

Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

The Joe Crowley Student Union, President's Conference Room in the Center for Student Engagement

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:09pm in the President's Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Crooks, Kohler, Henderson, Urquidi, and Blair were all present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. MINUTES

- a) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 10th, 2016. The committee will discuss the minutes of November 10th, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- b) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 17th, 2016. The committee will discuss the minutes of November 17th, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- c) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from December 1st, 2016. The committee will discuss the minutes of December 1st, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- d) The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from December 8th, 2016. The committee will discuss the minutes of December 8th, 2016 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

Senator Henderson sought a motion to approve all the minutes unanimously.

Senator Blair motioned to approve all the minutes by unanimous consent.

Senator Kohler seconded the motion.

No dissent

The minutes were approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Senator Reports:
Senator Blair
Senator Crooks
Senator Kohler

Posted at 1664 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89557 in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement inside the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Ansari Business Building, The Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center and online at www.nevadaasun.com.

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Senator Urquidi
Legislative Intern Mehtaji
Legislative Intern Moreno
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Senator Henderson

b) Nevada Reading Week

Senator Henderson said Senator Greene will come to a meeting to discuss the event. She wanted as many of the committee members as possible to be there. Senator Henderson said there will be a book drive and asked for any children's or teens books to be donated in either the KC or PSAC.

Senator Urquidi asked if the book drive is only on campus or off campus as well.

Senator Henderson said it will just be on campus because of resources to put out and pick up bins of books.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Undergraduate Research Funding Changes

Senator Henderson met with Director Beattie and Dr. Mensing. She was thinking of adding to the funding agreement with the office of Undergraduate Research. The funding agreement says the students need to complete and end of year report for their research but it is not mentioned in the SAS. The committee's goal is to add the report into the SAS to match the funding agreement. She determined in her meeting with Dr. Mensing and Dr. Beattie to have the report to annually in October.

Dr. Beattie said there is actually two reports. The first one goes to the president to outline all the funding that was used and the plan going forward every year. The second one is what Senator Henderson wanted to put into the SAS, stating the office of undergraduate research must report to the committee on Academics once a year.

Senator Henderson said the report to the committee is planned to be a summary of the previous year. She would meet with Senator Jordan to write the legislation changes to put in the SAS.

Senator Henderson mentioned part of the SAS for Undergrad research that covered promotional materials for grants. She asked for ideas from her committee as to what they can do to emphasize promotional materials and if the description in the SAS should be more or less specific.

She thought to add social media to encourage more social media use but leave everything else the way it was.

In regards to undergrad research, Senator Henderson wants to make a calendar for undergrad research deadlines and add it to the description of what the committee does.

Senator Henderson asked if it was okay for everyone's names to be put on the legislation.

Senator Henderson asked for help with writing legislation and attending the meetings with the Assembly Committee on Academics.

Senator Blair asked if Senator Henderson would be the one presenting to the senate.

Senator Henderson said she would be the one who presents the resolutions at senate the rest of the committee should be ready to give input.

b) Committee description changes

Senator Henderson plans to add Undergrad Research partnership to the definition of the committee.

She also asked if the committee wants to keep the rules about NSURJ vague or write more to make the definition more concise. The other option is to leave it for the next committee.

Senator Blair said she agreed that the definition needed more but liked the vagueness because it allows freedom.

Senator Henderson agreed with Senator Blair.

Senator Blair asked who picks senior editors.

Dr. Beattie says he is the one who hires the editors. People apply then he works with Dr. Mensing and the past editors to pick the new ones. After that Dr. Mensing takes over. Dr. Beattie said he advises them on ASUN policies and other things like budget, using university systems, etc. Dr. Mensing advises them on research oriented questions and reviewing submissions. The office of undergrad research advises the editors.

Senator Henderson asked if NSURJ is part of the SAS.

Dr. Beattie said the SAS has not been updated on the website in the past few month. The undergrad research agreement is posted and split into NSURJ and other undergrad research.

Senator Blair asked about changing her office hour times and if she should send the changes directly to IT department.

Dr. Beattie said to bring that up at the next senate meeting because he wasn't sure yet.

Senator Henderson said she will go over NSURJ with Senator Jordan to make sure everything is included.

She considered making a clause that they need to at least meet once a semester

c) Discuss plan for the rest of the session

Senator Henderson said Nevada Reading Week will be the biggest project for the last part of the session.

She asked every member of the committee to write the definition of their liaison position to put into the legacy binder.

Senator Blair said she thought it would be beneficial for people first joining the committee. It will help the senators learn what their jurisdiction is.

Senator Henderson agreed that they began the liaison position a little too late.

Senator Blair suggested adding the liaison/partnership to the definition of the committee duties. It will make it easier for the 85th session.

Senator Henderson liked Senator Blair's idea.

She said they will only meet every other week but the committee members need an outline of their liaison by the next meeting. At least a few bullet points are need.

Director Beattie notified the committee that the request to update the SAS was submitted today.

Senator Henderson said she and the committee could have done more but there was no groundwork to build off of.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at the time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Henderson adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.