

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT SENATE

THIRTY - FOURTH SESSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

HAVASUPAI ROOM A & B, UNIVERSITY UNION, 4:00 PM

Date: September 27, 2021

Number on Council: 15

Date of Senate Meeting: September 23, 2021

Number Present: 14

Prepared by Macie Marks

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Jacob Carter, Vice Chair, called the Senate meeting of the 2021-2022 Associated Students of Northern Arizona University Senate to order at 4:00 PM in the Havasupai Room A, and B, University Union.

**Roll Call**

Senators:

Senator Arnold

Senator Handlong

Vice Chair Carter

Senator Tyson

Senator Cinader

Senator Madison Marks

Senator Nielsen

Senator Kolasinski

Senator Davidson

Senator Machelor

Senator Muneno

Senator Castro Encinas

Senator Massey - Absent

Senator Megan Marks

Senator Fox

### **Approval of the Minutes**

If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved.

### **Call to the Audience**

AZ PIRG Speaker did not show.

Speaker for SHAC stepped up to speak.

Speaker: I am with SHAC, the Student Health Advocacy Committee, we want to talk about how the pandemic is not over but people are treating it like it is. We're worried about everyone's health. We want to make people aware of all of this. We are tabling, and trying to hand out more masks and covid packs to people.

Discussion:

President Acosta: Do you have any graphics or flyers we can distribute?

Speaker: The only ones we have now are our recruitment flyers. We have not yet made ones for covid safety.

Vice Chair Carter: Representative from SHAC, could you please put your contact information in that guest book binder on the table so we can keep track of who is coming to us.

Speaker for Blue Key Honors Society.

Speaker: Blue Key hosts the annual homecoming parade and we would like to have floats for that parade. So that's going to be distributed to all the Senators now with information for each club and how to get them registered as a float.

Discussion:

Advisor Gardner: Can you share with everyone where to go if you want to register a float?

Speaker: I honestly do not know.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

Item A: SB 34-8: IMQ

Motion to bring Item A to the floor.

First: Senator Davidson

Second: Senator Arnold

Speaker one: We are asking for support for the Black African American Student, Staff, and Faculty mixer and our event which will be held on September 29th. The purpose of the event is to invite the campus community to learn about, and meet our Black and African American students, staff, and faculty to see what resources we have on campus and our community.

Speaker two: The purpose is to emphasize the resources available on campus and being able to help support these students, and keep them here so they can graduate. Not just resources on campus, but resources within the whole community. And showing these students how they can be more involved and more included on campus.

Speaker one: Another purpose for this event is to create good allies on campus and provide this information with everyone.

Discussion:

President Acosta: I would suggest we amend this and add “African American” to finish the title of this event.

Vice Chair Carter: Why is that?

President Acosta: They said that was their full name right?

Speaker one: Yes, it’s clear and straightforward.

Motion to amend SB 34-8

From: ...The Black Student, Staff, and Faculty Mixer.

To: ...The Black African American Student, Staff, and Faculty Mixer.

First: Senator Arnold

Second: Senator Machelor

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

Discussion:

Senator Arnold: Is this event registered with True Blue Connects?

Speaker two: I believe it is and it might be under “Mixer.”

Executive Assistant Gilbert: What time is this event?

Speaker two: September 29th, from 4pm - 6pm.

New motion to pass SB 34-8.

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

### Item B: ASNAU Budget 2021-2022

Motion to bring Item B to the floor.

First: Senator Machelor

Second: Senator Tyson

President Acosta: Our total revenue for this year comes out to be \$1,999,632.31 but this new format we are using this year will make it a little easier to read and to keep track of what we are spending. We are trying to start inputting how much we worked, and amount of money we've used so far as well as the percentage spent. I added an ASNAU Committee line and I moved \$10,000 to that. I have been advised to keep \$50,000 for rollover, is that correct?

Speaker: Historically, the average has been about \$250,000. But that is up to ASNAU and your advisors.

President Acosta: I missed \$200,000. So now we just have to be cautious about where we are putting this rollover.

Discussion:

Executive Assistant Gilbert: I made this budget as if everything was used at full capacity, is that considering if we don't use all of those funds?

Speaker: This was set up as if we would use that full amount.

Vice Chair Carter: Can you talk more about how the budget was formulated.

President Acosta: This was historically the amount we used in the past. We used old information to create this.

VPSA Kavanagh: To talk a little more about the KMA shirts, we are trying to budget only ten thousand of that since spring semester is usually smaller.

Senator Arnold: Are y'all planning on working with the Legislative Committee to change the bylaws?

President Acosta: Yes, thank you for mentioning that.

Senator Fox: How often can we bring this up to the Senate so we can keep track of everything?

President Acosta: Hopefully monthly.

Executive Assistant Gilbert: The idea of that budget committee, if we do set up something we could do it monthly.

Senator Nielsen: If we approve this now is there a way to come back and change it or is it finalized?

Advisor Gardner: The budget is what we are given, but we can have bills written to move money to different places where needed.

President Acosta: We should add that this is a good model for this year but next year the numbers can change to fit their year.

Senator Fox: I am a little concerned with some of the numbers. How are we going to keep other areas accountable for spending too much money so we could have money next year?

Senator Davidson: I don't think that will be a problem, because I don't think every single person will max out their budget. There might be a committee who doesn't use any money so we could just transfer that over.

President Acosta: Yes, and anyone that goes over \$750 does have to come to the Senate so you all would see it anyway.

Executive Assistant Gilbert: I did take into consideration that we are running everything off of the max so that deficit that Jeff mentioned was something I thought about. But this isn't taking into consideration human nature. We're hopefully not going to max out any of these. That's why I keep emphasizing the Budget Committee, that would be a great help.

VPGA Billings: It's also a hypothetical that every single club will come to ASNAU to be reimbursed but I think this is the most accurate representation we have going into the next year.

Vice Chair Carter: Not only do I think this budget is sustainable but this process is sustainable.

President Acosta: I wanted to have a special session for this budget but because of the LEAF foundation I wanted to make sure we had this before I got the LEAF fund for you all.

VPGA Billings: Point of order: it's okay to table this item without voting against it.

Senator Fox: I just wanted to thank the Exec team for putting this together. I know it wasn't an easy task. I personally feel like in a Budget Committee like you all talked about being able to see

those numbers and analyzing them would be helpful. Because looking at this budget and thinking about the LEAF fund brings lots of concern.

VPSA Kavanagh: I propose we table this until the next Senate so we can get this approved and get going because people have stuff to buy.

Motion to table the Budget discussion.

First: Senator Arnold

Second: Senator Cinader

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

### **Executive Reports**

a. President: Maylee Acosta

This week I have worked as minimally as possible because I've had 1:1's with my residents. So that is why you haven't seen me in the office or at committee meetings. On 9/16 after the Senate I went to the NSG meeting and we formed a great group! I'm so excited for them and would like to see us partner with and support them as much as possible! On 9/17 I helped table for Constitution Day. I met with the student regents, the UoA, and ASU Presidents. This was just an introductory meeting where we all got to know each other. Fun Fact: the other universities have their emails scheduled and only have a limited amount that they can send throughout the year so it's really nice that we can send mass emails at our discretion. On 9/18 I went to the UofA Football game. If you didn't know, it was a historic win. I spent time with President Robinson and President Cruz Rivera, as well as other NAU and UofA students, faculty, and staff. On 2/20 I went to the RHA General Council meeting to distribute magnets, KMA shirts, and talk about NSG. I yield.

b. Vice President of Academic Affairs: Laurel Stempak

Hello everyone I hope you are all doing well. This week I settled into my new role and attended the Women's Health Committee where we discussed menstrual product dispenser distribution that is coming soon. Additionally, I am going to meet with VPAA

Pugliesi to see what projects and goals she wants to support. Also, I am looking into the University Library Committee so if anyone has any points of contact for that please let me know. Also, I'll be sitting on the Academic Standards Committee tomorrow afternoon for the first time and reporting back on that next week. Lastly, if you are interested in the professional development committee please fill out the google form I sent in the GroupMe. I am closing it tomorrow so please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you and I yield my time.

c. Vice President of Student Affairs: Kinsey Kavanagh

Happy Thursday everyone! I am sorry I missed Senate last week and for my chaotic nature lately, I have walking pneumonia. This means I can still do things though and I am not contagious! Moving on, Senators I wanted to thank you for showing up for CHQ and helping out when in the office. I can not express how helpful it is for Trevor and I! One little thing starting Monday I have a signup sheet on the Senate board if you do not mind just initializing with an expo marker when you come in. This just helps Michael and I with time sheets so please be honest! Also that bulletin board is for all of you so feel free to advertise your dean events! In other news. I will meet with the campus dining committee tomorrow. They are closed meetings, but if you have any concerns you would like me to inquire about please text me before 1pm tomorrow. I also met with the KMA design team so hopefully we will move that project along very soon. Lastly, Megan Gavin, a saint, was able to locate a bathroom count of all gender neutral and female restrooms so we are back in contact with admin and one step closer to menstrual dispensers all around campus. Like always I am always around or available by phone so please reach out if you need anything! I have hi-chews in my office if you ever need a sweet pick-me up! Thank you and I yield my time!

d. Vice President of Government Affairs: Matt Billings

Last Friday was Constitution Day. We were able to get a lot of people registered to vote, I think the total at the end of the day was 12. We ran out of Constitutions to pass out so we actually had to order more. Social Media Coordinator Kylie Brenan and Senator Arnold did a great job with their social media take-overs. We also hosted the Voter-Rights/Voter Suppression Panel and I think it was a great dialogue. This week I've been working on getting more resources for our community resources guide. No update on the Women's

March yet. Tomorrow, the AZ Legislature will be discussing the audit of the Maricopa County 2020 election. It will be interesting to see if people are still plotting to overthrow the government so please pay attention because this can very easily have ramifications on election policy in this state. The AZ Legislature has also decided to form a new ad hoc committee to address wildfires. This comes after the US Forest Services announced the cancelation of phase 2 of the 4FRI program which focuses on restoration efforts of Tonto, Coconino, Kaibab, and Apache National Forests in AZ; the Forest Service stated that 4FRI needs to be reevaluated to produce higher success. Next Tuesday, September 28th, from 10 AM to 3 PM, we will be tabling in the Union for Nation Voter Registration Day. We will be passing out pocket constitutions, some KMA shirts, and registering students to vote. ASA will also be joining us. If you are interested in tabling or can make it to the union during this time, please stop by or sign up for shifts on Teams under the ASNAU Home tab. Speaking of ASA, the Secretary of State released 14 nominees for Arizona for the National Association of Secretaries of State John Lewis Youth Leadership Award. One of them is NAU's Kyle Nitschke, he is the Organizing Director for ASA and has registered over 7000 students to vote. There are a lot of great nominees on this list so I wanted to give a shout-out to Kyle since he is from NAU. ABOR - the exec team was talking and we have decided not to host an event with the Student Regents during next week's ABOR meeting. Out of respect for Regent Dave's and Regent Kanyur's time, as well as all of our time, we will not be hosting an event. We are still looking to have an event with the Student Regents sometime soon. In other ABOR news, a report was released showing the overall NAU enrollment for the fall 2021 semester is at 28,718 students, with 24,168 undergraduates -- and 19,165 undergraduate students learning on campus this fall. This is slightly lower than the fall of 2020. I have also been working with Exec Assistant Gilbert and President Acosta on our LinkedIn, I actually made our first post this week. I have a lot more to do and I look forward to connecting with y'all.

e. Chief of Staff: Shelby Varner

Hi everyone! Sorry I couldn't be here tonight, I'm in Phoenix for the weekend. This week I had Front Desk and CHQ start preparing a bunch of carnival materials, so huge thanks to them. I'll be sending out the Homecoming Carnival Shifts via email TOMORROW September 24<sup>th</sup>. You have until October 4<sup>th</sup> to sign up for your shift, the excel sheet will



explain the rest. If you or your friends are in any clubs, make sure to let them know that they can register for a game table at the carnival. Have a great weekend, I yield my time.

f. Senate Chair: Michael Bolar

Hello all!!! Obviously I'm not here today, I wasn't feeling super well and loads on my plate so I have elected to stay home and rest so I'm not sick going into my first exams next week! A couple important items to keep in mind! Training is due next Monday if you got an email from the front desk about them! Next week's meeting will be held virtually, and Macie Marks our Senate Clerk will be distributing the zoom link after this meeting concludes! We have the first Dean event for the College of Engineering, Informatics and Applied Sciences next Friday on 10-8. Please let me know if you need anything from me and I hope we have a wonderful weekend!

### **Staff Reports**

a. Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert

This week has been quite interesting and busy to say the least. With that said though, I am excited to say that I have finally finished the budget for ASNAU and hope it serves its purpose in keeping track of all the funds. I will now present it to you all and feel free to ask any questions or concerns that you may have with it. Thank you for your time, remember to take some time to smile, and I yield my time.

b. SSA Director

i. Tyler Best

This week, I worked on more logistical situations for Matt and I's project of adding student resource magnets into the student dorms. I have also been preparing promotional material for the Student Issue Network which is now live. I have sent the flier and qr code in teams and on Groupme so please check those out. The only way that this system succeeds is with as much student participation as possible. We have digital signage, social media, and posters in the works, but that only reaches so many people. We are really relying on your word of mouth to get this system off the ground. So if Senators you could send it out to clubs to distribute, or if those of you that are RAs could spread to your residents that would be amazing. We want to be able to work on as many issues as possible and

that is only possible with all of your support. Finally, this is something that isn't necessarily associated with the SSA Director position, but I am serving on the Presidential Road mapping committee. My specific committee is responsible for Equitable Student Access, momentum, graduation, and post-graduation success. In specific we are looking into implementing new pricing policies, admission standards, support systems, and educational practices. So if you have any comments or suggestions that you want brought up to this committee, please let me know. Thank you, I yield my time.

ii. Brenden Tracshel

This week I completed the government representatives directory with all relevant positions from local to federal. I also spent some time registering students to vote in the union. I yield my time.

c. Public Relations

i. Graphic Designer: Sergio DelGrande

Here is my report for this week. I finished up the A Light in the Dark flyer and Instagram post. I also wrapped up the Legal Trouble flyer. Wrapped up the rest of the required training for ASNAU, and started working on the Graduate Entrance Exam Reimbursement Instagram post and digital sign. I plan to start working on a few other requests tomorrow for those that have submitted them.

ii. Social Media: Kylie Brennan

No report. I yield my time.

iii. Videographer: Sarah Zukowski

No report. I yield my time.

d. Special Events Coordinator: Bridgette Bowers

Hello everybody, I have been working on solely taking over the Special Events Coordinator, while Ally transitions into her Sustainability Coordinator position, so try to bare with me! The special events committee is going to get the ball rolling soon, I am still trying to find a time that works for everybody. Please reach out to me if you're interested in joining, however this next week I will be reaching out to some of you to see if you'd like to join as well! Thanks everyone, I yield my time.

e. NSG: Teddy Woolsey

Hello, I'm happy to say that our first NSG meeting was a big success! We had 9 students show up, and several more have expressed interest in coming to today's meeting. I have been busy planning meetings as well as our election happening next week. It seems like a great group of students and I'm so excited to be working with them. I yield my time.

f. Front Desk

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

Hello everyone! This week the front desk has been getting stuff ready for the homecoming carnival. We are getting posters put on A-Frames, printing posters for the carnival, and separating all the wristbands. Trainings are due on Monday by 3pm, so make sure to send those to us. A few people still need to pick up their polos as well, just stop by the desk so we can give that to you. I yield my time

g. Diversity Coordinator: Jamie Palma

This week I have been working on finalizing and submitting ERF's for two events, and contacting potential speakers for those events. Thank you, I yield my time.

h. Sustainability Coordinator: Ally Parker

Hi everyone, This week I continued getting familiar with the position and sent emails out to various sustainability groups and individuals on campus. I met with the conservation manager Taryn over zoom. I will also be attending the health and habits meeting and the environmental caucus meeting on Friday. I also attended the women's health committee this week as well. Thank you I yield my time.

i. Awareness Coordinator: Lauren Kathrins

Happy Thursday! Sorry I am not here today, I am home in Glendale for my birthday. Please try to attend and tell your friends about "A Light in the Dark". It's next Thursday, September 30th from 6:30pm-8pm. Have an amazing week. I yield my time.

j. CHQ Manager: Trevor Burich

Hello everyone! This week CHQ worked with the front desk on cutting and laminating the Homecoming Carnival posters. They are going really well. We also ran out of large KMA shirts so we only have smalls and then everything bigger than XL. And just one last thing, you are all welcome to come in and use our supplies for ASNAU and your

clubs, just please ask or let us know you are using them because we do take inventory on all of our materials.

k. Senate Clerk: Macie Marks

No report. I yield my time.

l. Senate Parliamentarian: Maghan Begay

No report. I yield my time.

### **Committee Reports**

a. Appropriations Committee: Senator Massey

Appropriations has had a crazy week. We have had an influx of reimbursement requests. I have distributed 12 different requests to senators. Every senator will be required to write at least one bill for appropriations, so please look out for an email from me. Also, because the new reimbursement form is still being modified, I have created a google form that has basic questions to provide necessary details to include in your bill. Please send that to the point of contact. Once I receive their answers, I will send you, their answers. The bills that have been distributed need to be completed by Monday night and sent to me. I will send out a reminder to everyone on Friday to just follow up on their packets if they haven't received a response. If no response by Monday, then we cannot pass it.

b. Legislative Committee: Senator Handlong

Hello everyone! This week we looked at a simple change in the Bylaws, specifically in Article 32, section 7. The reason we chose to tackle this section is because this was a suggestion made by our previous parliamentarian last year. We decided to follow through with additions and changes to help clarify and give some more understanding as to what this section is stating.

Discussion: None.

Motion to amend Article 32, Section 7

From:

7. ASNAU will not fund clubs and organizations for the following.

- a. Purchases made with an NAU Purchase Card.
- b. Direct donations to a charitable organization.
- c. Contributions, gifts or donations to any individual, association, or corporation.

- d. Academic materials to be used for tutorial purposes.
- e. Mailings for organizational minutes.
- f. Any part of any event at which alcoholic beverages will be served.
- g. Entertainment not open to the entire student population.
- h. Uber, Lyft, AirBNB, and other non-licensed forms of transportation and lodging.
- i. ASNAU will not fund non-Northern Arizona University students.
- j. Any part of any event or activity in which a student or member of a club is receiving course credit.

To:

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- a. Purchases made with an NAU Purchase Card.
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- c. Contributions, gifts or donations to any individual, association, or corporation.
- d. Academic materials to be used for tutorial purposes.
- e. Mailings for organizational minutes.
- f. Any part of any event at which alcoholic beverages will be served.
- g. Entertainment that is not open to the entire student population of NAU.
- h. Uber, Lyft, AirBNB, and other non-licensed forms of transportation and lodging.
- i. Funding to non-Northern Arizona University students.
- j. Any part of any event or activity in which a student or member of a club is receiving course credit.

First: Senator Handlong

Second: Senator Cinader

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

c. Advocacy Committee: Senator Cinader

This week will be the first open house for Advocacy this year! It is from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm and will be in the ASNAU office. Please stop by and say hi if you are able to, I hope to see you all there! Also if you are about able to, if you could please come to the office before the open house to help set up that would be greatly appreciated. Have a great weekend!

d. Club Task Force Committee: Senator Fox

Senate Chair Bolar and I decided to come up with a new time for CTF meetings so I have been looking into the master schedule to see what times would work best for the meetings. I have a couple options so I will address those so that if people are interested in attending we see the best time for all. Next, if you are a senator who just arrived and does not have clubs yet, please let me know and I can help you get those clubs. Thank you and I yield my time!

### **Senator Reports**

#### College of Arts and Letters

a. Senator Arnold

Last Friday, I did an instagram takeover. And I am looking forward to the potential Budget Committee. I yield my time.

b. Senator Handlong

No report. I yield my time.

#### College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

a. Vice Chair Carter

This week, I reached out to my SBS Dean now that I have a co-Senator and we are setting up a meeting for next week. I worked with Senator Cinader during my office hour on a fantastic resolution she is working on. I also had a meeting with Vice President of Student Affairs Saltonstall about the campus wage, and it was a very productive conversation. She listened to our concerns, proposed her own concerns, and we had a really open and honest dialogue. She directed myself and Senator Cinader to meet with the head of career development, John Gartin, who is putting together a campus wage proposal for the President. She mentioned he is looking for student perspectives on how the campus wage increase would benefit them. If any Senator is interested in joining this

meeting with Career Development, please let me know! The more representation the better. I also met with GreenJacks president Caroline to talk about the NAU Climate Declaration they are circulating and how we can put together a passable resolution for our Senate.

b. Senator Tyson

This is my first week so I have been doing trainings, and going committees! That's pretty much it, I yield my time.

College of Health and Human Services

a. Senator Cinader

No report. I yield my time.

b. Senator Madison Marks

Hello everyone, I am very excited to join the ASNAU family again. Senator Cinader and I have already gotten together to discuss our Dean Event. She is amazing! Thank you, and I yield my time.

College of Education

a. Senator Nielsen

No report. I yield my time.

b. Senator Kolasinski

No report. I yield my time.

College of Business

a. Senator Davidson

No report. I yield my time.

b. Senator Machelor

Happy Friday Jr! Last Friday I helped table for Constitution day. This week I helped with two bills, helped out at CHQ, and attended the Women's Health Committee. During my office hours my Co-Senator Davidson and I had a very successful meeting with Berenadine Lewis, the Undergraduate Program Director, and are in the process of planning our Dean's event! I bet it's a packed week for everyone, so I hope everyone is doing well and taking care of themselves. I hope you all have a great rest of your week! I yield my time.

College of Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences

a. Senator Muneno

Hello everyone, this week I am working on a future reimbursement for one of my clubs. Tomorrow I am tabling the Union from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm to pass out KMA shirts. I also had a meeting with the dean of CEFNS and solidified a date for our dean event which I am currently working to fill out the event request form. I yield my time.

b. Senator Castro Encinas

Hello, This is Senator Castro Encinas. This week I was able to attend both my office hours and CHQ hours. Senator Muneno and I were able to meet up with our Dean to meet and finalize details about the Dean event we are planning. We are currently setting up our dean event.

College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences

a. Senator Massey

This week I have been working very hard on my Dean's Event. I have prepared a Kahoot for the trivia portion of my event. I also worked on a flyer to distribute to raise awareness for the event. I am very excited for my first Dean's Event.

b. Senator Megan Marks

No report. I yield my time.

Honors College

a. Senator Fox

I met with my Dean this week to plan our event and we have a date, a room, and a plan in place. I am still figuring out what all I need to file in regards to paperwork but I think everything is almost set! Currently my goal is to have flyers made and up in 2 weeks and get information out in the Honors Weekly Newsletter. I emailed multiple of my clubs and was able to give them information on Homecoming, it seems a lot of clubs are at least semi-interested in participating in Homecoming if that is an option. Lastly, I had a meeting with some students to discuss a resolution idea and will be working on getting more information to senators this week! Thank you and I yield my time!

**Advisor Reports**

I. Michelle Gardner



The budget is so complex so I want to highlight all the work that Antonio did for it. And as of right now 333 clubs are active right now so we'll get you an updated list. Next weekend is Family Weekend and just to highlight there are a lot of great things happening. There's an aerial show that is going to be happening in Prochnow, and we'll be having coco while watching Coco!! Two weeks after that is Homecoming week! On October 14th after this meeting they will be hosting the annual bonfire and chili cook off and pep rally. I think it would be great if we all went over there as a group and supported them as well. I also wanted to highlight again what you all decided to do and your support with the LGBTQIA+ commission fund. I yield my time.

II. Megan Gavin

We are working with PD and TC who run the yellow bike program and laptop loan program to support people who have reported stolen bikes or laptops. If students contact officers about these stolen objects they will immediately be informed of these programs and automatically get a loaner. Which is nice because for a lot of people these are necessities in everyday life here on campus. I would also like to share that Louie's Cupboard two weeks ago served 100 households which is their record and is looking to exceed that at tomorrow's distribution. We have a lot of new collaborations on campus so this fills the gap for some students who need our help and resources. I yield my time.

**Open Forum**

Senator Arnold: Does anyone know when the Liberal Studies Task Force and Committee are starting up again or if they are continuing?

VPAA Stempak: The answer is yes, I can talk to you later.

VPGA Billings: The exec team had a meeting to discuss how things are talked about in Committees and Senate. A lot of the time the discussion is not geared in a healthy direction. And it is focused on seeking to be heard rather than seeking to understand change. I want to point out that I think the budget was a really good discussion we had because we all had questions and if we didn't know the answer we're going to move on next week to find those answers. That was a

great example of a healthy discussion. We want to find a way that we can find an understanding of why things are happening the way they are and not create our own solutions without the full picture. When we did the training with Julie Lancaster her phrase: “blame is not the same as accountability” stuck with me and we shouldn’t seek to blame other departments or community members but rather seek accountability. By doing this we must acquire the full picture before we act. ASNAU has a lot of influence and I think the University is actually ready to listen to us.

President Acosta: It’s human nature to want to relate to the speakers coming to us but we might make comments that aren’t necessarily productive. We want to ask our speakers questions but we want to keep the conversations productive and like VPGA Billings said try not to make it too personal to where it seems like we are attacking another department or not willing to work with another department.

Senator Arnold: I agree. I think it will be more beneficial with the mind of advocating for students instead of saying this or that is wrong. We should look for the bigger issue when tackling these things.

VPSA Kavanagh: It would be helpful to bring questions not issues to these committees so we can better advocate for these students.

### **Announcements**

Vice Chair Carter: The NAU climate strike is happening tomorrow at 12pm right outside the Union. I am speaking at the event so please come. I yield my time.

CHQ Burich: We are out of Large KMA shirts, we have small and we have extra larges.

VPSA Kavanagh: Chief of Staff Varner is on vacation, so please don’t text her because she’s trying to work still.

President Acosta: I am working on an excel doc for the Budget Committee to suggest a meeting time so please keep an eye out for that.

SSA Director Tracshel: I am meeting with STAC to ask for a lot of money so if anyone has spoken to them before and have tips please share with me. Thank you, I yield my time.

Vice Chair Carter: Also next Saturday, is the Women's march for reproductive rights and health.

### **Spotlight Hour**

VPGA Billings: I would like to spotlight Executive Assistant Gilbert got his first big boy job offer post graduation so that is exciting!

President Acosta: I would like to spotlight the SSA directors, your minds are so powerful and you both work so hard and always on top of everything.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

First: Senator Machelor

Second: Senator Davidson

Discussion: None.

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm on Thursday, September 23, 2021.