Committee on Oversight
Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session
Minutes for Tuesday, November 7th at 7:30 p.m.
Room #405, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
   Speaker Jackson called the Committee on Oversight meeting to order at 7:37 pm in Room 405, 4th floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding secretary, Andrea Godoy.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   Speaker Jackson and Senators Becker, Bussman, Cam. Lee, Flangas, Kuykendall, Martinez, and Thummel were present.

   A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   There was no public comment at this time.

4. **MINUTES**
   a. The minutes from October 17th, 2017
   b. The minutes from October 24th, 2017

   The minutes from October 17th and October 24th, 2017 were unavailable at this time.

   c. The minutes from October 31st, 2017
   Senator Flangas moved to approve the minutes from October 31st, 2017 by unanimous consent.
   There was no dissent; motion carried.

5. **REPORTS**
   a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy
   Secretary Godoy had no report.

   b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Anthony Martinez
   Senator Martinez said tomorrow will be the panel for the interns. They are very excited for it. He thanked everyone whom had already engaged with their interns and asked they encouraged other senators to contact their interns and collaborate. he knew many people had reached out to Speaker Jackson about final projects since the interns do have a project they need to complete with their senator. He asked they utilize their interns in completing projects as well.

   c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Cammie Lee
   Senator Cam Lee said: As I mentioned in my last report, Scott Mensing will be coming to our senate meeting tomorrow to ask for volunteers to review the NURA applications. Hopefully many of you can volunteer! Senator Sarwar and I are currently working with Assistant Vice Provost Furukawa from the Advising Center on changing the Neuroscience advising system. He...
has just been keeping me on the loop of the progress and they hired a new advisor to keep Neuroscience advising consistent.

d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Kuykendall
Senator Kuykendall said his committee met today and did financial reviews for Brushfire, Wolf Pack Radio, and Blue Crew. More information on the reviews will be presented in the summary reports. As they might expect, there are some problems with Blue Crew. Those will be covered more in depth by Senator Flangas. Senator Kuykendall told Senator Becker that Senator Flangas volunteered to write the reports since Senator Becker was absent for the meeting. Senator Flangas will take over Blue Crew. He was still missing one more review and will contact the senator again so that all the reviews will be ready for Senate.

Speaker Jackson asked if he wanted all documents 48 hours in advance for meetings.

Senator Kuykendall said he had a 48 hour in advance policy but it hadn’t been followed before.

e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Flangas
Senator Flangas said they had the date finalized for the science fair and it will be February 23rd. She will send out an email that discusses what the committee would have covered in a committee meeting since they will not meet this week. They will meet next week. The committee will discuss a resolution that President Teixeira will present on; someone on her committee will take over it. She was excited to add that project to her committee.

f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Thummel
Senator Thummel said the committee met Friday and they discussed two pieces of legislation. The first was to cut the assistant director that was under the Director of Public and Campus Relations. The committee amended it since he forgot it was in the budget and the position needed to be removed from there was well as the SAS. It will go through Senate next week. The other was to update the Chief of Staff. He met with Chief of Staff Bradley and Senator Martinez to work on the legislation. It will go through Senate next week too. The committee will not meet this Friday but rather next Friday because of Veterans Day. They will see the resolution in support of ADA accessibly and a bill to cut the iLEAD mentorship program at that meeting.

g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Becker
Senator Becker said: This Thursday is the Veterans’ Luncheon! We have tabled the Veterans’ Banner yesterday and today and it was very successful. So successful that we will not be tabling tomorrow because the banner is so full of signatures. At our next meeting will be next Wednesday at 4 p.m. We will be having a thorough debrief of the event for the legacy binder. Per Dr. Beattie’s request, we will be putting the legacy binder in the Box, so the documents do not get lost and are universally accessible. I am also planning to invite Branden Walberg to our next meeting to discuss K-12 Outreach.

Speaker Jackson said they are meeting with a person from the school district. She was the Western Regent Rep’s advisor. She wanted them to speak at their regional conference about how ASUN can collaborate. Maybe the committee can create the curriculum for what they do in the class.

h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Bussman
Senator Bussman said he had a meeting with the VP of Research and Innovation tomorrow. They will talk about new innovations @ Nevada. His committee meeting is tomorrow at 4 pm.
He will meet with the Vice Provost next Monday. He will set up another meeting with the Wolf shop on Monday to discuss their textbook requisition data.

i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Jackson

Speaker Jackson said they needed to remember Veterans Day and Thanksgiving when planning committee meetings; please plan accordingly. They will meet next week and there will be no Senate or Oversight the week of Thanksgiving. First off, Senator Cortez-Masto’s office read about Elect Her and they will make a video about it.

Senator Kaykendall entered the room at 7:43 pm.

Speaker Jackson said she can tell them more in detail information if they wanted but basically, she was approached by an outside, political group that funded student government campaigns. They poured thousands of dollars into traditionally, conservative-leaning student government candidates. She was working with her intern to include something in their documents to say that taking money from outside sources was strictly prohibited. She wanted them to be aware of that because they are targeting campus leaders, especially those that are running or will potentially run. It was important they are educated on this and can spot it and articulate why they don’t want that to influence their elections.

Senator Bussman said he got that email too. He looked into the company and they attempt to get conservative students to run.

Speaker Jackson said if they wanted more information or they wanted to look into it, the organization was called The Campus Leadership Project. However, it was affiliated with Turning Point USA. She can send them articles on it.

Senator Bussman said the email also offered a free meal. He considered taking it but declined for obvious reasons. He suggested Speaker Jackson include something that states that receiving anything is prohibited too.

Speaker Jackson said the Board of Regents handbook had something about gifting and if it was okay to receive them or not depending on the amount. This was to prevent outside forces persuading the body. They wanted to look at that and create their structure from the Board’s. She wanted them to know this was coming. They were trying to find people and if they had questions let her know. She Met with the provost to talk about reapportionment since that happened every two years and it was coming up this year. There were some colleges that were splitting up which was occurring with DHS. There will need to be different senators for next year. They will need to figure out where undeclared students will fit in with the new structure and figure out what the new structure is. They needed to have reapportionment sent and presented by the first week of December.

Senator Bussman asked how many parts DHS was splitting into.

Speaker Jackson said DHS was splitting from one college into three: Community Health Sciences, Division of Health Sciences, and Orvis School of Nursing. They are all three separate colleges now.

Senator Bussman how many senators will be added.
Speaker Jacksons said three, but the split must cause the total number of senators to change so they may need to discuss amending the constitution to approve more senators sitting on the body. That was something Senator Flangas talked about a long time ago. They will see how it works out. Nursing was only about 240 students, so it was difficult. If they wanted to get more into intricacies or help with undeclared students, let her know. Also, she went to the chancellor’s budget seminar and it was cool to see. She had a meeting with the GSA president to talk about INTO. Before writing a resolution, she wanted to get information from international students and those that didn’t feel safe on campus. If they were writing a resolution saying they support this, they need to include opinions for the necessary infrastructure and resources, so students can feel safe on campus. She said they should invite everyone to participate in the resolution.

Senator Kuykendall asked if it was the provost that presented to them.

Speaker Jackson said yes.

Senator Kuykendall asked if they would be able to invite the provost to come to the meeting to ask more questions. The overall feeling he got from that presentation was that they were commercializing international students for the sake of money.

Senator Martinez agreed. When he asked about initiatives that include the individuals, the only answer he got was that they should do things but not that they had ideas. He felt it would be a great opportunity for students to voice their opinions on everything that has happened on campus.

Speaker Jackson had a meeting today to discuss having another meeting. They should first plan a date and a location. One really good piece of feedback she got from the Dear UNR event was that people loved the Charlottesville meeting. The only problem was that the meetings were in the Senate Chambers or the 4th floor ballrooms. Everyone that got the emails and invites went but it should be more accessible to those that are passing by. She went to a diversity dialogue last Friday with Senator Martinez and Assistant Director Lensch in the heart of the Joe. It was cool to see many people who were just passing by stay. She was thinking of the KC Rotunda for an event like this because it was a high traffic area. She asked if they had any other suggestions.

Senator Cam. Lee asked if it had to be indoors.

Speaker Jackson said yes.

Senator Cam. Lee liked the Rotunda.

Speaker Jackson

Senator Flangas asked if they can rent Starbucks.

Speaker Jackson said didn’t know if that was a possibility because of seating but she can look into it.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**
   There was no new business at this time.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**  
   Speaker Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.