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Michael Bolar, Senate Chair, called the Senate meeting of the 2021-2022 Associated Students of Northern Arizona University Senate to order at 4:00 pm in the ASNAU Zoom meeting room.

Roll Call

Senators:

Senator Arnold

Senator Handlong

Senator Carter

Senator Tyson

Senator Cinader

Senator Soto - Valasquez

Senator Nielson

Senator Kolasinski

Senator Davidson – Absent

Senator Machelor

Senator Muneno

Senator Castro Encinas – Absent

Senator Massey

Senator Fenn

Senator Fox – Absent

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

- a. Zoom - North Country Health Care, Kimberly Gutierrez (kgutierrez@nchcaz.org)

Kimberly Gutierrez: Hello Everyone! I am from North Country Health Care from 4th Street. I am the outreach NAU enrollment educator. I want to introduce myself today to see if our clinic can provide any services to you guys. We have a mobile unit, we have different programs such as: “Girls on the Run”, “Well Woman Health Check” program. We already have a group set up with you guys for sexual assault. Victims are able to

come together to speak on their stories, we also have an HIV program and provide Naloxone kits. Those are some of your services, so maybe we can partner up for one of the events and have a couple of our services as well as behavioral health.

President Acosta: That is pretty much what the North Country Health Care wanted to bring to us. I know that we are working with Health Promotions and the Office of Dean of Students to see where the gaps are, what we can bring to students and what we can provide. This is an introduction if ya'll had any ideas or would like to see anything on campus.

Senator Carter: Going off what you had mentioned and thank you for being here Kimberly. I know the Diversity Coordinator Jaime Palma is not here, but he is interested in setting up STD testing for students as the Diversity coordinator, I know he is working on that with Senator Tyson. Do ya'll provide STD testing?

Kimberly Gutierrez: We do provide testing. I would have to contact my supervisor to see if you guys wanted to bring it on campus, or how you guys wanted to set up an event day.

Senator Carter: Perfect, I can reach out via email, and will pass on the email to the Diversity coordinator. I yield my time.

President Acosta: I also know that health promotions, partners with IMQ for specific events to have STD testing. That is on campus, but I know specifically, in the HLC we don't treat or have patients with ACCESS. That is something that North Country can help with.

SSA Director Best: Can I get those resources with writing and context. I am working on the Student Resource Guide, that will be awesome stuff for what I am doing.

Kimberly Gutierrez: Yes, I can send out a chart with the head person of each program. Just so you can have that list if you'd like.

SSA Director Trachsel: You mentioned that North Country Health Care provides Naloxone kits.

Kimberly Gutierrez: Yes, Naloxone kits. They can just walk in and ask for the kit, we don't take ID. If you guys wanted a couple of your own, I could drop some off with you. Anyone can walk-in and receive that.

Senate Chair: Thank you North Country. If there are no other questions, we will move on.

b. NAU Go Scholarship

Amanda Williamson: Hello, thank you for having me here. My name is Amanda Williamson, I use She/her pronouns. I am an educational advisor in the Center for International education. I advise for the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Scandinavia. I also advise for our scholarships. I was invited today by President Acosta, thank you for having me here. Just so we can talk to ASNAU about our scholarships that we owe entirely to ya'll, we are very grateful for, I do have some flyers that you can pass around. The Center of International education has a scholarship called ASNAU Global Opportunities Scholarship. We refer to it as the "GO" scholarship. That is currently the primary form of funding that our students apply for through the Center of International Education. Unfortunately, we did lose a lot of our funding as a result of COVID. This is the biggest scholarship that is available to all students. We do have a couple of scholarships that is available on a major basis or on a location basis. This is available to all Flagstaff Mountain campus students that want to study abroad. We are grateful to

have this funding. I put some of the background information of the scholarship on the flyer there. Historically, in the spring of 2010, ASNAU put a vote out to the student population, asking if the students wanted a part of the 23 fee to go towards a study abroad scholarship, it was a resounding yes. We loved the support of students to study abroad. I was an NAU student as well, but that was a little before my time, I also studied abroad when I was at NAU. Since Fall 2010, we have been receiving about \$60,000 a year from ASNAU to fund this NAU Go Scholarship. This is offered for any student, any major, going to any location. The application terms are fall, spring, summer, winter break, and spring break. The award ranges from \$250 - \$1,000. Students can earn up to \$1,000, students that have received the scholarship are eligible to receive it more than once.

Many students have said that they would not have been able to study abroad if they didn't have that scholarship to pay for their airfare or for their meals, or for the various expenses that go with studying abroad. I just wanted to provide ASNAU with some history of the scholarship, there are some statistics on the flyer about previous funding numbers. I did not want to put too much data on there, I did not put 2010 on there, but I did start at 2015.

As you can see a lot of students have benefitted from this scholarship, well over 1,000 students have applied, well over 600 have received this funding in the last five years based on those numbers. The scholarship is benefitting a large number of students, which we believe this is important because international education, particularly studying abroad, particularly this time and this climate of the way the world is in. We think that it is infinitely important for the young people to have exposure to different cultures. We are happy to have this funding available for students to have the opportunity to help them pay for this world changing/life changing experience. One thing you can see from those

numbers, is consistently at least 50% of applicants have been awarded, that is an internal policy that we have. Let's say we have 50 applicants, we'll guarantee that at least 26% of them will get funded, because we believe that we want to provide the opportunity to as many students as possible. These are our numbers from the past. For this current semester, we just closed the application for the student study abroad for next semester. We have 49 students who have applied, that means at least 26 are going to get funded. I just wanted to come today to express my gratitude for the funding that you so graciously continue to give to us every year. I've worked with the previous President Joe last year, I am working with President Acosta this year. I want to continue to work on the relationship that we have with ASNAU and see how we can best partner with each other. What resources we can provide, if we can provide any support, campus collaboration. We are very happy to be a resource for you in anything we can for studying abroad. You continue to be an invaluable resource to so many of our students. Thank you for continuing to give us this money. President Acosta, thank you so much for the ongoing collaboration. I would like to answer any questions about study abroad.

President Acosta: The review process for applications is coming up right?

Amanda Williamson: Yes, it is coming up, I will send you an email on that tomorrow.

President Acosta: Am I the only one that can review it, or can more people review?

Amanda Williamson: Great questions, yes. I am the chair of the review committee. It is comprised of myself, other education abroad advisors, and some other CIE staff. We would like to invite an ASNAU member to be a part of that, because you graciously give us that funding, we would like you to have a say in how the money is used. Historically that has been the precedent, but we would like to open it to anyone that is interested in

the review this time around. Its not a huge time commitment, it would be about 8-10 applications per reviewer. I am happy to train anyone in how the review process goes, you can see the back end of how the study abroad students are getting this money.

President Acosta, would you be the person to contact, and you'd share the information with your colleagues?

President Acosta: Yes.

Amanda Williamson: Thank you. One thing I do want to note is that we do receive \$60,000 a year from ASNAU. That was slightly decreased due to COVID. Joe, the previous ASNAU president had bumped it down to \$55,000. We're very happy to be flexible on whatever amount that works with the ASNAU budget. I know the last year has been difficult on all of us physically. But you'll notice on there, that there are two semesters where study abroad was cancelled due to COVID. That was summer of 2020 and fall of 2020. Since then, we have been sending students at a reduced capacity, but still sending students. I have 22 students in the UK right now, I believe. Unfortunately, we were unable to give students any money during that time, because of course students were unable to go. We were able to instead, rather than awarding students scholarships for traveling abroad, we were able to co-op that funding into different scholarships for international experiences, whether it was virtual or physical. Virtual exchange is something that has been happening a lot in the time of COVID. Students will take online classes in either synchronous or asynchronous styles with host institutions. One project we had and are very happy about. It's called "Global Brigades", that is an organization that partners with developing communities across the world in need of larger infrastructure assistance. We were able to take some of the money we were not able to

allocate to students due to COVID. We were able to allocate that to the “Global Brigades” program. We had 10 honor students work in a community, I believe it was Ecuador, or somewhere in Latin America. They helped create some solutions to access to water difficulties that this community was having. The local community got the assistance of these students that helped solve a huge local problem. And our students got an international education component as a part of their college degree, which we think is super valuable. I wanted to explain that gap there, that we weren’t able to fund the students, but we’re still able to shift it in other ways that are still directly benefitting students. If you like more information on that in the future, I am happy to share that with you.

Senator Machelor: Thank you for the presentation. I did want to mention that I and Senator Fox who is not present, attended the “Global Brigades” internship type of study abroad over the summer. I really enjoyed the experience and would recommend it to anyone. The virtual experience is different, but I think its valuable in itself.

Amanda Williamson: I am happy to hear that you go to be a part of that. It wasn’t a program that I worked with personally, but I have heard nothing but good things about that program.

c. Health Promotions, Melissa Griffin

Melissa Griffin: Hello everyone, it is nice to see you all. I will be quick, but I am glad I am following Kimberly, because I think we have some overlap. (Shares screen) Hello, my name is Melissa Griffin, I am the director of Health Promotions. And you all may or may not be aware of our office. We are the prevention arm of Campus Health Services,

located in the Health and Learning Center. In the broad umbrella that Campus Health Services encompasses, it is really student based and campus focused. There are medical services, counseling services, and my office which is health promotion. We like to say, we like to try to help students stay healthy. The way we do that, I also want to connect with you guys. COVID was wild, we all got disconnected. I want to make sure that ya'll knew that we were here, I know that many of your members are interested in Health and Wellness, we are glad to partner with ya'll, and collaborate on anything that ya'll are interested in doing for the student's health and well-being. How do we help students stay healthy on campus? We work on campus advocating for policies that will help promote and make it easier for students to optimize their health and wellness while they're here at university. We work on environmental changes, years ago we worked on getting that "Bikes and Hikes" program together on campus. A dietician works with dining services to ensure that students have accessible fruits, vegetables, and healthy options in the dining halls. We also offer trainings and education, we have a bystander training, that in the past was always offered to ASNAU. We also have a variety of other health promotion education opportunities on several different subjects. I want to go back and point out the health screening, I know my colleague Kimberly who is off campus talking about STI screening. We also go around campus doing a variety of different health screenings that will be free or reduced costs to students. Our next STI screening event is coming up on November 10th, so make sure to spread that information to your friends, you can join us in the IMQ if you're interested. We also do things like mental health screenings, and substance abuse screenings as well. Our priority areas are based around the need of the student's health and wellbeing, they are alcohol and other drug prevention. We are not

the alcohol and drug police; we never say that you should not do it. Just that there are less risky ways to do it, so that everyone stays safe. This year we are still in the business of COVID-19 prevention. I ran our case investigation team, that is all the people, that are calling other people who test positive for COVID-19. We provide them information on safety guidelines. We also have a registered dietician in our office, she can reach folks individually for nutrition counseling appointments or students can attend free workshops, there is everything from “How to eat healthy on campus”, to “How to develop a positive body image”. We also have a sexual health educator on campus, she runs our Condom Club, can do sexual health education programs, and she has some online education programs as well. We have a graduate assistant who works on sexual violence prevention. We work with students to help reduce stress, manage stress, build resilience, and generally promote mental wellbeing. A couple of our key efforts, just so you all know what is going on. My experience in the past is that we all work better when we work together with ASNAU, we have a bigger impact. I know you all want to do stuff around wellness, so it would be nice if you already know what’s going on. First, I hope everyone know about Blue Blood at NAU, Everfi is now requiring Alcohol and sexual violence prevention. The NAU Resilience project would like to highlight the Condom Club, which is showing all kinds of barriers. Bystander trainings are available to provide educational resources, consultations, STI events, and Pause your Stress. If anyone was here pre COVID, if anyone remembers that event. I think we’re finally ready to bring that back, so we’re excited to bring that back on November 17th, you can learn stress managing strategies, and you can pet dogs, yay. Something we’re doing this year is fruit and veggies farm stands. So, free fruit and vegetable samplings within the halls with our

dietician. Online suicide prevention training called “Jacks Supporting Jacks”, COVID case investigation, and “Screen You” which is a non-judgmental assessment that students can take online, which will give you an online risk assessment about substance abuse. (Still sharing screen) I want to show you one more thing, Health Promotion is here, this is our website, incase anyone wanted to reference it. I just want to call out the Live Well NAU Framework if you ever see that around campus. It is meant as a framework to support students overall health and wellbeing in all eight dimensions of wellbeing. If you click on one of the dimensions of wellness, it will take you to a list of resources for students and employees. It can give you five tips on how to improve that dimension of your wellbeing. If you’re interested in how, you are in all eight dimensions of wellness, students can complete an anonymous self-assessment, and decide which are their stronger dimensions, areas for opportunity or growth, and how you can improve your overall health and wellbeing. Finally, the NAU Resilience project, we were the first to adopt that in the United States. You can find that at Nau.edu/Bounceback. That is a trauma informed/evidence informed online module with everything from stories from students, how to deal with being a first-generation student. I just wanted to call those things out, make sure you know what were up to, and invite any opportunity with anything you all see fit.

VPAA Stempak: Do you have any marketing materials for any events that you have coming up? Such as the STI Testing event that we will be able to share?

Melissa Griffin: Yes, we have a few things in the works, posters are going out. We would be happy to share electronically all of those things, who would you like me to send that too?

VPAA Stempak: I can give you my email.

Melissa Griffin: Thank you for your time and having me,

Unfinished Business

a. SB 34-19 Swing Jacks

First: Senator Muneno

Second: Senator Cinader

Senate Chair: The swing jacks is having a club Halloween dance; they are asking for \$800 from ASNAU. This is for room rental, food, decorations, supplies, and costs through NAU ticketing.

Senator Carter: Was the event registered and approved in True Blue Connects?

Swing Jacks Member: Yes

Senator Muneno: How many people do you expect to attend you event?

Swing Jacks Member: I am unsure, I have never held one of these before. But I am preparing for around 75 people.

Senator Muneno: Since the event is in the ballroom. Do you have any COVID guidelines?

Swing Jacks: Of course, we are going to be following the general COVID guidelines for NAU. We're encouraging masks, were going to follow NAU policies for it. I picked the ballroom because it has a high capacity. With COVID, we don't want people to be cramming into a small room. We don't want an event to spread COVID, so we want to keep everyone safe, keep distance, and follow policies.

VPGA Billings: In the bolded, “An act to allocate” on the top and the bottom. It says “ASNAU senate line”, but on the other bill it says, “Club funding line”. I’m not sure which line the senate would prefer, but it would be best to correct.

Senate Chair: That is fine, we could amend SB 34-19 to standardize the language in the bill.

Senator Carter: I move to amend the wording in SB 34-19 to say “The student organization paid out line”.

Second: Senator Cinader

Agree: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes to amend the wording in SB 34-19 to say, “The student organization paid out line”.

Senator Arnold: In the 5th whereas on the bill, it states we will be reimbursing food. Will you be catering by Sudexo?

Swing Jacks Member: Yes, I believe that is the only catering option I am allowed to have.

Motion to approve SB 34-19 for the Halloween Dance event.

Agree: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion is passes to approve SB 34-19 to reimburse \$800 to the Swing Jacks club for their Halloween dance event.

New Business

- a. SB 34-22 NAU Cheerleading Team

Senate Chair: We were made aware right before senate that the cheerleading team would not be able to make it. Could we get a motion to send the bill back to committee?

Senator carter: I move to send SB 34-22 back to committee.

Second: Senator Tyson

Agree: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstentions:0

Motion is passed, SB 34-22 will be sent back to committee.

Executive Reports

- a. President: Maylee Acosta

I'm almost done with Senate 1:1's. Thank you so much to everyone I've talked to so far. I've been enjoying our conversations and getting to know you. I have posted the 1:1 sign-up sheet for staff, please sign up as soon as you can. Senate Chair interviews have been going well. We have amazing candidates and hope to send an offer tomorrow. Some of you may have heard that execs met with a few senators to discuss ways that we can better work together as a team. That conversation was very productive and I hope that you all feel comfortable coming to the exec team with your ideas and input.

In the President's Steering committee we talked about the vaccine mandate. Please visit the general teams channel for more information and if you need to talk about anything

specific come to me, Michelle, or Megan. I met with the student regents, ASU, and UoA student government leadership. I yield my time.

b. Vice President of Academic Affairs: Laurel Stempak

Hello everyone, I hope you're all having a great week! Last Thursday I attended NSG and I talked about the committees I sit on and it was great to chat with the club. Thank you to Teddy for inviting us! On Friday. Professional Development met and also had meetings with Karlee and Erika from Career Development to help define our goals and build a list of clubs/internships/departments that would be interested in being a part of a Career Exploration event in the Spring. On Friday I also participated on the Academic Standards Committee, and I have no new changes to report on that. Also, today I had my one-on-one with Maylee. Thank you and I yield my time.

c. Vice President of Student Affairs: Kinsey Kavanagh

Hi everyone, this week I began the foundation on a couple of projects. I discussed face mask dispensers in the student union. I started brainstorming a women's day and underclassman sports day with campus recreation next semester. As well as started to piece together the student SARV council. Thank you, Ruby, in the end for attending that meeting along side me. The women's health committee is excited to gain administrative support on the menstrual dispenser initiative. Admin seemed cooperative and engaged with the project during our meeting with Aunt Flow Wednesday morning. That is all, I hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween, thank you I yield my time.

d. Vice President of Government Affairs: Matt Billings

This week I met with a group called voter friendly campus to see how they want to work with NAU. NAU is the only public Arizona university that is not partnered with them. I

am figuring out why, and what they want to do. I've also been figuring out more information on a possible tuition resolution, I'm partnering with ASNAU on that. Drink water this weekend, and I yield my time.

e. Chief of Staff: Shelby Varner

Hi everyone! At the end of last week, I got sick so that wasn't fun, but I joined the Professional Development Committee from Zoom on Friday and we're moving forward with plans for some sort of career fair with club fair vibes so it's more approachable. I've been working on purchasing ASNAU swag including cups, totes, and keychains. I have to get the logo on them approved by marketing, so Kim's been helping me with that process. You'll also be seeing a bill about this soon as the purchase will be over \$750. Please keep spreading the word about the Japanese Breakfast concert next Friday, we're at a little over 200 tickets. I'll be participating in the Cancer Support Trunk or Treat on behalf of ASNAU this Sunday. Shoutout to Lian and Ally for signing up to go with me. Lastly, I'm super excited for our team bonding tomorrow, Special Events Coordinator Bowers and Sustainability Coordinator Parker have worked super hard on planning some fun activities! Happy Halloweekend, I yield my time.

f. Senate Chair: Michael Bolar

Hello, I just want to say, one, to ASNAU, thank you everyone for the wonderful memories. As I beginning to depart the position, I would like to thank everyone here and everyone last year as well for the experience. I have gotten to learn so much about the position, how to be a leader/supervisor, but also how to a compassionate and caring human being. Its been a great time, you all are amazing people that I have gotten to work with. I will miss the senators very much, I don't think anyone knows how much I truly

care about your success and progression. I am excited to see you all grow and how you have all grown as leaders throughout these past few weeks. I am just really happy that I got to be your senate chair. I remember that in my last one on one with President Carter last year, I mentioned how much I was excited to get to see this new group, and how it would be different this year. Although I never thought I would be leaving, I hope that I had enough time to help you in some way on your journey through college and life in general and ASNAU. Just always know, a gem is not always polished without a little friction, nor is a person without trials and tribulations in your life. As for the details throughout the week, I look forward to working with the next senate chair, once it has been decided. To help them achieve the highest potential in the organization, also if anyone is interested the senate clerk position is still open. It would be a lot of help to the senate chair and the senate parliamentarian. I hope you all have a wonderful week and an exciting Halloween, and into the holidays. Even though I might be leaving, I am just a text, call, snap away. I yield my time.

Staff Reports

a. Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert

This week, I just attended the executives meeting and have been staying on top of the spending throughout the budget. Other than that, remember to smile and have a great y'all! I yield my time.

b. SSA Director

i. Tyler Best

On Friday I went with VPSA Kavanaugh to a Campus Dining Meeting where we had a very insightful conversation about dietary restrictions, labor shortages, the starship robots, and a potential new meal plan options. I also met with the Campus Dining registered dietitian to get their insight on the campus dining and meal plan situation. I will be sharing that information at the advocacy committee meeting tomorrow before the team bonding. If you cannot make those meetings but are still interested in the campus dining situation, feel free to see me after senate or my email is on the teams. I have gathered all the information about current LOUIE Trainings and am now moving forward in reaching out to different departments to start implementing a LOUIE Training for all students. During the Road mapping Committee Feedback sessions, it became obvious that advisors are looking for a solution and have expressed interest in such a program. I am looking forward to see the support that this program creates. Also, I am now officially finished with the Student Resource Guide Website, with only a few formatting suggestions to implement, we should be moving on the next stage of this project here soon. SSA Director Trachsel, VPSA Kavanaugh and I are going to start working on a community outreach partnership with Campus Rec and I should have more information after our meeting next week. Finally, the Strategic Roadmapping Committee just finished its first round of feedback on the current objectives. Thank you for everyone who participated in the feedback session. We have submitted an updated second draft that will be

entering a second round of feedback starting next week. A few observations I made from the feedback and the updated drafts is that there is this shared sense of moving NAU away from a disjointed system with each department and location doing their own thing. Instead its a new system called OneNAU which means no matter what location or modality or department, NAU will be working together to create a true student centric university. But the biggest takeaway that I have had is how willing to change NAU is. I strongly disapproved on how the Cheng Administration handled efforts with almost a sense of stubbornness towards any criticism. But it has become clear that the new mentality is of wanting to improve and change the dynamic. We are truly at an inflection point at NAU and we have the ability to shape NAU for the better and for the students. It is the first time in a very long time where we can actually make changes, so I urge all of you to not only participate in the Roadmapping Committee but also take advantage of all that we have the ability to do as ASNAU. If you have a problem with the fee system, academic advising, bus schedules, even the WIFI, we have the ability to make changes for the better. And we got to take advantage of the opportunity before the wave of change has passed. Thank you I yield my time.

ii. Brenden Tracshel

This week I presented the election day resolution to the full faculty senate where it was overwhelmingly approved to be endorsed! Many faculty

were impressed with the legislation and were happy that ASNAU brought this forward. Additionally, this week I helped VPSA Kavanagh with some ERFs to restock Club Headquarters. I yield my time.

c. Public Relations

i. Graphic Designer: Sergio DelGrande

Hi, I looked over the staff shout out post. We are working on a shout out wall. I finished up the skate club logo, and “Coffee and Donuts” for the SBS Dean event flyer. I put the concert poster into pieces and edited the CHQ infographic, plan to finish the 30 x 30 meeting flyer today and finish the ASNAU “share what you’re thankful for” Thanksgiving Instagram Contest. We’re also getting a head start on the ASNAU election packet graphics, and the ASNAU matching poster projects. I yield my time.

ii. Social Media: Kylie Brennan

This week I posted a giveaway to promote the concert, we're giving away 5 signed Japanese Breakfast posters. Also a reminder to everyone that I'm taking headshots at our team bonding tomorrow so please wear/bring your polo. If you were in ASNAU last year and want to reuse your headshot, just let me know.

iii. Videographer – Sarah Zukowski

Good afternoon, everyone, I will be starting the CHQ video on Monday and will have the Homecoming video done by the middle of next week. I yield my time.

d. Special Events Coordinator: Bridgette Bowers

Hi everyone, this week I have been brainstorming ideas for Spring, such as tabling, spring student body events, and ASNAU events! Tomorrow is our team bonding events at 1-3pm. Shelby & Ally have taken this over for me, because I am in California due to a series of unfortunate events, so thank you both! I know they are going to be great. Happy Halloween & I yield my time.

e. New Student Government: Teddy Woolsey

This week has been another productive week for NSG. Last meeting, we had committee chairs come in to discuss their committees and what it's like to transition to ASNAU. This week we'll be playing some bonding games, and next week we're working on getting Laurel Stempak (who also works at career development) to do a presentation about resume building and other aspects of career development. We've been able to do a lot more with the help of our NSG exec team which I'm very grateful for.

f. Front Desk

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

Hi! This week front desk put up decorations around the office, including setting up the baby picture wall. If you have not done so already, please send in a baby picture and a current picture so we can hang them up! We have also been getting things ready for the Japanese Breakfast concert that is coming up. We have had lots of reimbursement requests and questions about the process this week. I hope everyone has a fun and safe Halloween! I yield my time.

- g. Diversity Coordinator: Jaime Palma

No report, I yield my time.

- h. Sustainability Coordinator: Ally Parker

This week Thrift Jacks had its first Thrift exchange at the open-air market. I hung up the signs in the office from the office of sustainability. I am also, working on a sustainability resource guide for the office. Lastly, I am looking forward to Team bonding day tomorrow, see you all there. I yield my time.

- i. Awareness Coordinator: Lauren Kathrins

Hey ya'll. This week I have started planning the student-group matching quiz I have sent out the signup sheet to get students to match up into small groups, so they can meet people or friends. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you and I yield my time.

- j. CHQ Manager: Trevor Burich

No report, I yield my time.

- k. Senate Clerk:

- l. Senate Parliamentarian: Maghan Begay

No report, I yield my time.

Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations Committee: Senator Massey

Appropriations committee is working very hard to finish the remaining reimbursement requests before the end of the semester. Making sure the clubs know the deadlines ahead of them since the semester is coming to an end. Something really cool that I saw on the

news is the NAU army ROTC was featured on CNN. It talked about how they were in the top five for the national program they are in. They are going to another competition soon, which they hope to rank high nationally for. I thought that was really cool since we just had them in last week. I yield my time.

b. Legislative Committee: Senator Handlong

This week in committee we made some major changes in the Bylaws and Constitution, regarding the duties and expectations of the Vice Chair and Senate Chair positions. The first one we covered was Article 8, section 15 subsection e, which states that the Vice Chair will take over the duties of the Senate Chair for the remainder of the year if the Senate Chair position is found vacant.

Senator Handlong: I would like to open discussion for today, I would like to hear what the committee members and executive team think about the changes. This is a big change and there are a lot of open-ended questions that I have talked about with President Acosta about.

Senator Carter: Yes, can we present the entire changes for the bylaw and constitution change. The Constitution change does not make sense without the bylaws, we need more context.

Senator Handlong: In case ya'll are unfamiliar, we have to make a constitution change before we make a bylaw change. Like Senator Carter said, it does not make sense why we are making the constitution change when we don't have context. As you can see, we looked at the section regarding duties of the senate, specifically section 15. The Duties of the Vice Chair. We added, "The Vice Chair will become the Chair of the senate for the remainder of the academic year" in comparison to just being a temporary substitute. We

also looked at the duties of the senate chair, we added, “Elected by 2/3 majority of the senate. The Senate Chair will be selected after elections in the spring semester by the senators elected for the following academic year. And serving as a voting member of the executive council in having one vote.” It was brought to my attention that the Senate Chair is a tie breaking vote currently, so there is more discussion we need to have before this gets changed. There is that for context, but if we are to make any changes, we need to look at the constitution first.

Senator Carter: Can we focus on the Vice Chair change right now, because that one doesn't need the Constitution change.

Senator Handlong: As you can see, currently the bylaws read that, The Vice Chair be selected by the senate, and would be acting Senate Chair in case the current Senate Chair was temporarily absent or removed. The Vice Chair would act as the Senate Chair until a permanent placement is found. That is how the wording is now, we would change it to be that the Vice Chair would become the Senate Chair for the remainder of the academic year. Are there any thoughts, questions, comments?

Senator Tyson: I was present at the Legislation meeting, and I really liked this change. Because I feel like it helps the problem we are having right now, we are switching and trying to train a new person. If we do go with another outside hire, that is another change we would have to adapt to. If we just make the change to make the Vice Chair takeover the Senate Chair position for whatever time is left, it solves the unstable timeframe. It lets the person who is already adapted to the senate go into the position easier. I yield my time.

Senator Nielson: If we were to approve this right now, when will this take effect?

Senator Handlong: That is another open-ended question that we will need to discuss and decide either together or in in legislation committee. I'm not sure if President Acosta has anything to add to that as well.

President Acosta: I think because we have already started the interview process, we'll just finish that. If the position becomes vacant next semester for example, for whatever reason, we can then use this constitution change.

Senator Fenn: For the remaining of the academic year, not that I am against the constitution change. But I am also not against an interview process. I don't see anything wrong with an interview process, feel that it is fair for everyone, you can see their qualifications, even if they were an outsider. I yield my time.

Senator Carter: With all do respect, you did enter senate later than me and other senators here. Going from having Michael as the Senate Chair and going off what Senator Tyson discussed. The period of not knowing who the next Senate Chair is going to be has caused some anxiety for me, because I know how Michael operates. He and I have a good working relationship, and I know he has a good working relationship with many senators here. In my opinion, that change will be a big shift, which will cause some instability. I do not think an application process is necessary because the vice chair is trained to take over as the Senate Chair, to complete the duties of the Senate Chair. Speaking as the previous Vice Chair, I ran a meeting, Michael guided me on how to work with appropriations/legislative committee/advocacy committee. He informed me of what the position as the Senate Chair looked like, that is what the Senate Chair should look like. Doesn't it make the most sense to move the Vice Chair into that Senate Chair position since they are the most prepared in that moment. I yield my time.

Senator Fenn: In an interview process, the most qualified person would be the person picked to fill the position. I yield.

COS Varner: I propose that if we do this, we have the voting of the Vice Chair be a bigger process. I am not saying this is a bad or good idea, just that if the Vice Chair would need to take over the Senate Chair position, it shouldn't be rushed like it typically is. Right now, you get up and make a one-minute speech. I think it should be a longer process and taken more seriously. I'm not sure if we can add that so in the future, we could decide. If this was someone who would possibly be coming into the Senate Chair position, if not by an interview process, or by your vote. I think there should be more of a process for the position.

Senator Nielson: With all do respect Senator Carter, I think the Vice Chair is a training position. I am not willing to allow someone to run the meetings without a complete training session. I think that it needs to be voted on, and id like to sit and think about this, because it is such an impactful thing for ASNAU. I would want to motion to table this until after we have elected a new Senate Chair.

Senator Handlong: I'd like to respond with, I am open to bring this back to committee. I would love to invite any senator who is willing to come to the legislative committee meeting so we can talk about it.

Senator Nielson: I move to send the Vice Chair Article 8, section 15 subsection E, back to committee.

Second: Senator Muneno

Senator Carter: Point of information, we did not have discussion on the question. COS Varner, thank you for bringing that up, I think you are correct. That is why in the Duties

of the Senate, it does say the Vice Chair is elected. Maybe the legislative committee can add language to make the language more rigorous, but how it is written right now, it doesn't need to be rushed and can take as long as the Senate wants to. The infrastructure is already there for that. In terms of moving to table it, I will be voting no. I would love for the legislative committee to advocate for themselves. We discussed how the Vice Chair will be moving into the Senate Chair role, it is the precedent of this organization at least for the past year. In my mind, I recognize the validity that Senator Fenn and Nielson brought up for the application process and verifying the qualifications for the next Senate Chair. I think that an application process that we are going through right now does cause instability for senate. And will lead the connections of the Vice Chair and the Senate Chair become useless. Whereas that is what makes the Senate work well, if we have those personal relationships with each other. As a Vice Chair you can realize that people work a certain way, and be able to cater your role effectively to each senator, because you know a good idea of how they operate. I appreciate the debate on this topic. I yield my time.

Senator Cinader: I wanted to elaborate on why the committee is deciding to make this change. Senator Carter talked about it a bit; I understand the process of hiring internally can look biased. However, the reason we want to move the Vice Chair up to Senate Chair with this process, hopefully this won't happen, but we do need to hire a new Senate Chair for whatever reason. The reason we decided to do this is because we do elect them at the beginning of the year, it is a short speech, but we were all elected by the students because they trust us. By moving the Vice Chair to the Senate Chair position it would be easier because they already know the infrastructure and Roberts rules. For example, in the

United States government, if the President is no longer able to serve, the Vice President will take over. They have been shadowing, so they are the most familiar with the process. Just to give more insight on the problem.

Senator Tyson: I was not a part of ASNAU last year, but it looks like we haven't followed the bylaw because it was the easiest option. It was the easiest way to keep senate running smooth. Why are we suddenly changing to fit the bylaw, why not change the bylaw to fit our past behavior? I think it is the easiest option now to keep everything stable.

Senator Kolasinski: If we were already training the Vice Chair how we would train the Senate Chair, why would we need to hire someone new, that sounds like a waste of time. I yield.

Senator Nielson: Doesn't the executive team choose the Senate Chair; would this be overstepping your power?

President Acosta: That is another change that we would need to consider in the bylaws.

Senator Carter: I don't think this would be circumvent the power of the executive team because they have the power to hire at the beginning of the year, when the Senate Chair term is over. The bylaw right now says that until a new Senate Chair is elected, that gives the power to the executive team to hire, if we change that it wouldn't give them the power to higher in the middle of the semester.

Senator Arnold: Also, for clarification, in the bylaws it does say that the Senate is supposed to appoint the Senate Chair, as well as the COS. The executive council does do that, for the past five years. But I the bylaws it does say that it is our duty. I yield my time.

Senator Fenn: Are we still discussing sending this back to committee? (Yes)

President Acosta: I apologize for my oversight, but I should mention that in Article 1 of the bylaws, the duties of the executive council have power to hire and terminate the COS and Senate Chair and so on. I think we should send this back to committee to make sure we look at all the amendments instead of changing the one on section 5.

Senator Carter: I am looking at the same article you are, I agree that ya'll have the power to hire for the Senate Chair. If the Senate Chair position is vacant ya'll do have the power to hire when the position is vacant. This change does not take that power away, it will instead create a process for the Vice Chair to take over.

President Acosta: I was assuming you were going to pass all amendments at once.

Senator Carter: No these are all decoupled

Senator Nielson: The Vice Chair position is vacant, correct? (Yes). Even if we did vote yes on this, it would not take into effect yet, right? (Yes)

Senator Cinader: It also wouldn't be able to take effect now since we are changing the constitution packet. It would need to be voted on by the students at the end of the year so we can't make a big change right now. We are aware, but we are trying to create a better process, it is conditional, it just depends on someone leaving.

Senator Carter: Just to clarify, this bylaw does not rely on the constitutional amendment. We can make this bylaw change, and it would not take effect until the new Vice Chair were to step down. I yield.

Motion to send Article 8, section 15 subsection e back to committee.

Agree: 3

Oppose: 7

Abstentions:2

Motion to send the vice chair article back to committee is denied.

VPGA Billings: I want to make everyone aware; I have two Kidney stones right now; I apologize for laughing when I shouldn't be. Some executives have been talking about this change, we have been talking about this change for a few weeks. I am open to speak for the executives, I view this change favorably. There are other changes that need to come, I see that we can make this change and others later.

Motion to approve the Article 8, section 15 subsection E, to make the Vice Chair the Senate Chair for the remainder of the academic year.

Agree:10

Oppose:1

Abstentions:1

Motion is approved to make the Vice Chair the Senate Chair for the remainder of the academic year.

The next one we looked at was Article 7, which covers the duties of the Senate Chair. We added two new sections which indicate that the position be voted on by 2/3 of the senate, being selected after the elections in the Spring. We also added that the Senate Chair position will be an electing member of the Executive council.

Senator Handlong: This would take effect in Spring 2022. They are the tie breaker for the Senate currently. They would serve as a voting member for the council.

Senate Chair: Can you go over how this is tied to the constitutional amendment?

Senator Handlong: As you can see this section of the constitution discussed the elections that we would be having. The ASNAU senate shall consist of 15 elected members of NAU Flagstaff Mountain students and one Senate Chair. Senators shall have declared majors or pre majors in the respective colleges. There would be 16 elected people total, 15 active senators, and 1 Senate Chair. In Subsection E, there were 16 senators originally elected for the academic year, one of these senators will be elected for the Senate Chair for the academic year. Bottom line the Senate Chair will be an elected position.

Senator Carter: I want to give some insight to this idea. The Chair represents the largest body, the Chair directly can influence, push senators, and direct senators to responsibilities. The senate chair also breaks ties in the senate, the Senate Chair can break the legitimacy of that vote. I think that electing the Senate Chair from the senators creates legitimacy of the individual, because the student body already voted on those individuals.

Senator Arnold: Constitutional amendments can get approved, but the student body would need to approve them to take effect.

VPGA Billings: I think there were some analogies about the Vice Chair and Senate Chair being analogous to the president and vice president. The Senate Chair is more like the speaker of the house, or majority leader to people that are amongst the house. I am in favor of this change. The senate making this change for Senate Chair being a voting member of the council, I think we should change that for the COS as well. I don't think the COS is a defecto. President Acosta, are we able to make constitutional changes before the spring election? (Yes)

President Acosta: Yes

Senator Arnold: This is in response to VPGA Billings, I believe the legislative committee decided to include the Senate Chair in the voting members of the executive council and not include the COS, since those positions are elected. If we were to approve this the Senate Chair would be included in those votive members.

Senator Carter: If we decided to vote on this today, can we make it a conditional vote on the bylaw such as we approve this bylaw if subsection 2 is also approved.

Senate Chair: It can work, you just have to phrase it correctly when you make the motion.

Senator Tyson: The constitution change would need to be voted on by the student body.

Senate Nielson: Doesn't the Senate Chair get special training for the senate chair position? If a senator were to get elected in the position, how would they be able to get said training when going into the Senate Chair position.

Senate Chair: The section says the Senate Chair will be elected and selected in the Spring. So April-May 2022, 16 senators will be brought on. In April or May, the Senate Chair will be decided then the 34th Senate Chair will train the 35th Senate Chair. It would be a special session/meeting to decide.

VPGA Billings: That would be a good time to get HR tasks completed.

Senate Chair: When Senators go into their positions, they are told to read through the bylaws to get acquainted with the position. To know how the process works, and how the Senate Chair would be elected.

Senator Fenn: If someone were interested in the position, they would give a little speech, but no one really knows each other.

Senator Carter: We talked about this in committee, in our bylaws it doesn't say we have to select them by the spring semester. The Senate Chair of the current year senate could organize two different mock senate meetings or special session to get to know each other. They can do three if they want, not knowing each other can eliminate bias. I yield.

VPGA Billings: Other than the returners, I don't think anyone knew Senate Chair Boler before he took on the position. That lack of knowing each other has always been there, I think it's different because you're voting for someone you don't know. But maybe the election commission can work on changing some stuff and holding meetings and maybe meeting each other. That is an idea to think about, but the point is, not everyone will know each other.

Senator Nielson: What are the checks and balances for ASNAU?

President Acosta: Point of order, that does not pertain to this discussion. We were currently discussing this amendment.

Senator Nielson: I think it would be best to scan the power of the Senate Chair position before senate votes on it and takes away from the student body.

Senator Carter: I think we can make an amendment on the Duties of the Student Body President, which says they can hire and terminate the Senate Chair, because they are an elected member. They would also be subject to the impeachment protocols. In legislative committee, we can look at the impeachment protocols and see if we can spell out senate Chair specifically. I yield my time.

Senator Arnold: This is in addition to what Senator Carter said. I think this is similar to how the Senate Chair is already hired. If we require someone to come to a special senate,

the following senate can present their qualifications, I think it is similar to the interview process already. The senate is voting on someone they knew professionally.

President Acosta: This is to Megan Gavin, in the short amount of time after elections, will we be able to get everyone on payroll for a special meeting?

Megan Gavin: People can get back pay for when they are not on the payroll just yet.

Senator Carter: I move to amend constitution Article 6 Section 2.

Second: Senator Handlong

Agree: 12

Oppose:0

Abstentions:0

Motion to amend constitution Article 6 Section 2 passes.

Senator Carter: I move to amend Article 7 of the bylaws under that condition that our constitutional amendment Article 6 section 2 passes by majority vote of the student body.

Second: Senator Handlong

Senator Handlong: that is in the bylaws that was brought to attention by Michael.

Senate Chair: It is article 7, section 15. Casting a vote only incase of a tie with the senate.

With was originally with the 14 senators, not the current 15 we have right now.

Senator Handlong: Do we want to continue to amend this and bring that bylaw to a vote and discuss?

Senator Fenn: Were saying this is one vote during senate?

Senator Arnold: For clarification, in the event there was a tie with the senators, he would be able to vote. This is for the executive team, he will be able to get a vote because he is now and elected member.

Senator Fenn: How does that affect the tie breaker?

Senate Chair: They are separate, that is where the original confusion was with there being an even number of senators. With one moving to the Senate Chair position, it would not affect it.

VPGA Billings: Who does break the tie if 8 to 8 split in the voting?

Senator Arnold: It's my understand that it would not happen since there will be 15 senators going into the academic year. 16 would be before we vote on a Senate Chair.

VPGA Billings: I am saying the vote to appoint a Senate Chair, who breaks that tie?

Senator Arnold: I assume it would be President Acosta, but it would be whoever the Senate Chair currently is.

Senate Chair: This would happen after inauguration. That can be a conversation for legislative committee.

Senator Carter: That is a great point to bring up, we can leave that to legislative committee to change in the future since it is situational.

President Acosta: I want to confirm that we will be changing the hiring of COS?

Senator Fenn: We're changing the fact that the only time the Senate Chair has voting rights is when there is a tie? To that the Senate Chair can have a vote on the executive council. (yes)

Senator Carter: We also making the Senate chair elected by the senators, but also letting them have a vote on the executive council.

Senator Arnold: In the amendment under subsection a, it says the Senate Chair will be elected by the senators in the spring by those senators for the following academic year. This is something to think about, would that include, just because the bylaws are up for interpretation by the given senate, could it be before they are sworn in?

VPGA Billings: I think whoever is ready to call this vote, but we should consider who is holding this meeting. With 16 newly elected senators, maybe the supreme court justice can break the tie.

The motion to amend Article 7 of the bylaws under that condition that our constitutional amendment Article 6 section 2 passes by majority vote of the student body.

Agree: 12

Oppose:0

Abstention:0

Motion passes.

c. Advocacy Committee: Senator Cinader

This week we are having an advocacy meeting before the team bonding, and we will be meeting in the office from 12-1pm. Please remember to bring two event ideas, as we will be writing our ERF during advocacy on Friday.

d. Club Task Force Committee: Senator Fox

No report, I yield my time.

Senator Reports

College of Arts and Letters

a. Senator Arnold

No report, I yield my time.

b. Senator Handlong

No report, I yield my time.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

a. Senator Carter

Last Friday, I went to the Environmental Caucus meeting to talk about our Climate Emergency resolution! The Caucus was super impressed and thankful that we passed the resolution, and they are fully willing to help us amplify the resolution as we set up meetings with the University administration. I also finished updating our bylaws with all of the amendments we have made so far. I am also working with Chief of Staff Varner, Social Media Coordinator Brennan, and Senator Tyson to advertise the resolution this week. I have also done two interviews for the Lumberjack about the resolution. We will be presenting the resolution to NAU's Sustainability Committee next week. I yield my time.

b. Senator Tyson

This week I have just been working on emailing all my clubs to get their reimbursement through appropriations. I have also worked with my co senator on promoting the environmental resolution that we passed a few weeks ago. Thank you! I yield my time.

College of Health and Human Services

a. Senator Cinader

No report, I yield my time.

b. Senator Soto – Velasquez

No report, I yield my time.

College of Education

- a. Senator Nielson

No report, I yield my time.

- b. Senator Kolasinski

Hello everyone. This week I did not feel like I did much because I was very focused on schoolwork. I did submit my COVID Vaccination Record. I also reached out to some education clubs to help us set up for tomorrow's Dean Event. Speaking of, our Dean Event is tomorrow from 11:30-1, which is right before training! I hope to see you there! I yield my time.

College of Business

- a. Senator Davidson

Hello everyone. Sorry I couldn't make it today. I'm under the weather and didn't think it would be the best idea to be in person. I continued to email more clubs this week and I am preparing for our dean event. It is on November 10th from 5:30-7pm. I hope everyone has a great rest of their day. I yield my time.

- b. Senator Machelor

No report, I yield my time.

College of Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences

- a. Senator Muneno

No report, I yield my time.

- b. Senator Castro Encinas

No report, I yield my time.

College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences

- a. Senator Massey

No report, I yield my time.

- b. Senator Fenn

No report, I yield my time.

Honor College

- a. Senator Fox

Hi all! Sorry I couldn't be at the meeting today but I assure you I am keeping busy and working hard in Washington D.C. for my meeting! This week I did not get to do a lot but I mainly worked on the reimbursement packet and the Club Task Force graphic. I also worked hard to get all of my work done before Wednesday so as I am typing this report on Tuesday I am hoping that I was successful! Anyways, we had a conversation in Appropriations about how few Senates are left in the school year so I just wanted to tell everyone that you're doing great and it's been a really great semester so far with ASNAU so thank you for that! Thank you and I yield my time.

Advisor Reports

a. Michelle Gardner

I am excited to announce we have approved more than 2,100 student organization events since August. There have not been too many Sudexo requests, clubs have \$150 that clubs can use, so please encourage your clubs to utilize it. They can apply at NAU.edu/LEAP/Funding. Have a fun Halloween, it is our hope that your costume is respectful and inclusive of all cultures. I yield my time.

b. Megan Gavin

Along with the event requests, Michelle and I, as well as a few other administrators look at the approval process. We have come to realize some pieces are inequitable. Looking at making sure the process works for all clubs and orgs, not just some clubs and orgs. Making sure that folks are targeted when clubs are submitting and not being approved. Really looking at unifying the process. I yield my time.

Open Forum

President Acosta: For the committee hub, could the committee chairs update it with agendas, meeting minutes, etc. Interact with the general discussion area. I will use that to see where everything is and if anyone needs help.

COS Varner: Regarding the \$150 credit for Sudexo for clubs. It is an opportunity for clubs, we can ask clubs if they are able to use that.

Announcements

VPSA Kavanaugh: I just need everyone to sign Jeffs card before you leave.

SSA Director Trachsel: I have been planning this for five months. But I have planned a free concert, Vice news will be there. If you want to be in a documentary, and hear free music, come on out. November 12th 6:30 – 10 pm.

COS Varner: Kim reminded us of sending time sheets in, just send time sheets after the team bonding event tomorrow.

Spotlight Hour

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

First: Senator Carter

Second: Senator Soto

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm on Thursday, October 28, 2021.