburger had no report.

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

- Senator Landazuri Nova had no report.

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

- Senator Acklin had no report.

**d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Aween Ali**

- Senator Ali had no report.

**e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Joel Martin**

- Senator Martin had no report.

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

- Senator Beaulac had no report.

**g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Fayza Salah**

- Senator Salah had no report.

**h. Parliamentarian, Juliana Girardello**

- Parliamentarian Girardello had no report.

**i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Erin Shaffer**

- Speaker Pro Tempore Shaffer had no report.

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements at this time.

**10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Nomination for;** Director for the Department of IDEA, Arthur-James Okwuosa; Director for the Department of Sustainability, Matthew Sauls; Senator for the College of Education, Emma Thomsen; Senator for the College of Engineering, Thomas Vasile; Senator for the College of Engineering, Antony Kuhl

**b.**

- **Motion from Senator Beaulac:** Motion to fast-track all the appointments above, through unanimous consent.

**Seconded by:** Senator Meiszburger

- 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, Director for the Department of IDEA, Arthur-James Okwuosa
- **Motion from Parliamentarian Girardello:** Motion to approve Nomination, Director for the Department of IDEA, Arthur-James Okwuosa

**Seconded by:** Senator Frobes

- Vice President Alquiza presented the nominee.
- Arthur-James Okwuosa delivered a presentation.
  - Senator Beaulac asked how he would help and represent communities of which he had little knowledge about.
    - AJ stated he would research the community and discuss with the members what they need help or advocacy with.
  - Senator Ali asked about his ideas to collaborate with the committee of IDEA and Senate.
    - AJ stated the department is not a department that should work alone, and they would be open to work with the senate body and the committee on any ideas.
- The body deliberated on the appointments.
- **Vote:** 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

*Chief Justice Taubel administered the oath of office to Arthur James Okwuosa.*

- b. Nomination, Director for the Department of Sustainability, Matthew Sauls
- **Motion from Senator Ahmed:** Motion to approve Director for the Department of Sustainability, Matthew Sauls
- Seconded by:** Senator Meisburger

- President Carpio Guerra presented the nominee.
- Matthew Sauls delivered a presentation.
- Senator Martin asked his ideas for Earth Day.
  - Matthew stated he would have to look at events done in the past and then work with those ideas and expand.
- Senator Beaulac asked about how to make sure the Sniff money gets used.
  - Matthew stated he would like to have more marketing to spread the information about Sniff. There would also be ideas that can use the money.
- The body deliberated on the appointments.
- **Vote:** 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

*Chief Justice Taubel administered the oath of office to Matthew Sauls.*

- c. Nomination, Senator for the College of Education, Emma Thomsen
- **Motion from Senator Frobes:** Motion to approve Senator for the College of Education, Emma Thomsen

**Seconded by:** Senator Meisburger

- Emma Thomsen delivered a presentation.

*Parliamentarian Girardello entered at 6:39*

- Senator Beaulac asked why she hadn't applied during the first round.
  - Emma stated she did not know and was on the fence about it.
- Senator Martin asked what she would bring to the table.
  - Emma stated she was Lighthearted business and very good with plans.
- Senator Martin asked about what committees she was interested in.
  - Emma stated IDEA and Safety Sustainability and Wellness.
- Senator Frobes asked about her project to have a more recent curriculum for the students in teaching programs and if it would just be a collaboration with the Washoe county.
  - Emma stated no, she would like to expand the collaboration with other counties.
- Senator Martin asked about the Path to Independence work.
  - Emma stated the work would be with advisors and students to understand what is needed for the program.
- The body deliberated on the appointment.
- **Vote:** 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

*Speaker Salah administered the oath of office to Emma Thomson.*

d. Nomination, Senator for the College of Engineering, Thomas Vasile

- Thomas Vasile was not present.

e. Nomination, Senator for the College of Engineering, Antony Kuhl

- **Motion from Senator Mirth:** Motion to approve Senator for the College of Engineering, Antony Kuhl

**Seconded by:** Senator Meisburger

- Antony Kuhl delivered a presentation.
- Senator Mirth asked about what committee he would like to join.
  - Antony stated Budget and Finance and Safety Sustainability Wellness.
- Senator Beaulac asked what other committee he would like to join since Safety Sustainability and Wellness was full.
  - Antony stated Academics and Student Affairs.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Shaffer asked what's something he was proud of from about last session.
  - Antony stated the legislation that collaborates ASUN and @ONE, and he wants to work with the tech inequity with colleges.
- Senator Frobes asked why he didn't run in normal elections.
  - Antony stated he wanted to make sure he had enough time for the position.
- Senator Martin asked about the AI conversation.
  - He stated that students need to be allowed to use it, there needs be research on programs like Turnitin.com to see if they can identify the usage of IA. He also discussed the change of teaching style in which students work and learn the important assignments in the classrooms and any practice work is done outside of class incase IA programs are used.

- The body deliberated on the appointments.
- **Vote:** 16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

*Speaker Salah administered the oath of office to Antony Kuhl.*

## **12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There were no veto messages at the time.

## **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no consent agenda.

## **14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

There was no first reading of legislation.

## **15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

### **a. S.B 91.- AN ACT AMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

- **Motion from Senator Meisburger:** Motion to fast-track S.B 91.- AN ACT AMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

**Second by:** Senator Kuhl

- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- Senator Shaffer explained why they were fast tracking.
- **Vote:** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 yes
- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

## **16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

No legislation was referred to the committee at the time.

## **17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

### **a. S.B 91.- AN ACT AMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

- **Motion from Senator Meiszburger:** Motion to approve S.B 91.- AN ACT AMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

**Second by:** Senator Kuhl

- Senator Shaffer explained why they were fast tracking.
- Director Deal explained the legislation.
- Senator Frobes asked if the new people would be paid more.
  - Director Deal stated no.
- Senator Kuhl asked where that money would go.
  - Senator Kuhl stated the total should still be the same because one position did not get allocated money.
- The body deliberated the legislation.
- **Vote:** 16 yes, 0 no, 0 yes

- **Resolved:** Motion carried.

## **18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### a. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions**

- **Motion from Senator Ali:** Motion to remove herself from B&F through unanimous consent.  
**Second:** Senator Frobos
- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Motion:** Carried.
- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motion to add himself to B&F through unanimous consent.  
**Second:** Senator Meiszburger
- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Motion:** Carried.
- **Motion from Senator Ali:** Motion to add herself to Academics and Student Affairs through unanimous consent.  
**Second:** Senator Meiszburger
- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Motion:** Carried.
- **Motion from Senator Brumfield:** Motion to add herself to Budget and Finance and Government Operations through unanimous consent.  
**Second:** Senator Martin
- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Motion:** Carried.
- **Motion from Senator Kuhl:** Motion to add himself to Academics and Student Affairs through unanimous consent.  
**Second:** Senator Martin
- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Motion:** Carried.
- **Motion from Senator Pickrell:** Motion to add herself to Academics and Student Affairs and Government Operations through unanimous consent.  
**Second:** Senator Kuhl
- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.
- **Motion:** Carried.
- **Motion from Senator Haile:** Motion to add herself to Academics and Student Affairs unanimous consent.  
**Second:** Senator Frobos

- Speaker Salah asked if there was any dissent to the motion. There was no dissent at the time.

b. **Senator Reports**

- There were no senator reports.

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no comments or announcements.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Salah adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. via the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union, and via Zoom Conference Call.