

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT SENATE  
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION  
MARCH 14, 2019  
HAVASUPAI ROOM A & B, UNIVERSITY UNION, 4:00 PM

Date: March 26, 2019  
Date of Senate Meeting: March 21, 2019

Number on council: 14  
Number present: 11

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Ronni Marks, Vice President of Academic Affairs, called the Senate meeting of the 2018-2019 Associated Students of Northern Arizona University Senate to order at 4:00 PM in the Havasupai Room A and B, University Union.

### **Roll Call**

#### Senators:

Senator Ambrosio  
Senator Hernandez  
Senator Burke  
Senator Gibson - Absent  
Senator Martinez  
Senator Zavala  
Senator McClintock – Late, arrived at 4:01 PM  
Senator Schonbrun  
Senator Freitas - Absent  
Senator Nardi  
Senator Alba  
Senator Ward – Absent  
Senator Rose  
Senator Majkrazk

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Marks: If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved.

### **Call to the Audience**

#### Item A: Health and Human Services – Dean Ransdell

Speaker: There are six departments and one school within the College of Health and Human Services. The school of nursing, physical therapy and athletic training, dental hygiene, health sciences, communication and speech language, occupational therapy, and physician assistant studies. We have a lot of programs down in Yuma, Phoenix, and Tuscon. We have thirteen accredited programs within our college which keeps us really busy. All of the accredited programs have certification exam pass rates that are above the national average. The students complete over 570,000 hours of service work per year. We are out in the community. We have a significant presence all over the state. We have four U.S. ranked programs. One of those is nursing which is highly ranked. The others are physical therapy, speech language pathology, and most recently physician assistant studies which is #37 nationally. Dental hygiene has a clinical site on the Hopi reservation and students do rotations out there every semester. Occupational therapy has the only public accredited doctoral program in the southwest United States. Students in the communication studies department won the state championship quiz bowl last spring

defeating both ASU and U of A. The physician assistant studies department recruits, retains, and graduates the highest number of underrepresented students which is one of the reasons why the program is ranked so highly. The students then go back and work in their underrepresented communities. The athletic training program serves athletics teams at the high school and college levels.

Item B: NAY FY20 Tuition and Fees Update – VP Jane Kuhn and VP Bjorn Flugstad

VP Jane Kuhn: We are here to talk to you about next years tuition rate for next years incoming students. Housing rates will be increased by 2.32% which is a fairly low rate and reasonable. Dining will be increased for new meal plans will be 2.93%. We have the continuing student pledge for two years. We are proposing an increase to the health and learning fee for counseling services of \$25 per semester, or \$50 a year. The green fee is an increase of \$10 per semester, or \$20 a year.

VP Bjorn Flugstad: Next year for incoming students, the pledge rate, will increase 2.50% for the base tuition rate. This is the lowest base for the pledge tuition program since it's inception. In 2008 it was 2.80%. What that means in dollars is \$260 for in-state. The HLC increase as well as the green fee increase would be an increase of 2.9% with all the other fees. \$332 overall. For undergraduate state wide campuses is a 3% increase. We looked at needs across campus and we tried to keep this increase as low as possible and we felt that 2.50% would do that. We are also making a conscious effort to look at course fees as well and trying to eliminate them where we can.

Senator Majkrazk: Has tuition been raised every year since the pledge increase implementation?

VP Bjorn Flugstad: A new pledge rate has been set every year since it was originally set in Fall 2008.

Senator Majkrazk: Do you know what the highest increase was?

VP Bjorn Flugstad: I think it was about 18% for those students starting in Fall 2009. That was followed by 14% and 15%.

Senator Majkrazk: Do you know what the tuition was at the start?

VP Bjorn Flugstad: \$5,150.00

VP Jane Kuhn: On the state-wide campuses the tuition is lower and will continue to be lower than it is on the Flagstaff campus. For the class fee reductions, the change was from 25% to 16% of courses that will have class fees.

VP Bjorn Flugstad: About a third of our classes had course fees in 2011-2012 so we've basically cut that in half.

Senator Schonbrun: Since we are lowering class fees are there any plans to lower other fees, like the athletics fees?

VP Jane Kuhn: Not at this time but they are going to continue to look at course fees and we will hopefully get rid of all of them in the future.

Senator Hernandez: Would this course fee be per department?

VP Jane Kuhn: A course fee is related to a specific course but a program fee is related to a specific program. Those are usually for programs that are more expensive to deliver than other programs, for example nursing. That will start second semester of sophomore year since students who are accepted into

the program can start taking some of those courses then.

Senator McClintock: How would that work for courses like bio where there's labs?

VP Bjorn Flugstad: That's one of the things we're looking at. Those lower division course that do have a number of students from across the university. It is more difficult to eliminate the course fee in those courses.

Senator Nardi: My concern about increasing a program fee, for example within the business college, currently we don't pay very many course fees and a program fee would actually have me paying more than what I currently pay. That's just for me so I can't speak for others but I assume its somewhere near that. Are you coming at this from a cost savings standpoint or is it to put money back into the college?

VP Bjorn Flugstad: It's to be able to increase support in the college but it's also an efficiency aspect as well because if you have a program fee rather than ten or twenty different course fees it's a little bit more efficient to manage. It's a combination of both.

VP Jane Kuhn: We're eliminating about 250 course fees but that's not going to equate to 20 program fees. Some course fees are being eliminated and there's no program fee associated with it. There are very specific programs that are more expensive to deliver that we need to put funding back into while at the same time eliminating course fees. At the undergraduate level we only have about a dozen program fees.

Senator McClintock: How would that work for minors and would program fees be charged to students as they're seniors or would it be all four years?

VP Jane Kuhn: It depends on when you're in the program. There are some program fees like engineering that will start when you're a freshman, then there's some that aren't charged until the upper division course work.

VPAA Marks: What about students who are in multiple programs?

VP Jane Kuhn: For double majors? They would have to pay both program fees.

Senator Burke: As a student when I see a course fee I know what the money is going to. I think it's a little less transparent if it goes into an entire program.

VP Jane Kuhn: Program fees have to be transparent as well. Program fees support the program, they don't go back into central or treated like tuition. All the fees will be made public on March 22 and all current fees are on the website.

Senator Nardi: In terms of the tuition and fees increase why is it so low compared to the other years?

VP Jane Kuhn: Because we are being very conscientious of total cost of attendance and this was a year that we could keep it low.

Item C: High Pine Awards - Jo Williams

Club Manager, Jo Williams: The High Pine Awards is an end of the year banquet that recognizes clubs for their hard work throughout the year. There are 20 awards clubs can nominate themselves for. There will be club performances, snacks, and a photo booth. This year the event theme is red carpet. All clubs are welcome to participate.

#### Item D: HLC Fee Increase

Note Submitted student comments are located at the end of this document.

Student: It is my personal opinion and the opinion of others that I have talked to that the HLC fee will not help us. The fact is that even if we hire more counselors it doesn't encourage students to go or that many students don't trust our present counselors that we have on campus. I know students who have had panic attacks after going that were caused by the counselors. In addition, raising this fee will cause students such as myself to transfer to other schools where the counseling is free and they do have a reputation for making sure students are okay. That is currently something that isn't at NAU. Raising the fee would add more counselors and might show on paper but realistically you're just adding more people.

Student: We should increase this fee but we should be transparent in the way that we do it. I think the college culture right now isn't that we just go to school. We go to school, we have jobs, extra-curriculars, and this causes stress. One of the biggest things is the stigma. With stigma it's hard to break that. We should raise our efforts to provide mental health services to our students. Yes there have been negative experiences with our counselors from what I've heard and seen but that's also because we only have a handful. To address the problem I think we need to increase the number of supporters and professionals we have because it's hard to get the results we want if we are so understaffed.

Student: I think this fee is very important. Mental health issues are a nationwide problem and NAU is seeing an increased rate of depression and suicide so I think in order to stay on par with what is happening at other universities it's really important to take into account these issues. I know ASU and U of A have implemented similar fees and I think if we want to attract students to our university we need to be able to provide that mental health support. I do understand that some students have had negative experiences with counseling services but it's important to remember that every person is an individual and not every counselor is going to work for every individual. It's very difficult for students to go to outside providers because a lot of them are filled up and not everyone will take insurance. We do have a waitlist right now of over 150 students so the demand isn't being met currently. In order for us to better serve our students it is important to take into solutions and I think a fee increase is a good solution.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

Chair Marks: For all clubs, organizations and individuals here today, thank you for being with us! When I call your name please come to the podium and give us about a 2-minute-long description of what the funding is for or why you would like to become a club and how it will benefit the student body. All questions will be saved for the voting period.

#### Item A: Club Recognition: Jews for Equality

Speaker: This is a club based on getting more representation for Jewish students on campus. All too often Jewish students face crimes of hate, such as having Hitler being written on somebody's door. This club is to teach students about the Jewish faith as well as fighting for equal representation on campus because many resources on campus focus on the majority rather than minorities. The Jewish population isn't as large and therefore doesn't get as much recognition. The students are not required to be Jewish to join, they are just required to have a passion for equal representation and standing up for a group of people who are discriminated against far too often.

#### Item B: SB 31-131: ASNAU Graduation Stoles

President Graham: I am asking for funding for the ASNAU Graduation Stoles. It's a great incentive for

our ASNAU seniors who have done so much for the organization as well as the student body and they will get recognized at the NAU commencement ceremony.

Item C: SB 31-132: ASNAU Earth Hour

Sustainability Coordinator Morale: I have been working on planning Earth Hour for a few months now and it's going to be a really awesome event. We're just asking for your approval to be able to spend over \$750.00.

Item D: SB 31-133: Arizona Playmakers

Speaker: We are requesting funding to go to FRAVUS Improv Festival at USC. We've gone the past four years and it is hosted by USC and improv groups from all across the southwest attend. There are workshops led by them. It is good for our club because we do improv but also for different artistic opportunities from across campus.

Item E: SB 31-134: Brooke Nyberg

Statement: The purpose of the Society for Industrial Organizational- Psychologists (SIOP) conference is to enhance and spread current research about workplace psychology. I-O psychology is a field that works to better employee relations and environments, learn how to successfully hire new employees, reduce workplace discrimination, and more. By attending this conference, one is able to share knowledge and gain a better understanding of important research and opportunities within the I-O field. I am requesting reimbursement for the cost of the hotel, which seems more expensive due to the conference being outside of the main areas of Washington DC. In addition, I am requesting funding for the cost of the flight and for the conference fee. Gaining the opportunity to present a poster and attend the conference for SIOP will be beneficial to me and my peers in multiple ways. First, it gives me the ability to enhance my presentation skills, especially because it is being presented to people who are in the field of I-O psychology. In addition, it will help me to increase my connections with other students and faculty members at other schools which will also allow me to spread NAU's name. I-O psychology is a less commonly known field of psychology, therefore it is important for other schools to know NAU's addition to the research. In regard to the student body, I will be able to spread the knowledge that I am receiving at the conference to other students who are interested in I-O psychology. More students may also become interested in furthering their knowledge of psychology by knowing there are opportunities such as conferences and research projects. I was fortunate enough to have a research project that I am first author on be accepted to this conference, therefore I am very excited about attending this year and greatly appreciate the opportunity to possibly receive funding.

Item F: SB 31-135: Club Softball

Speaker: The money will help us save what money we do have as well as help us continue our team and continue competing in the league that we are in.

Item G: SB 31-136: Kendall Mesa

Speaker: I am seeking reimbursement for a trip I took to Los Angeles about two weeks ago. The trip was to go to LAX and I was then flown to Australia for a training to run a program back here on NAU's campus. It's called AIM. It's a mentoring program that started in Australia that they are now bringing to the U.S. We partner with a high school and mentor a certain demographic of students facing inequality. The demographic that we chose were students with mental health disorders. I think that being able to be trained there will help me run the program successfully here and help these high school students.

Item H: SB 31-137: NAU Paintball Club

Speaker: I'm seeking reimbursement for gas and entry into a tournament we had a few weeks ago down in Phoenix. Your support for us helps us keep an expensive sport very cost-possible for college students.

Item I: SB 31-138: NAU Trail Riders

Speaker: I'm seeking reimbursement for registration fees to races. We are huge into being a club but also into being a family as a lot of us moved away from home. It gets a lot of students out of their dorm and gets them to look at our beautiful scenery that we have in NAU as well as in other parts of Arizona.

Item J: SB 31-139: Rosa Batista, Brandon Martinez-Carrasco, Jose Olias, Miquela Goodson, and Anna Cargile

Speaker: I am here on behalf of our lab to ask for funding so we can present at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association National Conference. This is a conference for young psychological scientists. We were fortunate enough to hold a symposium for the first time. In the symposium we have a couple of studies we want to present not just to the conference but to other young scientists. These include topics with race and gender and we want to know how these topics relate with young adults. We also want to look at women in STEM and the conceptions of what a woman in science is and does. We are seeing funding for the cost of the conference because it is expensive. This would be a good opportunity for us to interact and network. Overall this would be a really good experience and we would be able to represent NAU because we are holding a symposium.

Item K: SB 31-140: Society for Creative Anachronism

Speaker:

Item L: SB 31-141: Student Health Advocacy Committee

Speaker: We are seeking reimbursement for our annual 5k held in April which is also sexual assault awareness month. The proceeds that we raise will be donated to places that promote sexual assault awareness and prevention. This is a community event. We try to engage as many students as possible but it is also open to community members. We're trying to hold a health fair at the beginning with different vendors and different topics.

Item M: HLC Fee Increase

President Graham: The \$25 a semester fee would go towards. It would fund an Administrative Coordinator for \$60,000. Two full time counselors for \$182,000. Three full time psychologists for \$336,000. Operational costs for \$50,000. Psychiatrists for \$210,000. Mental health peer program for \$60,000. Mental health outreach coordinator for \$65,000.

## **Voting Period**

Item A: Club Recognition: Jews for Equality

Motion: Senator Hernandez

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item B: SB 31-131: ASNAU Graduation Stoles

Motion: Senator McClintock

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Abstention: Senator Nardi

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item C: SB 31-132: ASNAU Earth Hour

Motion: Senator Majkrazk  
Second: yes  
Discussion: none  
Opposed: none  
Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item D: SB 31-133: Arizona Playmakers  
Motion: Senator Hernandez  
Second: yes  
Discussion: none  
Opposed: none  
Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item E: SB 31-134: Brooke Nyberg  
Motion: Senator Majkrazk  
Second: yes  
Discussion: none  
Opposed: none  
Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item F: SB 31-135: Club Softball  
Motion: Senator Hernandez  
Second: yes  
Discussion: none  
Opposed: none  
Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item G: SB 31-136: Kendall Mesa  
Motion: Senator Martinez  
Second: yes  
Discussion:

Motion to delete "will" in the first whereas: Senator Burke  
Second: yes  
Discussion: none  
Opposed: none  
Pass/Fail: Motion passes

VPAA Marks: Is she here? She flew to Australia which is a seventeen hour flight and the days of the event are the same as the day of travel which I don't think is actually possible. Both dates going and coming back are the same dates as the event. When you go you lose a day and when you come back you get the day back.

Senator Majkrazk: She has a class so she left.

Senator Burke: The packet says the flight departs LAX on February 19<sup>th</sup> and lands on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion to table until next senate meeting: Senator Majkrazk  
Second: yes  
Discussion: none  
Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item H: SB 31-137: NAU Paintball Club

Motion: Senator Rose

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item I: SB 31-138: NAU Trail Riders

Motion: Senator Rose

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item J: SB 31-139: Rosa Batista, Brandon Martinez-Carrasco, Jose Olias, Miquela Goodson and Anna Cargile

Motion: Senator Hernandez

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item K: SB 31-140: Society for Creative Anachronism

Motion to table: Senator Hernandez

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item L: SB 31-141: Student Health Advocacy Committee

Motion: Senator Rose

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Item M: HLC Fee Increase

Motion: Senator Hernandez

Second: yes

Discussion:

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Student: Mental health is a big deal on college campuses. The suicide rates at NAU are twice the average and I think that should be looked at. The waiting list is super long and it's great that they're helping crisis students but 250 on the waiting list is extreme and things escalate. They may not be in crisis now but not



getting help can cause things to escalate.

Senator Schonbrun: I had sixteen students tell me no and two said yes when I tabled.

Senator McClintock: Yesterday we didn't have as many people come but everyone who did come said yes.

Senator Hernandez: I didn't have a single person say they were against it.

Senator Martinez: I did two polls and I got about 150 no's and 36 yes's.

Senator Nardi: Was there any reason why the no's were so high?

Senator Martinez: All the comments that were left were saying that they didn't want to pay extra money since we are already paying so many fees. They want to see money reallocated.

Senator Majkrazk: I think students financial concerns are very valid and I think we need to weigh the benefits of this fee versus the consequences of not having it and they could be drastic. I think we need to consider that this fee will impact students financially but compared to tuition and all the other fees it's a very small increase and there are a lot of benefits.

Senator Hernandez: There are a lot of concerns about tuition going up but tuition isn't going to go up, it's locked. Other universities who do increase tuition increase it by a lot more than \$50 a year.

Senator Schonbrun: There were four major concerns from students. First was that the fee was too expensive. I talked to a few students who said if these fee's pass they wont come back because it would be cheaper for them to go somewhere else. If we're having people leave because we keep increasing the prices that's a problem. The next was the idea of the tuition increase. Calling something a fee is something that would be a tuition increase anywhere else. The tuition pledge was marketed as you're not going to have to pay more. That's how it was marketed in high schools. The idea that you can call something a fee and still pass it was outrageous to a lot of students I talked to. Another concern was how long it's going to take to hire counselors. How long does it take?

HLC Fee Representative: Anywhere from three months to over a year. It depends on the pool of applicants we get, where they may be moving from. It could take a while. We want to get these positions posted as soon as possible so we can have as many on campus by next year as possible. It takes a long time to hire these types of professionals. We'll be doing a national search and outreach to publications.

Senator Schonbrun: So there's a possibility that the fee would go into effect and they would be paying for the next generation of high school students and not students who need it at the moment. Finally, there were a lot of students who were upset about all these other fee increases we've had and basically that there's no accountability. This fee was pushed to the end of all of those and it seems like they know we aren't going to vote no on helping other students mental health so it kind of seems like the university is trying to have its cake and eat it too according to these students. Those were some major concerns that I've heard and I think we need to talk about those before we vote on this.

President Graham: I have a question for Senator Martinez. Was kind of poll was this?

Senator Martinez: It was on Facebook through a NAU group. So everyone in it is an NAU student.

President Graham: I would say that's an unofficial poll then. I appreciate that it's an NAU group but it

would be hard to verify that they are all current NAU students.

Senator Nardi: I would like to address a few points that Senator Schonbrun made. One of them being the difference between tuition and fees. I do see the distinction that tuition is for classes and not attending the university. In terms of talking with students, I found that as soon as you mention the HLC fee increase they say no but once you explain it a lot of them say it's going to a good cause. In terms of the fee being delayed so the current students don't see the benefit of it, I think that's unfortunately unavoidable. It's going to take time to hire people and there are going to be upfront costs that are going to need to be paid. As an RA for the past few years I've dealt with a number of crisis situation and it's pretty amazing that the counseling department has readily available on call counselors to handle those but unfortunately they're so backed up in their office that past those emergency visits it's very difficult for students to get further help. I think overall that there's a lot of benefit to this and addressing the mental health of students.

Senator Burke: I wanted to backtrack on a comment that was made. The waitlist isn't quite 250. It's about 150.

HLC Fee Representative: It's currently 187.

Senator Hernandez: I have two points. My first point is that NAU is like a society and part of being in a society is that people should take care of each other. This fee would go towards taking care of as many people as possible. Second of all there was the concern of having your cake and eating it too. All fees proposed to us because the university thought it was necessary in order to continue improving the campus. These fees aren't being proposed for malicious intent or to impose more fees on students.

Motion to speak more than twice: Senator Majkrazk

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: Senator Nardi, Senator McClintock

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Senator Schonbrun: The issue wasn't that we need to help students with mental illness. Nobody is saying that we should ignore that problem. The issue is the way this is being imposed. Students were mad when they saw that only a small percentage of the HLC fee is going to counseling. They feel that the money needs to be reallocated from other places on campus. The idea that we have to pay an additional fee was the idea of having your cake and eating it too because you still have to pay for these services and the services that students actually need are the last ones to be thought of. The idea was to reject this so we can decrease a fee or pass this another way. They said there are only two ways we should consider these fees. One, every student receives free counseling. Two, that it comes from another fee that is unpopular. The idea wasn't to ignore this problem, the idea was that there needs to be other ways of funding this.

Senator McClintock: A lot of students go to counseling and you can see that from the numbers. What you're saying about still having to pay for it, it's \$25 a session. If you get an appointment every two or three weeks throughout the school year that adds up for students and for students who rely on financial aid that financial aid doesn't pay for those appointments. They will not accept insurance at counseling services and for those who don't have positive experiences, they don't see it as worth it to go back if they can't afford it to begin with.

Senator Hernandez: I believe that students who need counseling should get counseling. Students who really need counseling, it's still a lot more expensive to visit an off campus mental health expert or anything else that they need. I think we need to make it more accessible on campus and by putting more

counselors in place it would help increase the quality of counseling that students get.

Senator Schonbrun: While I understand that counselors should be more accessible the simple fact is that we have students who have to leave because of rising costs. Flagstaff has a high cost of living and combine that with tuition and the fees that we have, it's cheaper for students to go somewhere else. There's a reason why we have programs like Louie's Leftovers. Students do not have this kind of money. We keep getting told these are small fees, these are small fees, there are always more. If we keep having these fees the numbers will continue to add up. It's good that were addressing concerns about mental health but what about the concerns of the students who can't pay?

Senator Nardi: It is \$50 a year and to have to leave campus because of \$50 seems a little drastic. I have a question [for the representative]. In the event that this doesn't go through is it even possible to reallocate funds within the HLC fee or are all of those funds being used? My second question is if it would be possible to reallocate tuition funds?

HLC Fee Representative: Right now the \$500 fee that we're collecting is 100% distributed with a large portion of it going to the debt service on the building. Being able to build that building was the original reason for the fee. About 68% goes to debt service and 32% goes to the rec center and health promotions center. We do put a small amount of money away into a reserve which is the fiscally responsible thing to do. Because of that reserve we were able to replace the turf fields on the south fields over this past summer without having to ask for something. Could we reallocate within that? We have to pay our debt service. We could increase fees in the rec center and reallocate those. We would increase fees in the health center but I can tell you that we won't generate enough to meet the needs. If we increase fees in counseling we will see our demand drop. We will have students who need counseling services who will not seek counseling services because of the cost. We won't raise enough to make a difference either. \$25 might be a barrier but if you go out into the community you'll pay at least \$100 for the same thing. The first visit is free so we're trying to lower costs. As a fee versus tuition, it has to go towards what you all pass it for. If it's passed for counseling it has to go towards counseling. The state auditors office will audit us. Under tuition it may go to counseling this next year but the following year there might be a different priority and that money won't go to the counseling center. Adding it to tuition, it becomes discretionary. If it's passed as a fee we have to follow what it's put towards.

VPAA Marks: I want to remind the senators that you're not voting based on your opinions. You're voting based on what the student body wants. When Senator Schonbrun mentioned the \$50 there were a lot of negative reactions to that but not everyone has the same financial standards. You can't have negative facial expressions because you think that's not big. We don't know the financial situation of every person here. We're here to speak on behalf of the students.

Senator Rose: Based on the students I talked to in my classes, one student who stuck out in particular, they said that you're not going to understand how important one or two counselors might be until you lose somebody to suicide which is a big problem at NAU. I understand that two counselors might not seem like a lot but if one of those two people were able to talk to that one student who who lost their life it would have been worth it.

Erin Grisham: There's questions about fees and that process but there is an audit that happens annually. ABOR has a new process for all three universities to look at all fees and to get rid of or revise those that are no longer necessary.

Senator Hernandez: I also wanted to point out that the original HLC fee was passed for a certain reason and I think reallocating it, it was passed for one thing but now we're changing it for this a few years later.

Senator McClintock: I had a question. I know someone who went regularly last year but this year it's been impossible for them to get in. Would it be easier for them to get back in next year?

HLC Fee Representative: If you look at the national average on college campuses, the number of counselors is 1 to 1100-1500 students. We're currently at 1 to 2800 and we want to bring that down to the national average.

Motion to end discussion: Senator Majkrazk

Second: yes

Discussion: none

Opposed: none

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

Opposed: Senator Schonbrun

Pass/Fail: Motion passes

## **Executive Reports**

### A. President: Dylan Graham

- (1) Formal congratulations to everyone who was elected for the 2019-2020 ASNAU Executive Board and Senate! We will be holding special elections on Wednesday, April 3 for a very competitive Senate race for 7 open seats.
- (2) Thank you to everyone who attended a Provost Candidate meet and greet session. I submitted your comments on Monday! I will let you know the next steps once I hear anything more about the Provost position.
- (3) The Council of Presidents meeting went well! We had a full room of club presidents and there were some good questions.
- (4) Thank you to Senator McClintock, Senator Burke, and Senator Schonbrun for assisting with the ASNAU HLC fee increase tabling. Good educational conversations with SHAC and students.
- (5) President's Cabinet
  - a. Tuition and Fee update: thank you VP Kuhn and VP Flugstad.
- (6) Budget update
  - a. You need to create a plan to utilize your remaining budget, request more money, or close out your budget line. I want to use as much money as possible this year so please help the budget committee do so.
- (7) Timesheets are due tomorrow, as you will not be able to claim hours over spring break.
  - a. Please send your timesheet to your executive as soon as you finish your last shift.
  - b. The Office will remain open.
- (8) Get some well deserved rest next week because April is a very busy month!

### B. Vice President of Academic Affairs: Ronni Marks

### C. Vice President of Student Affairs: Samariah Riggins

This week I've been working on my training guide for the incoming VPSA. I have also been working on our last team building and training event. Please be sure to RSVP! I sent an email and staff have been given email reminders. Also a reminder to senators, please send the drafted email I messaged you all on Friday. If Ronni hasn't announced it yet, CONGRATS HARRISON on being Employee of The Month! Tip to everyone: Ohr department is huge! So please be responsive to emails I understand it can be annoying to get so many emails but it's good practice to respond in a timely manner. Enjoy your spring

break everyone!

D. Vice President of Government Affairs: Analisa Quintero

No report.

E. Chief of Staff: Tori O'Reilly

- (1) Met with Dina from ITS to start discussing the option of an ASNAU module on the NAUgo app. I will be putting a group of my staff together to meet with ITS the second week of April to have some more discussion.
- (2) Lindsey and I have been working on Louie Awards with Scott in Student Life. Senators, I will be sending you a blurb tomorrow to send out to your clubs about Louie Awards. Please try to have this sent out by tomorrow (before you leave for Spring Break!). Applications are out until March 25th and we need more people to apply!!!!
- (3) A couple of people from ITS will be coming in after Spring Break to do a teaching on Teams. This is a program in Office 365 that we can use to easily communicate through "texting".
- (4) The floor ticket give away is on Sunday, April 7th. In order to receive a floor ticket without standing in line, you do have to work this event (you will not be paid). More to come after Spring Break.
- (5) Louie Awards is on Monday, April 8th from 7 - 9 PM and I need ASNAU members to help Lindsey and I work this event. Please block this on your calendar if you are available. More to come after Spring Break.

## **Staff Reports**

A. Student State Affairs:

Shanlie Blair: No report.

B. Public Relations:

Graphic Designer – Amanda Jacob, Pip Franke: This week Graphic Design finalized and submitted the concert banner for printing.

Social Media – Madison Abernethy: Out of office. No report.

Videographer – Abbi Jackson: Planning interview questions for President Cheng, and filming additional B roll footage for the Lodging Conference video.

C. Special Events:

Lindsey Kevorkian: We are getting ready for Louie Awards and the concert. Also, please be encouraged to nominate yourself, another student, a staff member, or even a faculty member and write a little paragraph about why you believe this particular person deserves an award and then submit it.

D. Information Technologist:

Dylan Schreiner:

E. NSG:

Jewel Fernandez: NSG is continuing to plan our potting plants event as well as brainstorming a future event to held before the end of the semester.

F. Diversity Coordinator:

Taheera Shabazz: This week I had a meeting for the Rainbow Convocation Committee to plan out the

whole ceremony. I also have submitted the paperwork for the Black Renaissance which will be taking place on April 14th. Lastly, I have began designing the Pride shirts that will be given out for Pride, which will happen in April.

G. Front Desk:

Christian Catano, Yakira Flanagan, Tyler Millidge, Alyssa Cox: We got chalkboard paint markers! The calendar is going to be color coded from now on. Blue is for events, green is for ASNAU events, and yellow is for other.

H. Executive Assistant:

Kiana Saleapaga: We are halfway through Spring semester and are almost done with this school year! I would like to remind everyone that EMSA would like us to use ALL of our money in our budget and that we should all plan to use it! I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to provide for the undergraduate students of NAU. I am very excited to see what you guys have planned for the rest of the semester. If you find that you need more money in your budget please email me or Dylan about it. If you don't oversee a budget but have suggestions or ideas about what we can use our money for please let us know! If you find that you will no longer be using your money please let me know ASAP. This will help us allocate money elsewhere and keep us on track to using all of our money!

I. Sustainability Coordinator:

Kristen Morale: This week I attended the environmental caucus steering committee meeting and have been working on Earth Hour. In Dylan's internal update on Monday she shared a sign up sheet to help with Earth Hour. I will have her send it out again in the next internal update but please sign up if you are interested and available, Susan and I would greatly appreciate your help. 3/30 8-9:30 and during the day. I also attended the food for thought meeting, cocorus and tomorrow I have the food insecurity task force. I was also invited to attend a climate change summit planning meeting tomorrow and I will be attending the waste minimization action team where they will be discussing move out initiatives. Looking to the end of the semester, I will be hosting a fix it clinic with the sustainability committee on April 9th from 3-6 in the Cline library MakerLab. I will also be helping with earth jam which is happening 4/26 3-7 in central quad. Let me know if you are interested in helping with these events. I have also been working a lot on my training guide for the sustainability coordinator for the upcoming year.

J. Volunteer Coordinator:

Katie Martinez: : Today we had our mid term snack break, I have been working on an event with Louie's Cupboard which is tentatively scheduled for April 12th so keep that on your radar. Have a great Spring Break!

K. Awareness and Campaign Coordinator:

Susan Resendiz: For this week, we have been working on Earth Hour, which is May 30th. Please get those flyers out, we want as many people in attendance. I have also been working on getting another dental hygiene day. In addition, I am working on the Clothesline Project: What were you wearing. This will be a big art installation, if you are interested in helping please let me know. This is getting planned for the first week of April. Thank you.

L. Club Manager:

Jo Williams:

## **Committee Reports**

A. Legislative Committee: Senator Freitas

Senator Freitas: The legislative committee has been working very hard on the by-laws so that they are better structured for future ASNAU staff members. The document "Legislative Report" will list the 7 approved amendments the legislative committee has voted on, and the rationale for why it was approved. The "Example of By-Laws" document will demonstrate what the by-laws will look like after the update.

The biggest amendment was restructuring Vice President of Academic Affairs into two positions, VPAA and "Senate Chair". The committee has voted on making these amendments effective after the Spring ASNAU Inauguration as to not confuse changes with the current ASNAU members.

Number 7 on the list needs to be discussed more. This is because the legislative committee moved to approve it as is, but we had not decided on the title of the position, or when the position will be filled. Currently it is stated in the rationale it is a position that will be in the special elections, but that is incorrect.

Tonight the legislative committee will be discussing the individual funding guidelines, EMSA would like ASNAU to revisit the guidelines. Please feel free to stay if you would like to be a part of the discussion!

**B. Appropriations Committee: Senator McClintock**

Senator McClintock: Just a reminder to make sure to send me your bills and reimbursement packets by Friday at 5. Since we aren't clocking in over Spring Break, please make sure to get these to me before you head out for break. If you get a packet over break then I will accept it. Otherwise, it will be on the following weeks agenda.

## **Senator Reports**

### College of Arts and Letters:

A. Senator Ambrosio:

B. Senator Hernandez: I helped the club manager plan and attend the club happy hour. I met with the president of the IANA and will attend their meeting tonight. And I wrote my first bill.

### College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:

C. Senator Burke: This week I helped table for the HLC fee increase. Senator Gibson and I have planned out our next Donuts with the Dean for March 27th. Tonight I look forward to the legislative committee meeting to put some amendments into high gear. I hope everyone has a fantastic and safe spring break!

D. Senator Gibson: Reviewed bills for other Senators. Reviewed syllabi for UUC. Worked on Donuts with the Dean promotion and printed flyers for the event. Will be attending Legislative committee after Senate tonight.

### College of Health and Human Services:

A. Senator Martinez: This week I attended office hour and appropriations. I also helped pass out snacks for midterms. I emailed clubs to apply for the high pine awards.

B. Senator Zavala:

### College of Education:

A. Senator McClintock: This week I helped out with tabling for the HLC Fee. NAU PD wants our help. If you have any ideas for the Safety Fair, please email them to me. If you are interested in helping out the day of the fair please let me know as well! It will be April 30th from 10 AM to 2

PM on the Union Pedway.

- B. Senator Schonbrun: This week I attended my office hour reached out to my clubs and attended HLC fee tabling.

College of Business:

- A. Senator Freitas: I was able to ask my classes their thoughts on the HLC fee increase and received a great response. The students I was able to speak with are concerned about mental health issues on campus and are supportive of the fee increase. I have also emailed clubs about the high pines award and am in the process of meeting up with them to discuss their plans for next semester.
- B. Senator Nardi: This week I attended appropriations, have a few senate bills to review/complete, and look forward to discussing the HLC fee increase with the Senate.

College of Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences:

- A. Senator Alba: Wrote one bill nothing else to report.
- B. Senator Ward:

College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences:

- A. Senator Rose: No report.
- B. Senator Majkrazk:

**Advisor Reports**

- A. Erin Grisham:
- B. Kristine Heflin:

**Open Forum**

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**

First: Senator McClintock  
Second: yes  
Discussion: none  
Opposed: none  
Pass/Fail: Unanimous. Motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM on Thursday March 7, 2019.



## HLC Fee Increase – Student Comments

- I am not able to attend the tabling events to discuss the HLC fee increase, but I wanted to let you know I am strongly in favor of increasing the fee \$25 per semester to hire more people for the Counseling Services staff. We do not have sufficient counseling services to help all of our students who need help, and hiring more staff would dramatically help this issue.
- Both For and against
- Appreciate trying to put more into mental health - for someone who utilizes the resources
- Trying to get more money from us, don't wanna be in even more debt
- Do support it, passionate for mental health, I understand being a broke college student. Support because everyone can be better for it, if you can get the help you need before the breaking point
- Wish there were other ways to get the money
- People are already paying a lot
- Students will benefit from the services. "If you are healthy, I am healthy"
- Support - Anticipated that it will be a lot more, it will help people
- Personally, in support, knows someone on the wait list and now has to go to a different place to go to their appointment
- Other rec center / gyms are more expensive and it is a good thing to have
- As an international student - does not use it, but as someone who is a teacher, he supports it and encourages someone to use the resources
- Teacher - sees students who really need the fee, it is important because those who need it will get it
- Something to take back / discourage, with all stories being told and there are so many students on the wait list there is a stress on students and the professionals because they cannot help the people they would like
- The wait list is something to take into account - I do seek services, as someone who is on the wait list (for a month)

Dear ASNAU senators,

I am a student who strongly supports the \$25 fee increase to expand NAU's counseling services. The emails I'm forwarding to all you highlight how difficult it can be for students to get help, even while in crisis. I'm the student anonymously mentioned in these emails as being unable to get an appointment. I started having problems in October and was unable to get an appointment until January, and unable to get a consistent counselor until almost February. The lack of resources also negatively impacted me when I had a crisis appointment last month. I was told that since it was my second crisis appointment I would likely need to look for an entirely new counselor off campus and start over from scratch. My usual NAU counselor who I see weekly is amazing, but I feel strongly that it should not have taken so long for me to be able to meet with someone. Please support this fee increase so other students don't have to go through the same situation.

Best wishes,  
Sophia Kingsley

Good afternoon,

I am not sure of the best place to send this, but I am extremely concerned and I would like to be assured that my message will get passed on to the right place.

I am contacting you because I have become alarmed that students are unable set up a counselling appointment at Campus Health Services. I was sure at first that there must have been a mistake, but 2 students have now told me that they have been turned away. It is understandable that things get booked up, but it seems crazy to me that students will not be able to get in to see a counsellor until 2019.

The mental health of our students is (obviously) extremely important. These 2 students feel that they cannot get emergency help because they are not in what would qualify as an “emergency” situation. However, as time has passed on and they have continued to feel the lack of support with their mental health, I know that on one account the student is starting to go into a crisis. This particular student who is having a mental health crisis has tried going into the community to find a provider, but the hours that they are available do not work with their busy school and work schedule.

No one asked me to send this message, but I felt that it needed to be addressed, as the mental health of our students is at risk. I have provided the Crisis Response Network and NAU Counselling Services On-Call contact information to the students.

Any information or extra help that you can provide me, or that I can pass on to the students would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great day,  
Claire Kerata