## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SENATE

### THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2021

### HAVASUPAI ROOM A-C UNIVERSITY UNION

Date: October 18, 2021 Number on Council: 15

Date of Senate Meeting: October 7, 2021 Number Present: 13

Prepared By: Maghan Begay

Michael Boler, Senate Chair, called the Senate meeting of the 2021 – 2022 Associated Students of

Northern Arizona University to order at 4:00 pm in the University Union: Havasupai Room A-C.

## Roll Call

Senator Arnold

Senator Handlong

Vice Chair Carter

Senator Fox

Senator Cinader

Senator Soto – Velasquez

Senator Nielson – Absent

Senator Kolasinski

Senator Davidson

Senator Machelor

Senator Muneno

Senator Castro Encinas

Senator Massey – Absent

Senator Tyson

Senator Fenn

**Approval of the Minutes** 

We will be moving into approving last meetings minutes. Are there any corrections to the minutes?

If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved.

Call to the Audience

Blue Key National Honor Society – Cassidy Butler (President BKNHS)

Hi everyone, thank you everyone for what you have been doing for homecoming. Also thank you

for the shoutouts you have given us for the parade. I am here today to ask for volunteers for the

homecoming parade. I know you guys oversee a variety of clubs, if you have any specific clubs,

you think will be interested in volunteering with us, or if you would like to. That would be

awesome. I will give you my email incase you wanted to send it out to anyone interested in

volunteering. My email is <u>cab783@nau.edu</u>. Volunteers would need to arrive at 6:45 am on

Saturday to help set up. Then we will move you over to dignitaries and carry some signs.

Senate Chair: Any questions for Blue Key?

Senator Davidson: What kind of volunteer work do you need for the parade?

Cassidy Butler: For volunteers they will have responsibilities over the tables, stations, carrying banners, food and water stations for judges and others. The parade is scheduled to end around 10 am.

## **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

## **New Business**

a. SR 3404: Climate Change Resolution

Motion to bring SR3404 to the floor.

First Motion: Vice Chair Carter

Second Motion: Senator Tyson

Vice Chair Carter: Hello everyone, Senator Tyson and I have been working on this resolution, we are here to summarize on some points and answer some questions that you all might have. This resolution was first written with the GreenJacks President, who was not able to make it to the meeting today. The president contacted and asked ASNAU to help them to amplify the message. The GreenJacks stated to get signatures and gain student support to be able to declare a Climate Emergency. There wasn't much done with this resolution last senate, so we picked it up this semester. A previous NAU President signed on in 2010 to the American College and University Climate Commitment. The goal was to have carbon neutrality by 2020. Its now 2021, and we've only reduced the emissions by 10.62%. This shows the commitment made was arbitrary and not taken seriously. The COVID-19 Pandemic did happen, and different priorities have come up.

What the university is not seeing what senate can do is reaffirm the commitment to carbon neutrality by 2030. Which is Flagstaff's carbon neutrality goal. I met the mayor two weeks ago, he said that Flagstaff cannot reach its 2030 carbon neutrality goal without NAU's assistance. NAU is the largest employer of the city and is also the largest carbon emitter of the city. Universities are uniquely situated because the young people/students are going to be facing the effects of climate change, more than our parents, grandparents, our current administrators, and more than our professors. As a senate, we have a responsibility to make the statement to say that we really want the university to respect the commitment made by the Flagstaff city council. There was another previous commitment they did not meet, to try and reestablish a new goal for 2030. All we ask is that they take an ambitious approach to addressing the climate crisis, they commit to the university wide transition for cleaner energy, habits, and climate justice, we ask they recognize the disproportionate impact the climate has on vulnerable communities. We also ask they call on the University of Arizona, ASU, Arizona State Board of Regents and the State of Arizona to declare a climate emergency as well. The original declaration is longer, it was written by NAU's environmental caucus, which is made up of sustainability professionals, professors, and students. The GreenJacks President has about 200 signatures on the declaration, by passing this, the exposure will help gain signatures. Senator Muneno: What is the goal percentage of carbon neutrality?

Vice Chair Carter: Zero percent carbon emissions for neutrality. The university has to offset 100% of its carbon emissions.

Senator Fox: Does the environmental caucus have any solutions to implement, and do you know where we could look that up?

Vice Chair Carter: The environmental caucus and NAU Sustainability office is working on a revised action plan. The 2010 action plan did not work and did not meet their goal. They have not published a climate action plan, there have been regular townhall meetings regarding a new action plan and to get student feedback, but low turn up for those meetings. This is on the university to make it a greater effort to the climate action plan Senator Fox: do you know when the environmental meetings are?

Senator Muneno: What type of statement would you like to make to the school?

Vice Chair Carter: We are trying to get more student and administration support to be able to declare a climate emergency. Also, we want to talk to the President Cruz administration and get them to work with the office of Sustainability and Environmental caucus to develop/implement a climate action plan as soon as possible.

Senator Tyson: This resolution will shine a light on the problem and gain more support.

Senator Fenn: Is this resolution to ask to implement a plan, is there no current plan?

Vice Chair Carter: The resolution is to ask the university to declare a climate emergency

Senator Fenn: You want the university to do this over the next 8 years, do you have an estimated cost/budget?

and use resources to bring awareness to the climate emergency.

Vice Chair Carter: We do not know the budget, but the original goal for 2020 was not met, this would hold them accountable with the 2030 commitment. The City of Flagstaff has said they need the support of NAU to achieve this goal. Investments can come from anywhere to make this change possible.

Senator Arnold: Do we think it is fair to request the university have carbon neutrality by 2030? Since it has been on the backburner. There was a goal of 2050 which has been

worked on for a few years, I am not sure if 2030 is an appropriate goal, since they have not been focused on the goal.

Vice Chair Carter: We do understand that this will need to be done in 8 years, but the university needs to be held accountable. They made the commitment, but they both need to work together to work to be better. It would be poor for us to not advocate for something out of Flagstaff's neutrality goal. We don't want to say that The City of Flagstaff is on their own when NAU is committing for a 10 year goal.

SSA Trachsel: I had a one-on-one with President Cruz last spring, we discussed the 2030 goal, he was in full support of the goal. It may be on the universities backburner, but it is still important to the president.

Senator Kolasinki: Is 2030 the City of Flagstaff's goal, or is there another reason?

Vice Chair Carter: 2030 is City of Flagstaff's goal.

VPAA Stempak: Are the goals of carbon neutrality shared with ASU and U of A?

Vice Chair Carter: ASU and U of A have declared a climate emergency. Were asking for there to be a climate emergency in the city.

Dean Gavin – Do we know if other institutions have achieved the 2020 goal?

Vice Chair Carter: I do not have that information. After this resolution is passed, we will gain more information before presenting to administration.

President Acosta: Can we table this discussion?

Vice Chair Carter: We should not table this discussion. I don't see how tabling would change the language of this.

COS Shelby – Was there any coordination with the sustainability coordinator?

Vice Chair Carter: This was coordinated with the GreenJacks president and previous sustainability coordinator.

Ally Parker – I'd love to be included on this and coordinate

Senator Arnold: I move to table this discussion to next week.

Senator Davidson: What was the reason for tabling?

Senator Arnold: Looking for more information and evidence about our resolution as well as other institutions to see how they handled the climate situations.

VPGA Billings: Can we call out Gov. Ducey, state executives, and national executives to ask about lack of action. There are some cosmetic issues with the resolution format.

Vice Chair Carter: We can make those amendments right now. This discussion should not be tabled. I understand talking to executives. I feel we should focus on the City of Flagstaff because we live in Flagstaff and live in Arizona.

Senate Chair – Point of order, to achieve what Senator Arnold is saying, we could send this back to committee to be edited and brought back to senate. If we table this discussion, we cannot work on it at all. If it is sent back to committee, the cosmetic issues could be edited. We can pass this resolution and amend it in the future, before we sign the document.

Senator Fox: The document says that we have a problem, this shows we have a plan for solution. I don't see a need to send this back to committee.

VPSA Kavanugh: A second question that administrators will ask is: what are other schools doing? What is everyone else doing? Maybe there should be information from other schools that have also declared a climate emergency.

Senator Tyson: I think all these points are valid; we will have more information when we

do present this to the administrator, we do want to go to the person to be able to declare a

climate emergency. All these points just aren't relative to NAU declaring climate

emergency.

Senator Fox: The document insinuates that U of A and ASU has not yet declared climate

emergency. Are you saying that they should a climate emergency declaration?

VPSA Kavanaugh: No, he just asked me about what other school nationally were doing

regarding providing menstrual supplies, not just Arizona schools.

Vice Chair Carter: If this resolution is passed, we will have research done to make sure

that all that information is available to us and to you.

VPGA Billings: Also, you should include other universities that have also declared

climate emergencies.

COS Varner: When you add a bunch of things to the resolution, the point gets lost, make

sure that the message is concise.

Motion to send the resolution 3404 back to committee.

First: Senator Arnold

Second: Senator Fenn

Agree: 1

Oppose: 12

Abstentions: 0

Motion denied, discussion on resolution 3404 continues.

Vice Chair Carter moves to fix the grammar errors
Second: Senator Tyson
Agree: 13
Oppose: 0
Abstention: 0
The motion is approved to fix the grammar errors of resolution 3404.
Vice Chair Carter I move to adjust letter head and date
Second: Senator Machelor
Agree: 13
Oppose: 0
Abstentions:
Motion is approved to adjust the letter head and date on document.
Handlong – is "The" meant to be capitalized? There are a few through the document that
are capitalized.
Vice Chair Carter: I move to amend all the mis-capitalized "The" in resolution 3404.
Second: Senator Tyson
Agree: 13
Oppose: 0
Abstentions:0
Motion passes to correct the capitalized "The"s

Senate Chair: Are there any questions on the resolution as a whole?

Senator Fenn: Do you have any information on why the original plan failed, other than it

was not a focus?

Vice Chair Carter: This is info that will need to come from the university.

Senate Chair: If there is no further discussion, the question is for the adoption of the

senate resolution 3404.

Agree: 12

Oppose: 1

Abstentions: 0

Motion is carried

ASNAU will request to the administration a Climate emergency.

## b. SB 34-13: NAU Tennis Club

Motion to bring SB 34-13 to the floor

First: Senator Fox

Second: Senator Davidson

The NAU Tennis club is traveling to a tennis tournament in North Carolina. The club will

be sending eight (8) athletes from the team to compete in the tournament. There is

potential for winning a national ranking. Its coming up in two weeks at the end of

October. This bill covers only part of the budget, they are looking into fundraisers to help

cover the rest of the cost.

Arnold: Does anyone remember what the out of state travel budget was? Or is that for

ASNAU staff only?

President Acosta: That budget line is for ASNAU staff only.

Senator Arnold: Is there no maximum amount for out of state travel for students?

President Acosta: If that is how they choose to use their reimbursement money, that is

their choice.

Senator Arnold: I move to amend SB: 34-13, to change the date from 10/072021 to

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Second: Senator Handlong

Agree: 13

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes to fix the date on SB: 34-13

Motion to approve SB 34-13 to reimburse \$2,000 to the NAU Tennis Team.

Agree: 13

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion is Carried, SB 34-12 is passed.

c. SB 34-14: Circle K International

Motion to table SB 34-14 until next week's Senate meeting

First: Senator Fox

Second: Senator Tyson

Agree: 13

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes to table SB 34-14 to next week's senate meeting.

d. SR 3403: Gender Neutral Restroom

Senate Chair: We will be reworking this resolution in a smaller group and working with the IMQ. If you have any questions about the resolution, please reach out to Senator Cindader. She is the author for the resolution.

Senator Cinader: We just wanted to keep everyone in the loop. Senator Arnold was correct when he said there are gender neutral restrooms in the McConnell Dormitory Hall. We want to ask the university to make sure they update the website to correctly list the gender-neutral restrooms on campus. We will be reworking the resolution and representing again.

e. Shelby - Homecoming Job List

COS Varner presented all procedures, positions, and documents for the 2021 Homecoming Carnival.

## **Executive Reports**

a. President: Maylee Acosta

VPSA Kavanagh and I met with Health Promotions, and we plan to work out a collaboration with them, Azah (who is in charge of Louie's Cupboard), and North County Health to see how we can bring more resources to campus. VPGA Billings and I met with Regent Kanyur. This will be a bi-weekly meeting where she updates us on ABOR things,

and we update her on student body things. We talked about tuition and all the bills, resolutions, and petitions circulating campus. I have reached out to the Appropriations Chair to present the bill there. If you would like to hear more about that or be involved in that process, I would encourage you to go to next week's appropriations meeting. I had a 1:1 with Margot Saltonstall, our NAU VPSA, and I brought to her some concerns that I heard at the monthly Voces Unidos meeting that I attend. This group consists of Latinx, Hispanic, Mexican, and Chicano student leaders around campus. They talked about the universities lack of outreach to this group concerning HSI plans. SSA Director Trachsel and I are working on creating a Housing Fact sheet where we explain how housing costs are determined, among other things. The ASNAU picnic was great! We laughed a lot and learned some cool things about each other - great job, Special Events coordinator Bowers. I had my first 1:1 with a senator last week, thank you Senator Fenn for scheduling that. I am closing the 1:1 sign-up sheet on Friday so I can start scheduling staff 1:1's so please, schedule your 1:1. At the information security meeting they are talking about working on advertising techniques to share that people who have a preferred name can change it to reflect that on class rosters. I believe they are working on something similar for pronouns. As you all know, the carnival rides and concessions are closed to undergrads. I talked to GSG President Seeger about ways that we can include Grads and other NAU community members in the homecoming carnival, since there were a few complaints about not being able to participate in the carnival. I was the MC for the dedicate lunch. In attendance were some very distinguished, past and present, NAU officials. It was a great honor and I hope that we can interact with more alumni in the future because they truly carry a wealth of knowledge. Some of you may have seen this on the NAUFlagstaff page but commencement will be in person and with guests this year! I went to IMQ for President Cruz-Rivera's meet and greet and there were many students, faculty, and people from the community. If you all know Dr. Montoya, he was there and he shared a heart-warming story. He talked about how he's commonly mistaken as a janitor and this year, he was mistaken for the President. This comment truly shows how our community is breaking stereotypes and how impactful it has been to have Dr. Cruz Rivera representing NAU. I will be a judge for the chili cookoff tonight and will be speaking at the bonfire. I hope to see you all there and I'm excited for tomorrow!

### b. Vice President of Academic Affairs: Laurel Stempak

Hello everyone, I hope you're all doing well today. Last week, on Friday we had Professional Development committee. We shared some ideas about focusing on career exploration. If you want to join you still can, we meet next on 10/22 at 12 pm. Following that, I went to the Campus Dining Advisory Council where we discussed the direction and goals of campus dining. I will let VPSA Kavanaugh speak on that more. Also, I attended the College of Engineering Dean event. Senator Massey did a great job and I want to encourage you all to attend as many Dean events as you can. Finally, happy homecoming week! I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow. Thank you and I yield my time.

## c. Vice President of Student Affairs: Kinsey Kavanaugh

Hello everyone! Happy to see everyone's faces again! Few quick updates, CHQ has extended hours tonight until 7. This is our last late night. Tomorrow we are only open until 1pm. Senators I do feel you were kind of thrown to the wolves with CHQ so if you are feeling lost with anything let me know! Health promotions has asked for our help. They are seeking a great portion of money we unfortunately do not have, but if you are interested

in brainstorming ideas with Melissa Griffin and I please let me know! The more minds the better! Lastly, I feel as though I do not know any of you and I do not think I am alone in this. Although I adore everyone's stuffy work personas, I know we are all much more entertaining. I would love to host some type of yoga, movie, craft...idk, Bridgette is more creative than me, but if anyone has any ideas or wants to be involved, please let me know! No idea is a bad idea, I suggested crafts so the bar is low lol! I yield my time.

### d. Vice President of Government Affairs: Matt Billings

This week I worked on getting more information about tuition and fees on campus. This is for the possible ASA resolution. I am hoping to meet next week with Kyle from ASA along with President Acosta, VP Stempak, SSA Directors Trachsel and Best, and Senators Muneno, Davidson, and Machelor. I also met with Regent Kanyur along with President Acosta. I replied to a group called Voter Friendly Campus. They wanted to work with ASNAU and I wanted to see what their ideas are so I will have a meeting with them sometime next week. I also attended the AZSOS Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday. I went to the Dedicatee Banquet on Wednesday with President Acosta, Chief Varner, and Senator Arnold alongside our partners in RHA and Blue Key. Additionally, I reached out to some of the departments around campus about their student resource guides and SSA Director Best and I am working on getting a universal guide for all departments. I will also be sending the Elected Officials Directory to Dr. Mundell to have the NAU Votes Coalition review and put on their website. I am also hoping to add a link to that page on our website. I attended the Coconino County Board of Supervisors meeting and I also met with Donovan Carr and Murphy Hebert from the Secretary of State's office to discuss plans for a formal and in-person town hall. SSA Directors Best and Trachsel were also in this meeting. I

attended the ASNAU Picnic last week which was a great time and I look forward to more events from Special Events Coordinator Bowers. In community news, Judge Smith of the Maricopa County Superior Court blocked Arizona from collecting \$1.1 million from the city of Flagstaff as compensation for the city's minimum wage being higher than the state's. The judge ruled that the state missed a deadline for the assessment and did not rule whether the collection targeted at voter-approved measures was constitutional. I yield my time.

### e. Chief of Staff: Shelby Varner

Last Thursday, I attended the NSG meeting, and Friday I attended the professional development committee, VPAA Stempak did a good job, I recommend attending. This week I attended the Dedicatee banquet for Ralph Padilla, and I have been preparing for the carnival, I will see you all tomorrow. I yield my time.

### f. Senate Chair: Michael Boler

Hello everyone, I hope you all are having a wonderful week. There are reimbursements coming through. Jean Shelly and I have been working with all of the Senators to track down their clubs. We have been getting about two reimbursement requests a day. Club task force chair, Senator Fox and I have been working together on the form for the reimbursement application. President Acosta and the executive team have decided to move forward in posting the Senate Chair position on Handshake. If you are interested in the position, look into the job listing on handshake. I yield my time.

## **Staff Reports**

a. Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert

No report, I yield my time.

### b. SSA Director:

## i. Tyler Best

Hi everyone. This week I attended a meeting with VPGA Billings and the Engagement Staff for the Secretary of State, Katie Hobbs. We went over how their town hall with ASU went this past week and solidified details for our Town Hall with the Secretary. I also attended the Food for Thought meeting with campus dining and we talked about the labor shortage on campus, dining issues, and the current dietary restriction opt out options. I will have more to share at the advocacy committee meeting tomorrow. VPGA Billings and I are reaching out to all the colleges and departments to see what resources they have available and would like to advertise to add to the Student Resources guide. And if you know of any resources on campus that you would like more people to know about, please let me or VPGA Billings know. Finally, I am still working on finding out information about current LOUIE training programs so that we can use what is already available when implementing a LOUIE Training course for students. I yield my time.

### ii. Brenden Trachsel

This week I presented the ASNAU election day resolution, SR34-01, to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. They passed it onto the full Faculty Senate to be voted on October 25th. This resolution also spurred talks on the executive committee on having a university-wide election day policy affecting all NAU

community members. Additionally, I researched affordable housing in Flagstaff. While NAU's internal numbers are not publicized, President Acosta and I are working on setting up a meeting to see what we can do. The City of Flagstaff Housing Commission released their draft 10-year housing plan which analyzes the current state of the market, the different forces at play, and how the city plans to address these issues. It is my hope President Acosta, and I will be able to meet with NAU Housing to offer more transparency to students. I yield my time.

#### c. Public Relations

i. Graphic Designer: Sergio DelGrande

He fixed some things with the Thrift Jack donation flyers and Instagram post. I had a meeting with Senator Fox for club reimbursement design. Started working on an ASNAU Thanksgiving "Share what you're thankful for" Instagram contest. Excited to work the homecoming carnival, I yield my time.

ii. Social Media: Kylie Brennan

This week I posted the giveaway for the carnival fast passes, and we had over 300 entries which is awesome! Also, since it was raining at the picnic and I couldn't take anyone's headshots, I'm going to schedule some new times next week and will keep everyone updated. I yield my time.

iii. Videographer: Sarah Zukowski

No report, I yield my time.

## d. Special Events Coordinator: Bridgette Bowers

Hi everybody! Thank you all who attended our picnic last Friday. It was super fun! Just a reminder that we have our team bonding on Friday October 29th from 1pm-3pm in the Havasupai Rooms across from the office. I hope to see you all there! We encourage you to wear your Halloween costumes but still remain in dress-code! There will be snacks served. Lastly, I have decided to discontinue the Special Events Committee & use a google form to hear your ideas instead. The form is on teams & in the group me. Thank you and I yield my time.

### e. New Student Government: Teddy Woolsey

Hello, this week I have been setting up the NSG ring toss carnival game, as well as getting all elected NSG officials started in their positions. I had 1 on 1 meetings with everyone who was elected, as well as our first NSG exec meeting, where everyone was giving great ideas for future meetings. Our new president, Ashley Lawrence, had the idea for committee chairs to come to our next meeting to talk about their committees as well as discuss what it's like to work at ASNAU. I also asked NSG members last meeting to sign up for shifts for our carnival game expecting a couple people to sign up, but 8 people signed up for multiple hours shifts each. We might even have too many people there, which is a great problem to have. I continue to be beyond impressed with our group. I yield my time.

#### f. Front Desk

- i. Jordan Kittle
- ii. Lexie Curry
- iii. Morgan Bagovich

This week the desk has had a lot of reimbursement applications come through, especially for the grad tests. There have also been quite a few of questions about the process and how everything works from people emailing, coming into the office, and calling. We have also been handing out stickers and homecoming shirts, we still have quite a few left if you still want to grab one! The Fast Pass giveaway was a huge success and we have had most of the passes already picked up! We are all super excited for homecoming and the carnival! I yield my time.

## g. Diversity Coordinator: Jaime Palma

This week I, along with senator Tyson and Vice Chair Carter, have established the question set that will lead the panel discussion for the Mass Incarceration Event. I also ensured that a change in schedule would work for the professors who are going to participate. Lastly, I briefly met with the members of diverse groups in order to establish a connection with them. Thank you, I yield my time.

## h. Sustainability Coordinator: Ally Parker

Hi everyone, this week I tabled in the union to promote the carnival and hand out homecoming shirts. I also worked on Thrift Jacks planning. I reached out to members this week and the first meeting will be on October 22nd at 11 am on zoom. I will also be working at the carnival tomorrow. I yield my time.

### i. Awareness Coordinator: Lauren Kathrins

Happy Thursday, I want to remind everyone to take care of themselves. Your mental/physical health comes first. Dress warm for the carnival, the temperature will drop to the high 20's. I yield my time.

j. CHQ Manager: Trevor Burich

Hello everyone and happy homecoming! CHQ has been working really hard this week to keep up with the high demand of club requests. On Monday alone we received 5 new balloon requests which is great. I am honestly so glad CHQ is being so much this semester and we have been getting a lot of positive feedback from clubs using the office. There was some sort of Instagram poll last weekend asking if students wanted the extra hours in the CHQ office, so we have been open till 7pm this week. Our office is open at the moment so if you need anything in there after Senate, please feel free to help yourself. One last thing Senators, all your work with the KMA shirts has paid off. Every single KMA shirt has been tied up nice and pretty. Thank you all so so much for your amazing work. And with that, I yield my time.

#### k. Senate Clerk:

I. Senate Parliamentarian: Maghan Begay

Hello everyone, given that our senate clerk position is still open. I thank you all for being gracious with me in overtaking the clerk and parliamentarian positions. Remember to say I yield my time, and I yield my time.

## **Committee Reports**

a. Appropriations Committee: Senator Massey

Hello everyone. This week in appropriations we worked on distributing the new reimbursement requests and finding a better way to keep the requests flowing through appropriations and Senate. I yield my time.

## b. Legislative Committee: Senator Handlong

Hello everyone, this week in Legislative Committee, we looked over Article 25 of the Bylaws, which covers Attendance Policies. VPSA Kavanaugh reached out to us in regard to addressing CHQ attendance expectations and policies, and so we implemented that as a new sub-sub-section iii in section one. It basically addresses the point system and clarifies that an unexcused absence will be worth two points while an excused absence will be worth one. This was also added due to CHQ hours being a part of each Senator's duty.

### **ARTICLE XXV.** Attendance Policies:

#### ORIGINAL:

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c. Advocacy Committee: Senator Cinader

Advocacy will be meeting tomorrow in the ASNAU office from 12pm-1pm. Have fun at the carnival and please be safe! I yield my time.

d. Club Task Force Committee: Senator Fox

Happy Thursday, We were working on creating a google form to send to clubs to ask about the events they are requesting reimbursement requests for. There are different sections such as: basic questions, they can say whether they are in sports, academics, clubs, etc., This will lead to a specialized form for that club. This is to enhance the communication with groups and such. We are taking ideas on what to add and what changes that can be made. I met with the graphic designer Sergio to talk about the reimbursement flyer design. I am excited to show senate the completed version of the flyer. I yield my time.

## **Senator Reports**

College of Arts and Letters

a. Senator Arnold

Hello everyone, happy homecoming week. This is a busy week; it also lands on midterms. Make sure you take care of yourself. I attended the Dedicatee Banquet with VPGA Billings, Advisor Gardner, President Acosta, and COS Varner. It was fun to take the opportunity to recognize the dedicatee this year. I yield my time.

### b. Senator Handlong

Hello again, this week I did my usual tasks such as working in the office and preparing for Legislative committee. I did reach out to Dean Boyer in regards to our dean event, and have yet to hear back. I'll be working at the Zipper ride and Cotton Candy machine tomorrow at the Carnival and look forward to seeing you all there! I yield my time.

## College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

#### a. Vice Chair Carter

I will be stepping down as Vice Chair. Other than that, no report. I yield my time.

### b. Senator Tyson

My weekly report is short. I have worked with Vice-Chair Carter in finalizing details of our dean event as well as on the environmental resolution. I yield my time.

## College of Health and Human Services

### a. Senator Cinader

No report, I yield my time.

## b. Senator Soto – Velasquez

This week I did my normal CHQ and office hours. I spoke with Senator Cinader regarding our Dean Event, and we have a meeting with him this upcoming Monday. Attended Appropriations was assigned my first two bills. Emailed my clubs and for a fieldwork hour I read up on the constitution and Bylaws for ASNAU as well as Robert's Rules. Homecoming Carnival is this week and I'm so excited to be working it! Also please let me know if you prefer a paragraph format or bullet point format for the senate report! I yield my time.

## College of Education

#### a. Senator Nielson

Absent. No report.

#### b. Senator Kolasinski

This past week I went to NSG and had so much fun. They are such a great group and I cannot wait to see what they do. I sent in my ERF form and am glad to finally have the ball rolling on that. I also created 2 dean event posters that I am just waiting for approval on from Sergio. Lastly, today I went to the COE Leadership Panel and introduced myself.

### College of Business

#### a. Senator Davidson

Hello! It has been a busy but eventful week. My Co-Senator Machelor and I have a meeting planned next week to finalize our dean event that will be happening in November. I also have been working with two clubs to continue the reimbursement process. Hopefully we will be seeing those bills next week if all goes well. Thank you and I yield my time.

### b. Senator Machelor

Hello Happy Friday Jr! I can only imagine how hectic this week has been with midterms and planning homecoming, do make sure to prioritize your health and rest! This past Friday I attended the Special Events Coordinator's team bonding picnic; besides the rain and the unusual campus alert it was very relaxing. Thank you, Bridgette! This week I completed my CHQ hours, attended Appropriations/Club Task Force committee meetings, emailed my clubs, and completed my office hour. I plan to go to RHA's annual Homecoming Bonfire! Hope to see some of you there! I am very excited for the Homecoming Carnival

tomorrow! Catch me at the cotton candy stand with Annabel for the first shift! Have a great rest of your week! I yield my time.

## College of Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences

### a. Senator Muneno

Hi everyone, this week senator Castro-Encinas and I have been focusing on the promotion for our dean event this week. Putting flyers up, emailing CEFNS students, filling out social media post forms, etc. When it does get posted, we'd appreciate it if you also shared it on your social media. After this meeting, I will also listen in on the NSG meeting in the main office. Thank you, I yield my time.

### b. Senator Castro Encinas

Hello, this week has been filled with the promotion of the upcoming Dean Event for CEFNS. I've been busy printing flyers, emailing Michelle to get a list of CEFNS students for a mass email, and emailing others to get the word out about the event. I yield my time.

## College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences

### a. Senator Massey

I had my Dean's Event last Friday. I had about 5 students come to the event. Dr. Wang and I talked about hosting another event in November to try and get more students to attend. I yield my time.

#### b. Senator Fenn

Hi everyone, this week I emailed all my clubs. They didn't respond, but they have my email now. I need to schedule my CHQ hours, I attended my first legislative meeting, that was interesting. I read the bylaws and I yield my time.

## Honors College

#### a. Senator Fox

Hi everyone, my dean event is coming up. I have all my flyers hanging in the honors college and dorm. I coordinated with the editor of the honors weekly newsletter to get my flyer in there as well. I am going to email my past professors so they can talk about it in their classes. I've been helping with clubs to get their reimbursements, I met with a club leader to help them get reimbursed from ASNAU for a event they are hosting in the spring. My dean event is next Friday. I yield my time.

# **Advisor Reports**

### a. Michelle Gardner

Thank you all for supporting our colleague in RHA by attending the bonfire event after this. Another thing is Char Jengis has changed the lights on the sky dome to purple in recognition of domestic violence awareness. Next Thursday, wear purple to show support for domestic violence awareness. I yield my time.

## b. Megan Gavin

To add on, Char has organized the paint your nail purple events for next week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 am to 1 pm, located on the pedway. Thank you to Shelby for organizing a fabulous night for the homecoming carnival, thank you to all that will be working in the event. I yield my time.

## **Open Forum**

VPAA Stempak: I am excited for everyone's dean events. I commend everyone for their hard work. Remember to use the Microsoft teams page, Shelby works very hard on that. If you can, add information about any events you have. I yield.

Senator Cinader: Since the Senate Chair position is opening, could there be a senator to be on the board to make the information public?

VPSA Kavanaugh: Yes, we will be bringing a senator on the board.

VPGA Billings: There will be an election after all the applications are received. The senators will appoint one senator that has decided not to apply to sit in on the board.

Senator Cinader: Why was the position not moved to the Vice Chair?

President Acosta: It was a formality, as well as to abide by the bylaws. This was something you could change, but in article 8, it says the vice chair will fill the chair until the Senate Chair position is filled. Anyone that would like to apply is able to.

VPSA Kavanaugh: When we did not open the sustainability coordinator position for interviews, we received a lot of backlash. We don't want to look like we only hire internally, so it is open to everyone.

VPGA Billings: Michael was starting his second semester with ASNAU when he took over the Senate Chair position, so don't feel that you aren't able to apply.

Vice Chair Carter: Note passing is elementary and unprofessional. From a legistlive, one of the bylaws says that the executive council has the power to enforce salary structure. In the constitution, there is confusion with what the bylaws say. Which branch sets the salaries.

President Acosta: By laws: Article 1 section 6. Constitution Article 9. When you read these, its up to interpretation. When we say to implement salary structure, that is something we can discuss

following the budget to be able to pay for two semesters. If there is any falsifying of timesheets,

the executives can ask what you were doing during those times. The previous years senate, that

senate approves the budget for the next year senate. That way we can pay people during the

summer, on day one of school, and as a formality to pass a budget for the incoming senate.

Vice Chair Carter: Do you think we need to use clarifying language?

Senate Chair: You can go one of two ways, either reworking the verbiage to make it clearer. Or

adding a subsection to clarify any questions.

Senate Chair: Thank you for that discussion.

CHQ Manager Burich: Is the budget finalized? Can it be made available on teams?

COS Varner: Turn timesheets in by 3pm tomorrow like normal, make sure to clock in and clock

out.

Announcements

Senate Chair: There is the bonfire tonight, Homecoming carnival tomorrow.

Senator Arnold: The residence halls have started to put up their homecoming signs.

Senator Fox: The CHQ staff, Ariane, is having a concert on Sunday from 3-5.

Senator Chair: There will be a Birds Aren't Real Booth at the Homecoming carnival.

**Spotlight Hour** 

# **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

First: Senator Carter

Second: Senator Davidson

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

COS Varner: Lets go eat some chili!

Meeting was adjourned Thursday, October 14th, 2021 at 5:53 pm