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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

Vice Chair Carter

Senator Fox

Senator Cinader

Senator Nielson

Senator Kolasinski

Senator Davidson

Senator Machelor

Senator Muneno

Senator Castro Encinas

Senator Massey

Senator Tyson

### **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**

There were no individuals or organizations present to speak during call to the audience.

### **Unfinished Business**

a. Budget

Senate Chair Boler: We have the budget for the 2021-2022 academic year. Last week the budget was tabled. If a senator wishes to bring the budget from the table to the floor, please do so now. Then we can continue to discuss the budget.

Motion to bring the budget off the table and to the floor.

First: Vice Chair Carter

Second: Senator Machelor

President Acosta: (shares her computer screen of 2021-2022 budget with ASNAU) This first page is the budget that we looked at last week. The second tab (Carter) is does not have as many mark downs that we could make, the third tab (Marks) has a budget that is a little more conservative, which was cut down and re-worked to have the most rollover. I will start with explaining the bigger changes that are reflected on the Carter and Marks budget.

Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert: Maylee, if you want, can we go over the purple box first?

President Acosta: Oh, you're right. Do you want to explain?

Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert: Absolutely, just a little bit of a refresher. This box is a list of the accounts that we are not able to change/alter. These were all given from the universities budget, which is approved by the State, I'm pretty sure at the beginning of the year, but I am unsure. But these are essentially locked in by the State and by the University. So given that information, there are a few numbers on here that we can't change, like the mandatory fee is the, 715, that we have from the "23 Fee". Then we have other like, 175, that is allocated towards the reimbursement account. There is another one like student wages, we can't touch that whatsoever.

President Acosta: I will say, for travel we have adjusted that amount, but I will confirm with Michelle. We can't increase, but we can reduce our travel budget line.

Executive Assistant – Antonio Gilbert: Yes, from my understanding, that is the one exception.

President Acosta: I was asking if you knew if that was correct. (To Michelle)

Michelle Gardner – Advisor: I am happy to follow up, I am not sure the answer. But Antonio might know.

President Acosta: We did reduce our travel line, I know we can't increase it. Right here is the GSG Transfer of Funds, that is money that we get from GSG as their portion of funding the extended library hours. Instead of \$1,000, because that was a past year agreement, this year the agreement is \$1,000. I'm not to sure of the logistics of that, but that line has changed. Then we have the Kiss My Axe shirts, the amount has been changed to \$15,000, which Kinsey has reassured us that is an acceptable amount to have. The SSA Directors decreased from \$1,000 to \$750. The Lumberjack Concert Series decreased to \$145,000 from \$200,000. Which is the lowest that we can go, we do partner with another department. For NSG, down from \$2,000 to \$1,500. Special Events Coordinator from \$4,000 to \$3,000. That is how we get this total.

Executive Assistant – Antonio Gilber: We have one more as well, for the Senate Chair, for the Senate Initiative.

President Acosta: This is the travel, we reduced it from the total \$7,000. And for the Senate Initiative, we added \$1,000, because I know your Dean events don't have as much flexibility and funding as they could have. Those are the changes for the Marks budget. The only difference between the two, is the shirts. One has \$15,000, the other has \$20,000. But I want to reiterate one more time, the Reimbursement line, we cannot change, and wages cannot be changed. Is there anything you would like to add Antonio?

Executive Assistant – Antonio Gilbert: I want to go over the differences more if you go down to the bottom of the sheet. I calculated the difference from the original budget we presented, to the Carter and Marks presentations. One is \$60,000, the next is \$65,750.

The difference between the Marks and Carter budget is \$5,750. Going with the conservative approach, the Marks budget, will save us about \$6,000. Which can then be reallocated somewhere else or moved around.

Senate Chair Boler: Awesome, do we have any Senators that have any questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, lingering thoughts, or feelings?

Senator Arnold: President Acosta, would you mind scrolling to the bottom again. The ending balance of \$479,000, Executive Assistant would you mind explaining what that is?

Executive Assistant – Antonio Gilbert: This one, I completely negated when coming up with the budget. This was a quick snapshot budget that I got from previous budget layouts. I thought it made sense to add in and adjust the numbers to match, to the best of my knowledge, this does not have implications.

Senator Arnold: I have a follow-up question. Is that ending balance towards the top \$265,000. Is that the projected ending balance for this budget with rollover?

Executive Assistant – Antonio Gilbert: Yes, that is something I want to touch on.

President Acosta, can you go to the Carter budget please? With the changes we made with reducing the concert, go us up to about \$260,000 in rollover. I remember Jeff saying in last weeks Senate Meeting. That one average, \$250,000 would be a safe margin, I'd say \$260,000 is fair. Using the conservative amount, with the Marks budget, the rollover amount was \$265,000. Which I hope is more appealing than the \$199,000.

Senate Chair Boler: Point of Information for everyone, the budgets from previous years are on the teams drive, dating back to 2017.

Vice Chair Carter: Thank you Antonio and President Acosta for putting this together. I would like to preface this by saying that I meet privately with President Acosta and asked her a bunch of questions about the budget that I had. We were able to have a productive conversation. But I do want to say that my understanding, the Marks budget is the better version of the two because of that \$5,000 decrease to the Kiss My Axe t-shirts, as well as the decrease to the Lumberjack Concert Series. I believe that the Marks budget is better, based on funds that President Acosta went over. \$200,000 - \$300,000 is normal for rollover, going into the next year. I think there are still ways that we can rework this budget, which can happen in a budget committee. I think the \$145,000 for the Lumberjack Concert Series, I understand that it cannot be lowered anymore. But we need to ask ourselves what the purpose of the Lumberjack Concert Series to serve the student body. I know many of us on this call have not attended one. I'd like to ask about the \$15,000 for student awards and recognition, I am not entirely sure what that was, even after my conversation with President Acosta. We thought it was for the High Pines awards, but it already has its own section for \$2,000. My perspective is that I would love to support the Marks budget, with promises that there will be a budget committee to help reallocate some of this money. Thank you so much. Michelle, the Gold Axe Awards and other giveaways ASNAU has done, my question is, has \$15,000 historically been used for this budget line? Or is that something that could be negotiated and lowered.

Advisor – Michelle Gardner: I am happy to open previous budgets and see what that looks like.

Vice Chair Carter: Thank you Michelle, I yield my time.

Senate Chair Boler: Thank you Vice Chair Carter. We are going on to Senator Arnold.

Senator Arnold: I agree with Vice Chair Carter. I prefer the Marks budget as well. I am also in agreement in terms of the amount that we're allocating towards the Lumberjack Concert Series. I don't agree with Vice Chair Carter in terms of his argument, but I do think that in the budget committee, we can look at why we're allocating that much, when it could be more of a collaborative effort. I had a conversation with VPGA Billings and brought up the fact that I believe other organizations are constantly looking towards ASNAU to fund certain things, which is understandable/reasonable. But I do think when it comes to things like this and are collaborating with other groups, we don't always have to be the biggest dog. I do agree with the Marks budget, I yield.

Senator Fox: I first want to say, I completely agree with the sentiments that Senator Arnold and Vice Chair Carter talked about. I will preface by saying I was looking at the ERF that Chief of Staff Varner created for the carnival. I was comparing to my own ERF, I saw frequently that on her ERF was, "This was much cheaper", "This will save us more money". I felt very heartened knowing that no one is trying to overspend money. It seems like or Chief of Staff is putting in a lot of work to make sure we're being diligent about spending a good amount of money. Which is why I don't feel as concerned about the concert series being so high. It was brought down a lot, and I think the Chief of Staff told us in the last committee meeting that she is having to plan this whole event without knowing what the budget is going to be. I didn't think about that while talking about the budget last meeting, so I would like to help her in whatever way she feels needed. So that she can continue to plan this big event. But I do have a concern with what Vice Chair Carter and Senator Arnold brought up, with the words and how much we're spending there. But I also had a concern with the Senator salaries. Last week it was brought up that

\$3,200 was not enough for us to budget every Senator working 10 hours a week. I just don't know if we talked about that, because the amount should be \$3,400 if every Senator were to work 10 hours a week. I yield.

Executive Assistant – Antonio Gilbert: These are accounts that we can't adjust because these numbers were approved by the State prior to coming to ASNAU. There is not much we can do about that. Keep in mind that this is if everything is maxed out and if everyone maxes on their hours every week.

VPGA Billings: It is important to note that we did not have two Senators when we first started, and we don't have two Senators, or Senate Clerk clocking in for this week. I understand the concern about salaries that we can't adjust, but at the same time, we also have been operating without a full Senate.

Senator Arnold: Executive Assistant Gilbert, I know you said that the second budget snapshot for the ending balance was from a previous budget, but is the amount that high because its from last years budget and we just had a large rollover?

Executive Assistant – Antonio Gilbert: Yes, last year according to the budgets and the year prior to COVID. If we look at the budget under the Carter Presidency, there was more money left sitting within the budget line, ASNAU, and the student body. Due to COVID there was a decrease in spending. There was no carnival, and concerts were cheap in price due to not being in person.

Senator Arnold: This is a statement to the rest of the Senate. Senator Fox just brought up that she felt bad about having to push back approving the budget, which also impacts everyone else in our organization. Just so everyone is aware, just because the budget was late to the Executive Board, it was late getting to us. It is our job to go through these



things with precaution and care. It is important to keep in mind others may be affected, but we are doing our jobs. I yield

Senator Fox: Thank you Senator Arnold, we should be looking at this budget with due diligence. I didn't mean to imply anything, we did get this budget late, I want to also pay respect for those who have been working hard without the budgets. What Vice Chair Carter posted in the chat is my concern. I know these numbers were set by the State, does that mean Senators are not allowed to work the full 10 hours?

Advisor – Michelle Gardner: While looking at the purple boxes, those are the max amounts for each category. A piece of this is also have \$2,000 for work study, but quite a bit of ya'll is under federal work study, that doesn't come out of the budget. Since a lot of ya'll work under federal work study, the money comes from the federal budget, not the ASNAU budget. We are saving so much from federal work study, and we've had people drop off, we're not getting the maximum payroll amount that we could do every week.

VPGA Billings: Michelle, do Senators work during spring break?

Advisor – Michelle Gardner: No

VPGA Billings: Is the office open Thanksgiving or the Friday after?

Advisor – Michelle Gardner: No

VPGA Billings: Is the office open on Veterans Day?

Advisor – Michelle Gardner: No

VPGA Billings: Is the office open on Labor Day?

Advisor – Michelle Gardner: No

VPGA Billings: We lose about two weeks, one week each semester, where we don't clock in because of holidays or guaranteed breaks.

Senator Fox: What I understood is that the budget we have for student wages, because enough of it comes from the federal budget, \$3,200 would be enough for each Senator if they did work 10 hours each week?

Advisor – Michelle Gardner: Yes, and we're using the numbers from the last couple of fiscal years to warm our estimate. I look forward to you all helping me with the budget in March, and we'll send it to the higher-up people to check our math.

Vice Chair Carter: I want to mention the reason I did not bring up the \$3,400 because I recognize that not all Senator are going to work 10 hours each week, and we do have days off. I want to be clear that this is something that should be corrected in future budgets to allow Senators \$3,400. I don't have federal work study, If I reach the \$3,200, I cant work, because we don't have any money in the budget for my wage line. While we may have some days off, that doesn't stop someone from working five hours on a Monday, and five hours on a Tuesday, even if they have Thursday and Friday off. I don't want to get caught in the math and logistics, but to respect wages, as an organization trying to promote inclusivity and helping our students who all work here. This is something that should be investigated for the next years budget. I am prepared to vote yes on the budget. I yield.

Chief of Staff Varner: I appreciate the concerns about the Lumberjack Concert Series, I agree the original budget was a little generous. I am open to the conversation and open to the discussion that there is room to decrease. I do want to emphasize that ASNAU is also about student experiences. We're not only about passing resolutions, bills, advocating for students, and promoting inclusivity. A part of what we do is also events, student experience, and getting involved. Providing that experience for students. While I agree

that \$145,000 may not be the appropriate amount for that, I think we need to remember that a part of what makes college and experiences is stuff like that. While you may not have gone to one, I know people who have been to every event, and have met best friends. Again, I am open to the conversation of decreasing the amount, I see it is one of the biggest numbers on the budget. I just don't want ya'll to forget that about the experience.

Senate Chair Boler: I love seeing all the passion going into protecting student dollars with the budget. If there are no other questions, comments, concerns, lingering feelings, suggestions. Senator Arnold.

Vice Chair Carter: Point of Information, do we need to make a motion for the specific Marks or Carter budget?

Senate Chair Boler: Yes, if we can have a motion to determine between the two, to approve the Carter or Marks budget.

Vice Chair Carter: I move to approve the Marks Budget

First: Vice Chair Carter

Second: Senator Arnold

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

## New Business

a. SB 34-9: NAU Film Society

The NAU Film Society has chosen to come to ASNAU after their event. Can we have a Senator motion to table the Senate Bill 34-9.

First: Senator Machelor

Second: Senator Cinader

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

b. SB 34-10: NAU Dance Team

The NAU Dance Team has had confusion with the reimbursement process. They are in collaboration with another group looking to get reimbursement. They have agreed to meet with us on Tuesday, instead of coming tonight. Can we get a Senator to motion to send the bill 34-10 back to committee?

First: Senator Davidson

Second: Senator Tyson

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

c. SB 34-11: African Students Association

The African Student Association, we have a special guest, Miss Rebecca Annorbah. They will be presenting with Senator Massey who is the Chair of Appropriations the Bill for their event. The association started a few years ago, they meet once a month. The association brings together students that are from African, they are provided with community, relationships. The event will be a gathering of African students and getting academic tips and extracurricular activity advice. They are looking to provide food and drink during the event, pizza, soda, and water, for about 20 people. I yield my time.

Senate Chair Boler: There was an error in the date of the event, could we get an amendment for the bill to read October 1, 2021.

Vice Chair Carter: I move to amend Bill 34-11 to read the event took place on October 1, 2021

First: Vice Chair Carter

Second: Senator Cinader

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

**To approve the bill 34-11**

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Bill approved

## **Executive Reports**

a. President: Maylee Acosta

Last Thursday I went to the NSG meeting again, Teddy has been doing a great job.

Last Friday I was around for the Advocacy Open House, great job to Senator Cinader and the committee.

On Monday morning I met with a professional speaker who normally speaks at the college of business but reached out wanting to partner with asnau and other NAU departments. If you are looking for a speaker for an event I have put his information in the Teams under request forms. I sat in on an interview that Senator Carter, Senator Cinader, and VPGA Billings had with NAZ Today. They did a phenomenal job and I'm really proud of them. I had a 1:1 with Antonio and Matt to look over the budget and then again later that night with the execs. And then another 1:1 but with Michelle and Megan.

On Tuesday I helped with Voter Registration Day. I had a 1:1 with the Intern. Stopped by appropriations, legislative, the liberal studies and athletics student fee committee.

On Wednesday we had an exec meeting like always, the president's steering committee, I met with Marian about the Safe Zone training - I will send that out soon - , I spoke at the Alumni mixer and stopped by the Black and African American students, faculty, and staff mixer.

Today I went to the NAUGo committee, had a 1:1 with VPAA Stempak, 1:1 With Senator Crater, and met with John Georgas who is the Vice Provost for Academic Operations. I yield my time.

b. Vice President of Academic Affairs: Laurel Stempak

Hello, Last week I attended the Academic Standards Committee for the first time. We discussed some clarifications for the administrative drop policy, we aren't making any changes just making the language clearer for students and professors. I also reached out to the University Library Committee, and I am awaiting a meeting time for the semester. I also attended NSG, and it was great meeting some new students. Additionally, the WHC distribution is tomorrow and I'm looking forward to seeing some of the results of the committees and VPSA Kavanaugh's hard work. I also sent out the WHC open house flier to all the Panhellenic chapters on-campus. If anyone knows of any other student orgs. that may be interested please let me know. Finally, the first Professional Development meeting is on October 8th, 12-1 pm. We will meet every other Friday at this time with a Zoom option. Hope to see some of you there. Thank you and I yield my time.

c. Vice President of Student Affairs: Kinsey Kavanaugh

Hello everyone! So weird being back on zoom. Anyway, this week CHQ ran amazingly besides my own slight hiccup of ordering tracing paper rather than butcher paper. Thank you, Senators, for following through with all my tedious procedures and showing up! As for my other VPSA duties, I sat on a few committee meetings this week, worked with Sergio to finalize a CHQ graphic, and gathered lots and lots of numbers for KMS shirts. Senators I sent an email pertaining to SARV, please send that out to philanthropy-based clubs. The SARV committee is looking for members, if you are interested, please let me know. Our very own, Awareness coordinator Lauren is holding a light tribute tonight at 7pm to conclude Suicide prevention month, I hope to see you all there! Lastly, if you have time Saturday you could attend the Women's march at 1:30pm. Just bring a mask

and a sign to the Union. Also this is not ASNAU affiliated, so do not wear your polo or speak on behalf of ASNAU. If you attend, I will make you a cute bracelet...your welcome in advance! Thank you, I yield my time!

d. Vice President of Government Affairs: Matt Billings

This past Tuesday was National Voter Registration Day. We tabled in the Union to pass out pocket Constitutions, KMA shirts and were able to register 4 students to vote. We did not pass out as many constitutions, but we can distribute them throughout the year or even keep them for next year's VPGA. Next week is National Voter Education Week, I am currently working on some post ideas that I will be meeting with our social media coordinator about. Today was the public section of ABOR. President Cuz Rivera and Provost Pugliesi talked about NAU's New Economy Initiative for FY 22 and projections for FY 23 including program impact and investment as well as meeting the national demand in the healthcare workforce - including at the state level in AZ. There was also an early release of NEI investments that project a near-term increase of over 200 graduates across programs targeted for expansion (especially in healthcare and social work). Provost Pugliesi expressed concerns over NAU's ability to expand these programs due to limited faculty and facility space. Judge Cooper of the Maricopa County Superior Court ruled that the Arizona State Legislature's ban on mask mandates in schools is unconstitutional. Judge Cooper ruled that the AZ Legislature violated the AZ Constitution when it packed numerous policy issues into the \$12.8 billion budget package. The budget included issues such as a prohibition on school districts from enacting their own mask and vaccine standards, laws restricting the teaching of controversial topics, laws regarding election-related changes, and various COVID-19



protocols for universities, community colleges, and local governments, among other things - it is important to note that Judge Cooper told the legislature to pass these issues in separate bills, not in the budget. Many of these provisions were added to the budget because they failed to pass on their own. The AZ Senate finally confirmed what we have known all along that President Biden and Senator Kelly won Maricopa County in the 2020 general election.

I am also working on collecting the report on NAU from the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Education. This report includes the number of registered voters on campus, student voter turn-out, and breaks down this information by demographic including by year in school. We have reports from 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 so I am working on the 2020 report. The women's march to advocate for women's reproductive rights will be this Saturday, October 2nd, meeting at 1:30 PM outside the University Union before marching downtown to City Hall. Tomorrow at 10 AM, we will be going to Marian Griffin in IMQ to deliver their copy of the Transgender Support Resolution to Marian Griffin. If you would like to join us, everyone is welcome, including staff.

e. Chief of Staff: Shelby Varner

Hi everyone! Thank you for signing up for the carnival. Reminder that you can go over hours that week due to Homecoming. We've had 16 clubs sign up for a carnival game so far, we still have more spots so keep spreading the word! This week was super busy! As you might have saw on our Instagram, tickets for our collaboration with NAU LAB for the Fall Lumberjack Concert Series will be available starting tomorrow! I'm excited to start planning for Spring concerts, we're hoping to get even bigger artists now that we'll have more of a set budget. Going forward, any graphics that you make on your own

needs to be reviewed and approved by our Graphic Design Specialist, Sergio. This is to ensure consistency and professionalism. A group of NAU Social Work students are putting on a Cancer Support Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm in parking lot near Downtown. If anyone has a SUV or truck that'd be awesome, otherwise we can use mine. There will also be games, activities, face painting, and balloon artists. If you'd like to join me, sign up in Teams! Don't forget that there are still other opportunities to sign up for as well, specifically we need people to table with Bridgette to promote the concert tomorrow, so please look on Teams. This week I have also been working with Kim to improve our website and order new office decor. Have a great weekend, I yield my time.

Senator Arnold: For clubs and association that want to table at the carnival, if they want homemade or packaged food, do they have to fill any paperwork out?

Chief or Staff Varner: The club would have to fill out a food waiver form through the catering website, Sudexo.

f. Senate Chair: Michael Bolar

Hello everyone, To start off, it was said at the beginning the Marks triplets have left ASNAU. They all realized they will be in Gilbert for the rest of the year. They would like to pass it on to someone that is able to be in person. They wish us the best for the rest of this year and they're going to miss us dearly. So will we, but we are excited to see them on this new chapter in their life. Next, I got ASNAU outlook email for the chairs for Senate. So, they'll be using that also to help with scheduling. I will be holding the chair after the meeting, so they are able to log in to the new outlook email accounts. I cannot let this work go unnoticed, this is our gorgeous Reimbursement Tracker, that our Senate Parliamentarian, Maghan Begay has set up for us. Its on ASNAU home. It has the senate

date, bill number, description of bill, amount requested, FDA, Assigned senator, approved, appropriations, etc. I am excited to learn from Miss Maghan, she went above and beyond to create the document. We do have some individuals interested in coming into ASNAU, so we'll be seeing some new faces. I yield my time.

### **Staff Reports**

a. Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert

I got to take some time to go over the budget in some meetings. I am glad to hear good reviews on it. I yield my time.

b. SSA Director

i. Tyler Best

Hi everyone, this week I have been working on 2 major projects. First, I have been working on looking into the Meal Plan situation with Senator Cinader and VPSA Kavanaugh. This Tuesday I met with TC, the person who manages the meal plan contract with Sodexo and was able to get some much-needed context into the situation. It is a highly complicated situation and would take me a while to explain it all but if you all are interested in hearing it, I'd be happy to go into detail in the open forum later. This will also be a topic of discussion in tomorrow's Advocacy Committee meeting so if you are passionate about this topic please feel free to attend. The other project that I am working on has to do with academic advising. As I'm sure a lot of you know, the academic advisors are overbooked and overworked and scheduling meetings with an advisor

can take weeks to months to accomplish. When looking into the situation, we noticed that a majority of appointments with advisors, primarily with freshmen are spent explaining how LOUIE works, which is not necessarily what advisors should be spending their time working on, rather they should be focusing on helping students create plans and answer questions that help them succeed during their time at the University. So I thought it would be an interesting idea to create a LOUIE training course that students complete to be proficient in LOUIE at the beginning of their academic career. I do not have all the details as I am solidifying the details with the executive team, so I will keep all of you updated. Finally, this week I had my first meeting as part of the Presidential Strategic Road Mapping Committee. While this was purely an introductory meeting, I do have two updates that I think would be useful to share. First, the committee is attempting to move away from solely focusing on Freshmen Retention and instead switching towards student momentum. What this means is that the goal is no longer just to ensure that freshmen enroll in a sophomore term but instead switching the focus to ensuring that all students including transfer students reach graduation and their post higher education goal in life, whether that be graduate school or a specific profession. I feel like this is an important change of thinking that will benefit all students. The other thing that I would like to mention is the new push towards transparent and trustworthy actions by upper admin. This was a request of the president himself to make these committees as open

and transparent as possible. So nothing that we do in these committees should be kept a secret. On top of that these committees are going to try to get constant feedback from students and faculty and they have expressed interest in meeting with us at a senate meeting to gauge all your opinions on the current draft of the roadmap. This new administration is really showing interest in engaging in students and faculty to ensure that the direction that we go benefits all which is another thing that I do appreciate. If you have any comments or questions about any of the projects that I am working on, please let me know. I also apologize, this was a long one. And I yield my time.

ii. Brenden Tracshel

This week I tabled for voter registration day, registering a few people and being interviewed for NAZ Today. Additionally, I completed the final requested changes for the directory such as maps and resources.

Additionally, while not for ASNAU, this weekend I traveled to Nogales, Mexico to volunteer with Kino Border Initiative and participate in a march advocating for the revocation of Title 42 and for the federal government to respect migrants' right for asylum. I encourage everyone to look into this humanitarian crisis and to use your privilege of US citizenship to advocate for asylum seekers. I yield my time

c. Public Relations

i. Graphic Designer: Sergio DelGrande

This week, I had a meeting with the COS staff on Monday. I will also have a one on one with Shelby. I continue to work on the reimbursement flyer and digital signage. Waiting for feedback on Lumberjack motor sports logo, made edits, and created the digital signage for Matts legal trouble. Then plan a meeting about disability and invisibility inclusion and then plan to finish a flyer for Jean Shelly. We're also looking into getting ASNAU stickers on Instagram. I yield my time.

ii. Social Media: Kylie Brennan

Hello everyone, this week I filled out some ERF's to host some giveaways on out Instagram. Hopefully we're going to be giving away some cool stuff. After our picnic on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, I am going to be taking everyone's headshot for our website, If you were in ASNAU last, year and want to reuse your picture, just let me know. If you are unable to attend the picnic, I will be setting up makeup times to get your photo. Wear your polo. Also keep commenting and sharing the content from out Instagram, especially homecoming advertisement. Thank you and I yield my time.

iii. Videographer

Hi everyone, I finished the carnival information video, that will be on our Youtube channel by the end of today. So you are more than free to go check it out. I will be sending the video to Kylie so that it is available to post on social media, especially on our Instagram. After this I will be working on a video for the Lumberjack Concert Series, if anyone has any

ideas or suggestions on what they would like to see in that, I would love to hear it. I yield my time.

d. Special Events Coordinator: Bridgette Bowers

Hello everybody, I am super excited for the next upcoming weeks! We have our ASNAU Picnic next Friday, Oct. 8th from 1pm-3pm in North Quad, outside of Old Main. We also have our team bonding event on Friday Oct.29 from 1pm-3pm in the Havasupai rooms. Get excited because you can clock in for BOTH, plus, they're going to be super fun! Special Events committee is up and running, and those meetings will be every other Friday in the ASNAU office from 10:15am-11:15am. Please contact me if you would like to join. There will also be an option to attend these meetings via zoom if you cannot make it in person. The first meeting will be on Friday Oct. 8th. Also, I am going to be doing an Instagram take-over on the Student Orgs Instagram account this Tuesday, the 5th. I will be advertising the Homecoming carnival and ASNAU itself! Thank you & I yield my time.

e. New Student Government: Teddy Woolsey

Hi everyone, our second NSG meeting last week went great. I'm happy to say most people came a second time, and we even had some new people. 9 people showed for the first one, 8 people showed for the second one. Today's meeting is elections which I am so excited for. A lot of members have expressed interest in various positions so I'm curious to see how this goes. I yield my time.

f. Front Desk

- i. Jordan Kittle
- ii. Lexie Curry

iii. Morgan Bagovich

Hi, This week front desk has been finishing up homecoming preparations, like cutting out fast passes and finishing up wristbands. We have also been slowly redecorating the office for Halloween and getting new decorations in the office soon. I yield my time.

g. Diversity Coordinator: Jamie Palma

This week I have been working with Senator Tyson to recruit professors for the Mass Incarceration panel. So far two professors have agreed to do the event, and we are waiting to hear back from a few others. Finally, we have been working on the question set that will guide the event. Thank you, I yield my time.

h. Sustainability Coordinator: Ally Parker

Hello everyone, this week I met with Paige the Green Fund co-chair to discuss Thrift jacks and Terracycling. Tomorrow I am tabling in the union. I am also attending the waste minimization Team meeting as well. I yield my time.

i. Awareness Coordinator: Lauren Kathrins

Happy Thursday, thank you all for the birthday wishes. It made my day. This week I finalized and have been preparing for my event at 6:30 pm. I am super excited, please try to attend if you can, it is important to me and other students. After this event I will be turning my attention to the possible Veterans Day parade and the mental health farmer's market. I want to remind ya'll that you can bring awareness issues forward, that you have seen on or off campus. You can fill out the awareness form that is located on the NAU link tree on Instagram. There are also flyers around the office, you can also come to me



directly with concerns, issues, and ideas. I value any opinions and inputs about awareness that needs to be brought up. Have an amazing weekend. I yield my time.

j. CHQ Manager: Trevor Burich

Hello everyone! This week CHQ ran out of XL KMA shirts. I feel like every week we run out of a new size. We also gave out all the rest of the previous year's KMA shirts in smalls, so we are at an amazing pace. Thank you to everyone who helped with that!

Again, ya'll are more than welcome to take our cart full of shirts out to table or whatever, but please make sure ya'll are signing them out on the whiteboard just above the cart.

CHQ also got started on decorating for Halloween! We are almost done so if any of you want to come by and say hi or have any suggestions please do! We also have chocolate for y'all. Have a great weekend and stay safe with all the Family Weekend traffic. 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 has worked very hard the past couple weeks. We have had a great influx of reimbursement requests. I want to express my appreciate to every senator that has worked on a bill these past couple weeks. We are still working on the reimbursement form. I also have a new email for strictly appropriation matters! I yield my time.

b. Legislative Committee: Senator Handlong

Hello everyone! This week we spent some time looking at Article 2, which discusses the duties of the student body president. In section 22, the phrase "President may terminate" is repeated, so we amended it and removed the repetition.

ORIGINAL

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We then took a look at section 26 of article 2, per suggestion by President Acosta. We decided to rephrase it to create a better understanding of what the section was indicating, as well as removing the word "stipend" due to it being unnecessary.

First: Senator Handlong

Second: Senator Arnold

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

ORIGINAL

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Second: Senator Tyson

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

Finally, we tackled Article 25, section 1, which discusses how excused and unexcused absences are defined. We made a few changes such as symmetrically adjusting the two subsections and changed "Chair of Senate" to read "Senate Chair," since that is how it is written throughout the rest of the document.

ORIGINAL

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First: Senator Handlong

Second: Senator Arnold

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

c. Advocacy Committee: Senator Cinader

Last week was Advocacy's first open house! Thank you so so much to Maria, Wendy,

Tyler, Abby, Lian, and Matt. You all made the open house fun and were a huge help.

There wasn't the best turnout for the open house, and we ended up passing out KMA shirts and the leftover food to students walking around campus, but it still

introduced some students to ASNAU and the Advocacy Committee. There isn't a

formalized open house time, but I am looking to potentially change it since there wasn't

the best turnout, so please be on the lookout for the new time. I yield my time.

d. Club Task Force Committee: Senator Fox

Hello everyone, I met with leap graduate student Julie Bob, who works with a lot of clubs and student organizations today and we talked about how the club task force and leap

could work together. She agreed with a website idea that I've brought up in Senate before. She was really interested in helping the committee in whichever way we needed. She helped me compile a list of resources for clubs and organizations that can be added to the website that we're going to be creating so I'm excited about that. She also brought up ideas of what club task force can do in the future, she explained the leap office in the past has been interested in doing workshops for student organizations on different topics, like conflict management, organization, basics, or even diversity and inclusiveness. Her idea was that the club task force committee, ASNAU, and Leap could work together to plan and coordinate these events at the benefit of student organizations on campus. I also brought up the idea of allowing this to be a networking opportunity for clubs and organizations that might be similarly minded or just to meet with other groups on campus. I look forward to new things with club task force, we should be updating the website. The new club task force meetings will be on Tuesdays from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm after appropriations. I yield my time.

## **Senator Reports**

### College of Arts and Letters

#### a. Senator Arnold

Hello everyone, I did not attend the advocacy committee open house, however I was one floor down in the dean of student's office most of the day. Outside of campus dining, there was an event going on. I did get a chance to speak with the sustainability officer for campus dining, they are interested in learning what ASNAU can do for them, and how we can help them better serve students. I noticed the Halloween decorations in the CHQ

office, I am in love with them. I have been getting feedback and communicating with my clubs and organizations, which is refreshing. I yield my time.

b. Senator Handlong

No report, I yield my time.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

a. Vice Chair Carter

No report, but I would like to remind all Senators and staff that I am meeting with the Director of Career Development to talk about a proposal his office is putting together to raise the minimum wage for student workers. That meeting is in-person next Thursday, October 7 at 1pm. He is looking to hear from us about how we think raising the wage will help students and for our input on the proposal he is forming for the President. I also want to remind all the Senators that as Vice Chair, I am a resource to y'all! If you have questions, concerns, advice or literally anything, please reach out

b. Senator Tyson

Hi, I am still getting settled. I went to the appropriations committee and my first legislative committee meeting. I am in contact with the cheer team about getting reimbursed, but its unclear at this point. I have been working with the diversity coordinator on his event concerning incarceration rates and how its affected. We have met two professors that are also going to help. I yield my time.

College of Health and Human Services

a. Senator Cinader

No report, I yield my time.

## College of Education

a. Senator Nielson

No report, I yield my time.

b. Senator Kolasinski

This week, I met with my dean and have started planning out the Dean Event. We know what we want to do, I just must figure out how to use Word now so I can fill it out. I also emailed my clubs to remind them that they can do games at the Carnival. I yield my time.

## College of Business

a. Senator Davidson

No report, I yield my time.

b. Senator Machelor

Happy Thursday! This week I helped CHQ put up a bit of decor for the fall season and fold shirts. I attended the Appropriations Committee, contacted clubs about reimbursement, and completed my office hour. Tomorrow I will be helping with some tabling for ASNAU, distribution for the Women's Health Committee, and taking part in advocacy committee. I yield my time

## College of Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences

a. Senator Muneno

Hi everyone, I know I emailed 'no report' this week but I just wanted to say, I finished my ERF form. It was definitely a journey. Had to call Michael at one point. Senator Encinas and I have essay-long text messages about what we should include. Yeah, I just wanted to say that. Thank you, I yield my time.



b. Senator Castro Encinas

Hello, this week I was able to attend both my CHQ Hours and office hours. I've been working on a flyer for our Dean event and plan on tabling on Friday. I yield my time.

College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences

a. Senator Massey

I have been working hard on finishing a Kahoot for my Dean's Event next week. I am very excited for this event. I have arranged for cookies and drink to be at the event. The trivia will be held through Kahoot. There are prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. I would love for as many senators and staff to come to the event if you are available. I yield my time.

Honor College

a. Senator Fox

Hello everybody, I am working on my dean event, I am in the process of writing and submitting the ERF while also emailing people in the honors college regarding strategies to encourage students to attend. I have also been directing clubs to the blue key honor society and to the ASNAU homecoming staff. A lot have been interested in the parade or hosting a table, which is exciting to see. I've been working on grouping the clubs on the teams drive, so in the future if clubs reach out to you, if you want to share info with similar clubs, or if you have an event that relates to certain clubs feel free to utilize that list. I yield my time.

**Advisor Reports**

I. Michelle Gardner

Howdy everyone, I just emailed all the clubs again about the homecoming parade, so they should be getting that. A couple quick things, tomorrow we have our second meeting with all our student organization presidents. My grad assistant Julia and I will be focused on funding so hopefully you get a lot more reimbursement requests as well. I also just emailed a flapjacks and flannels program that happens before the parade on Saturday morning the October 16<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for volunteers/club involvement, I sent a flyer so any club can get involved if they're interested. They're also looking for performers. I had the best moment of my career today with Tyler. We had some students come to what is called "Tapping the Dedicatee". Every year one faculty or staff is chosen to be the homecoming dedicatee. Its one of the biggest honors. This person is a judge for the chili cook off, their face is going to be everywhere, since we did the tapping today. The person is Ralph Padilla. He has been working the ground for 33 years and doing so much as a groundskeeper. I have a couple ASNAU member tickets to the dedicatee banquet. I yield my time.

## II. Megan Gavin

Thanks for Michelle and Tyler for their hard work. Family weekend this weekend. On the west side of the Union facing Cline tomorrow and Saturday, there is a check in station for families. If you're around and want to interact with parents I know they love meeting students of all kinds, and especially student leaders. Looking forward to a bunch of fun events on family weekend. I yield my time.

## **Open Forum**

Timesheets and trainings are due tomorrow.

VPSA Kavanagh: Maylee and I have something to share quick. We noticed there was disconnect about when to connect and when not to. I can talk about my committees, but for dining and housing, many of those committees are closed. I want to make sure that I am in the loop when you're contacting people of the committee I sit on. Just so we don't harm relationships, just as a precaution.

President Acosta: I want to highlight this is a work in progress. There is a tab called key resources. That has all the committees that the executives sit on, with a roster attached to it. So, you can double check if anyone else already has a relationship with that committee.

Vice Chair Carter: I am interested in asking Senate to repass resolutions that we passed in the previous 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate. Such as the minimum wage and mental health days. Just to reaffirm our support as this Senate those same ideas, as we move forward these conversations can show that our goals are the same as last Senate goals.

Senator Tyson: I feel it is important to revote on those resolutions that were passed last Senate. I was not present at that time, but it is important.

### **Announcements**

Senator Machelor: Earlier this week I was emailed by the staff advisor of student philanthropy council that is looking for 10-15 volunteers' model for giving day. They will be taking pictures at either Buffalo park or North Campus on Wednesday or Thursday from 2:30 – 5 pm. If anyone is interested, please read the message in group me/teams and message me or email me. Anyone that is interested or has the time to, you can clock in for this.

Vice Chair Carter: A reminder, this Saturday is the Woman Reproductive rights March.

Senate Chair Boler: The Light in the dark event is this evening at 6:30. The College of Environment and Engineering informatics applied sciences will have their Dean event on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The college of Forestry and Natural Sciences will have their dean event will be on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Spotlight Hour**

Senate Boler: We have had many birthdays, Today is Lauren Stempaks birthday. Senator Massy, Lauren Katherins, Kimberly Kliman birthdays just passed. We will sing Happy Birthday for Senator Massey and VPAA Stempak.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

First: Senator Machelor

Second: Senator Massey

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm on Thursday, September 30, 2021