

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

THIRTY - FOURTH SESSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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

Date: September 13, 2021

Number on Council: 13

Date of Senate Meeting: September 9, 2021

Number Present: 13

Prepared by Macie Marks

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 Havasupai Room A, and B, University Union.

Roll Call

Senators:

Senator Arnold

Senator Handlong

Vice Chair Carter

Senator Cinader

Senator Stempak

Senator Nielsen

Senator Kolasinski

Senator Davidson

Senator Machelor

Senator Muneno

Senator Castro Encinas

Senator Massey

Senator Fox

Approval of Minutes

If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved.

Call to the Audience

Unfinished Business

New Business

Item A: LGBTQIA+ Scholarship Resolution 34-2 and SB-34-5

Motion to bring Item A to the floor.

First: Senator Muneno

Second: Senator Machelor

VPGA Billings introduced the resolution addressing backlash against transgender people from different state legislatures. Specifically addresses that in Arizona there were bills written to target the transgender community within this state to deprive them of status and equalities that are recognized to cis gender people. Part of this resolution I crafted talks about what we would like from the University including a commitment from the university to support equity and inclusion of all students and challenging the Arizona board of regents to recognize that as well. More specifically ASNAU would be allocating money towards LGBTQIA+ scholarship funds to help all students within the LGBTQIA+ community.

Senator Cinader: We originally talked about donating \$750 but we didn't feel as though that was enough, because based on the website in order for the scholarship to refill every year they would need to hit a minimum of \$25,000 to be recognized by the university. Their scholarship is at a

total of \$11,492.17 they would need \$13, 510 to reach their \$25,000 goal. If we only donated the \$750, no one would be able to apply for the scholarship so nobody could use it.

Vice Chair Carter: We invited one of the commission scholarship funds chairs to talk more about the scholarship and details about the scholarship requirements.

Speaker Chelsea Green: Hello everyone, I am one of the co chairs for the LGBTQIA commission. This scholarship has been around since 2014 and we've been trying to get enough money to get to the endowment. We're trying to provide students here at NAU within the LGBTQIA community with resources including books, living supplies, or anything they could need.

Vice Chair Carter: What are the eligibility requirements for the scholarship?

Speaker Chelsea Green: The requirements are that they are students and that they turn in a one page essay on their needs and what they might do with the scholarship. The commission talked about getting together to discuss more requirements because it will be forthcoming.

Senator Muneno: How many recipients will be given this scholarship?

Speaker Chelsea Green: With the endowment we're expecting a \$1,000 pay out per year.

Senator Machelor: Is there a way to filter out or verify the applicant's completion of these requirements?

Speaker Chelsea Green: That will be determined by the commissions committee. We will also be working with the Equity and Access office to talk about those requirements.

Senator Arnold: Why would we need \$25,000 of endowment when you'd only be giving away \$1,000 to the student?

Speaker Chelsea Green: They invest it in a stock market portfolio for the future.

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

Item B: IMQ

Motion to bring Item B to the floor.

First: Vice Chair Carter

Second: Senator Machelor

Speaker Marian Griffin: We are the Office of Inclusion, Multicultural and LGBTQIA student services. I am a member of the LGBTQIA community and when I was a student here there was no such thing as LGBTQIA resources. I am so proud of IMQ and where we come from. We want to open ourselves up to each other to learn and grow as a community and make our campus better. The stories of others is the key ingredient to allship. IMQ is here for you and we appreciate you. We have home grown training made by NAU for NAU including things like Safezone training, Inclusion Zone, Transparency Zone, and Unconscious Bias training. We need your feedback!

Discussion: None.

Item C: The NY Times

Motion to bring Item C to the floor.

First: Senator Fox

Second: Senator Cinader

Speaker Todd Halvorsen: What we are doing at the New York Times is building a resource that you all can trust and rely on for verifiable information. We have wonderful support but when we made this paywall meter we found that it alienated one of our most important populations that is the student body. We want to get rid of that for the student body and we are working with student government organizations all across the world to bring a program to campus. An important aspect in our media that I think will interest you Lumberjacks is our focus on climate and tracking wildfires and keeping everyone updated.

President Acosta: You mentioned there was a few hundred students at NAU who are already subscribed to the New York Times but I am sure there are other students who are subscribed but not using their NAU emails. Do you have the number of students with NAU emails who are subscribed?

Speaker Todd Halvorsen: There are close to 500 annualized and that is only tracking the NAU emails not gmail or anything else. We assume it's the same amount if not more of those subscribers.

Senator Arnold: You said this program would save students money, is that in comparison to how much they would be paying normally without the student program?

Speaker Todd Halvorsen: That's based on the student rate, the open student rate for the New York Times. We know the number of activations by month and we give all that information by demand. I watch the numbers on a daily basis, and equate it by a dollar a week for our figure. This purely through this student government associations that work for their program.

Executive Reports

- a. President: Maylee Acosta

Housing: I have included the email interaction I had with Alicia in my report. That'll be available in the minutes. Those emails include the information I shared with you last week. I am gathering more information without adding too much to Alicia's plate right now but I created a doc in MS Teams (--> Senate --> Files --> 21-22 Senate --> Questions) where you can type questions you have. I'll see if I can get others in ResLife to visit us at Senate. President's Steering Committee: <https://nau.edu/coronavirus/> : Updated information on testing at NAU and Coconino County is posted weekly on the nau coronavirus website. NAU will continue to partner with the state and ASU to provide testing services at the Fieldhouse throughout fall semester, possibly through December. We have extended days and bays. NAU is doing over 40% of testing for all of Coconino County as of the end of August. Working on an announcement shortly that Fieldhouse vaccinations will re-open. Working on weekend afternoon hours. Hope to be available starting this Saturday and Sunday – watch Jacks are Back for formal dates/hours. This will be available for the entire community, first and second doses, all three vaccinations available, plus a third dose for anyone to attest immunocompromised. CHS is providing vaccinations Tuesday and Wednesday morning, 10 appointments per day. There are plenty of openings at this time. Flu vaccines are already being distributed. Clinics start on Friday, both through CHS and EAW, some drive-up and some in-person. Sept 30 booster doses - waves. 32% compliance for mitigation calls. 18 students in quarantine housing. Club approvals will be caught up by Friday. I yield.

Hello everyone,

As I mentioned this morning, we've been working hard on assignments on a daily basis, as well as prepping additional temp space options through buyout responses and fitness room adjustments. We will continue to assign students into permanent space as we receive cancellations, and will hold off on providing a specific temp assignment until next week in order to place the most students possible into permanent space.

Here is the reference point I also shared this morning in terms of the atypical large increase in late-applying students as compared to the same point in time in previous years:

Current Active Housing Apps Received in July/August 2021

Same Point in Time

Year	# of Active Apps Received in July/Aug	Difference Compared to 2021 #s	% Difference Compared to 2021 #s
Fall 2021	560		
Fall 2020	252	308	122%
Fall 2019	265	295	111%
Fall 2018	214	346	162%
Fall 2017	131	429	327%

Although we have managed temporary housing (also known as expanded occupancy or EO housing) as a regular practice to provide students access to college, hopefully this chart provides additional context for what we face this particular year.

As I also mentioned today, I've been working this past week on a way to provide a parallel benefit to RAs who have temp roommates to the discounted rate that temp students and buyout students with temp roommates will receive. I was able to confirm our plan today, so we will credit each RA with a temp roommate the equivalent of \$20/day until the temp roommate moves to their permanent space. We will credit the total amount to RA accounts once all temp roommates have been placed (due to the unique logistics of posting this credit). The credit will apply to ANY outstanding charges on your LOUIE account. If you have no outstanding charges, you will receive it as a refund (cash in hand – either direct deposit or check).

What I need from you tonight

Please reply to this email by tomorrow at 8am with your response from the following options:

- I will have a temp roommate assigned
- I will have a temp roommate assigned, but please place my room lower on the list as I have concerns
- I have reasons that would limit me from having a temp roommate assigned

Let me know if you have any questions or clarifications.

Thanks for your ongoing engagement in training, and more importantly thank you in advance for all that you'll be doing to help create a welcoming and vibrant residential experience for your residents ☺ I appreciate you and value your role!

Have a great night,

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Hi again everyone,

Thank you for replying to my first email last week. I have not been able to respond to each of your emails, but please know I appreciate your messages. I have held off on communicating an update in an effort to assign as many permanent spaces as possible. We have continued our concerted daily efforts related to temporary housing from multiple angles. Every additional space and cancellation counts. However, we are still not receiving typical cancellation rates and have a large number of students to accommodate.

Yesterday I shared with GARHDs some additional context about conflicting/compelling values that we are trying to balance. The majority of our students who submitted an application after July 1 are first generation and underrepresented students who apply later due to trying to determine how they will close the financial gap in order to attend college. For most, living on campus will be a make or break decision for attending. With our foundational values of equity and inclusion, and our commitment to inclusive communities, it is critical for us to provide our underrepresented and first-generation students access to college and a residential experience. At the same time, with our foundational values of care and support, I recognize the impact that COVID has had on you as RAs and continuing students, and am trying to be as mindful as possible in this scenario.

With fewer than 20 RAs noting acceptance of a temp roommate in original responses, I am still needing additional space. I am asking for your help through an understanding the greater community need, and connecting it to the heart of the role in helping students and creating a welcoming environment. Please note that while I did not ask you for additional context, several RAs let me know about specific extenuating circumstances. For those of you more on the fence or who have a general concern about a roommate, I am asking that you speak with your GARHD about those concerns and how to mitigate them while accepting a temporary roommate.

As a reminder, we will provide you \$20/day while having a temp roommate. This includes if you want to temporarily live with another RA, opening up two temp spaces in your current room. (Both RAs in that scenario would each receive \$20/day). Additionally, note that we will move RA roommates into permanent space as a first priority, aiming to limit the number of days with a roommate. We will communicate the unique context about living with an RA to those we assign, including RA role responsibilities, the importance of following recommended/required guidelines, practicing healthy habits, etc.

We will begin to assign students to temporary space tomorrow, with the earliest arrivals potentially on Thursday but more likely Friday/Saturday.

Please connect with your supervisor by tomorrow morning if you haven't already. I appreciate your help in this situation.

Have a great night,

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Good morning,

I received a few emails asking for clarification on my message last night, and will do so below. Please understand that in my communications, I am trying to address as much as possible but doing it at an extremely hectic time with little sleep. We are being pulled in many directions and trying to manage multiple critical priorities at this time of year while short staffed. So please allow for some grace ☺

Clarifications:

1. This is my messy, far from perfect attempt to avoid mandating all RAs in having temp roommates although it was noted in the RA agreement.
2. I am not forcing every RA to have a temp roommate, and I understand and respect the unique circumstances present. That is why I asked you to speak with your supervisors about the situation, and not have to share personal details with me.
3. I am not trying to guilt you into anything. My email stated circumstances as they exist, so that you understand the immense challenges in decision making and managing this process. I am providing context so that you know why I need to include RA roommates in the mix of strategies. We face challenging situations on a daily basis, and I want you to have the information.
4. I do need more space, and as I said we are working many angles. This includes potential hotel space which is limited and the least ideal situation for a student to begin their semester. I would prefer that an RA take a roommate for a week than placing a student in a hotel.
5. We will move RA roommates out as the first priority into permanent space as it opens – meaning the shortest time for you vs. lounges, etc.
6. We will pay you at least \$20 per day. I will consider a higher amount based on where we land and once I have a chance to look at the full picture.
7. All RAs in traditional and suite-style halls with a second bed in their room were sent the email about temp roommates.
8. One of the GARHDs had raised the idea of RAs living together temporarily as I understand this was requested as an alternative. I am not forcing this as an option, but supportive of it if that works for some to help gain space.
9. We will aim to assign RA roommates who have an arrival date of Friday or later as much as possible.
10. I understand it is a busy week. I agree.

Again, I appreciate all you do. I know this is a very challenging situation – it is for me too.

This will be the last full group email I'll send. I'll try to communicate with GARHDs and individual RAs as I can. Unfortunately, one of my best friends of over 35 years died on Saturday morning (why I wasn't there to help move McConnell RAs, although I had planned to do so). I will be flying home to Buffalo this afternoon to attend her funeral which they are holding at our high school, and to be with friends and family during this tragic time. While I will continue to be in contact from a distance, I will not have the opportunity to say hi and thank you in person this week. The first opening day I will miss since 1988, and the first time not wearing a polo on the Thursday before classes start.

Thank you again,

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b. Vice President of Academic Affairs

c. Vice President of Student Affairs: Kinsey Kavanagh

Hello, this week I have continued to adjust to my position. I think I have finally figured out my role and I am excited to begin brainstorming and focusing on events with my coordinators. Trevor and the CHQ staff have done an amazing job decorating the CHQ office, I suggest looking at your next CHQ hour. On the topic of CHQ, I just want to make it clear I am the point of contact. Please do not busy Kim or any other exec. If something is locked or an odd request comes by please text Trevor and I. I need to be in the immediate loop. My phone number is right on Teams, so it is nice and accessible. You can save me as Cranky CHQ lady just please contact me first. On a better note, WHC had their first meeting Wednesday. Thank you to all who attended, and I am excited to move forward with the year. You are all welcome to join whenever! Thank you and I yield my time.

d. Vice President of Government Affairs: Matt Billings

This week I organized the last steps for the ASNAU Service Day. It will be this Saturday, 9/11. We will meet in the ASNAU Office around 8 AM for breakfast and to go over instructions for the service projects. I have also been working on organizing the Town Hall with Secretary of State Hobbs and have got help from the SSA Directors on this. Our aim is to hold this event at the end of the semester. I also communicated with Senators Cinader and Carter on the Transgender Support Resolution. I've worked on some preparations for Constitution Day and National Voter Registration Day. President Acosta and I have been working on organizing plans for ABOR. Some updates from ASA. Lastly, I have been in communication with Dr. Denielle Perry about the Atrium Green Space plan for North Campus and finding ways for ASNAU to help with this.

e. Chief of Staff: Shelby Varner

Happy Thursday! This week I worked on some more Carnival stuff and am starting to prepare for the club fair next week. I talked with Matt Poirier, NAU's lawyer, about spreading the word to students that he has free legal aid. We also made a LinkedIn that Antonio will be running, so go follow us. Senators, please make sure to email your clubs the template I sent you, and I hope to see you all at the Service Project on Saturday! I yield my time.

f. Senate Chair: Michael Bolar

First off, a good amount of Senators have been making good progress with their Deans so Dean events will be popping up soon so ya'll can attend. Since the Senators do have their clubs assigned to them, execs will be sending out stuff for y'all to send out to clubs. Senators please remember that I am your point of contact, so please reach out to me if you need me. As Kinsey said, please don't go to another admin unless I can not be

contacted and it's an emergency. With CHQ, the attendance was still a little wonky this week so Senators please stay after to discuss the assigned CHQ hour. Also remember that we do a one-on-one a month with our Senators so please set up an hour or thirty minutes when you would like to have your one-on-one. I yield my time.

Staff Reports

a. Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert

Hey y'all, my report this week is simply expressing my excitement to be working with Maylee and the rest of our execs. I'm looking forward to some of the tasks that Maylee and I have planned out. I'm also looking forward to this Saturday's service event with some of the staff! Hope y'all have had a great week, remember to smile and I yield my time.

b. SSA Director

i. Tyler Best

This week I have been working on solidifying the update to the fee system with the Student and Departmental Account Services. I have also reached out to the Liaison to the Secretary of State Katie Hobbs to coordinate our upcoming plan for a town hall with the Secretary of State. I am also working with the Faculty Senate to bring the Election Day Resolution which we passed last week to their meetings to get approved. I yield my time.

ii. Brenden Tracshel

This week I made initial poster drafts for the potential Town Hall Event this semester and continued work on the directory of government representatives. I yield my time.

c. Public Relations

i. Graphic Designer: Sergio DelGrande

I worked on a carnival entrance sign poster, and finished the fast pass design. I am working on another piece for ASNAU awareness and I am attending Safezone today. And finally, I am working on a graphic design for VPGA Billings to send out to students. As a reminder, as you start to plan your Dean event please note that I need time in advance to work on your request so keep that in mind. I yield my time.

ii. Social Media: Kylie Brennan

No report.

iii. Videographer: Sarah Zukowski

This week I was thinking of different ways to organize a video about what we do here including what goes on during our Senate meetings. In case anyone wanted to join but didn't know what to expect. If there are any ideas please let me know. I yield my time.

d. Special Events Coordinator:

i. Ally Parker

This week I continued planning the ASNAU bonding days. Bridgette and I are starting the special events committee again. We will send out a sheet soon with

times if you are interested in being a part of the committee. Thank you I yield my time.

ii. Bridgette Bowers

I have no report! Ally will be there and say what we are up to.

e. NSG: Teddy Woolsey

This week I prepared the first two nsg meetings and organized the club roster. I yield my time.

f. Front Desk

i. Jordan Kittle

ii. Lexie Curry

iii. Morgan Bagovich

Hello everyone! This week front desk has been focused on reading emails and helping students coming into the office. We have had a lot more clubs coming into the office this week which is very exciting! Make sure to send in your trainings soon, we have only had 8 people turn it in so far. We have also started the process of getting new decorations for the office! If you would want to see anything in the office, let us know. We also still have jackets, check it out with one of the front desk assistants when you come into the office! I yield my time.

g. Diversity Coordinator: Jamie Palma

This week, I have been working on event planning and setting up meetings in order to collaborate with student orgs and potentially city council members. After the dialogue with the NAU PD event, members of the department agreed to collaborate with me in

order to publicize existing systems that allow students to submit comments, questions, and/or concerns to the department. I yield my time.

h. Sustainability Coordinator: Alexandra Lange

Good afternoon Senate! I am still working on a lot of the same initiatives I mentioned last week. I am meeting with the Vice Mayor hopefully next week to discuss our relationship and how we can move forward this year on sustainable measures. I am also working with GreenJacks to declare a climate emergency on NAU campus. She has asked me to get ASNAU members involved in the linguistics of the declaration, if anyone would like to meet and go over it let me know. My email is ael329@nau.edu if you are interested!

That's all from me! I yield my time.

i. Awareness Coordinator: Lauren Kathrins

This week, I turned in Awareness QR code (for students to scan with their phones) forms to the Information Desk in the Union to put around the building. I continued to work on planning for Suicide Prevention Week. Due to time restraints, this event will mostly combine with Mental Health Awareness Day in mid-October. The month of September is Suicide Awareness Month and during this month is also Suicide Prevention Week (which is actually this week). Due to the time restraints, VPSA Kavanagh and I started planning an event for the last day of September (September 30). This event would be a light ceremony honoring those who have lost to suicide. I requested the Upper South Field Pod, but Campus Recreation Services denied this request. I will continue to look for a venue for this event. Thank you for your time. I yield my time.

j. CHQ Manager: Trevor Burich

Hello everyone! Sorry I couldn't make it to Senate this week, I am just getting over that horrid head cold and didn't want to take the chance of spreading it around. This week I focused on recovery while the CHQ Staff finished setting up our decorations and handing out t-shirts in the union. We went through about 8 boxes in a two-hour period which is awesome! Senators, please keep trying those shirts, we need all the help we can get.

Thank you! I yield my time.

k. Senate Clerk: Macie Marks

Added my office hour to Teams which is Wednesdays 12:30pm - 2:00pm. Maghan and I will both be having office hours during that time so we can communicate more efficiently with each other! I yield my time.

l. Senate Parliamentarian: Maghan Begay

No report.

Committee Reports

a. Appropriations Committee: Senator Massey

This week in appropriations we passed Senate Bill 34-5. We also are starting to organize the clubs based on categories, so it is easier to find the appropriate contacts if you need that information.

b. Legislative Committee: Vice Chair Carter and Senator Handlong

Senator Handlong: This week we discussed an amendment of the bylaws to give the Supreme Court Justices more responsibilities and duties.

President Acosta: We've noticed that our relationship with the Supreme Court isn't the best to avoid biases. To add to their duties we could have the register to be on the Parking and Transit Services committee as well as the Academic Standards committee.

VPGA Billings: Our goal is to provide them with more responsibilities to be active but not exactly within this organization. We would like them to attend at least once a semester starting next semester.

Discussion:

Senator Fox: Why these two committees specifically?

VPGA Billings: It is a way for them to be involved in other departments. These two already ask for student representation and it's been expected of us in the past to have that student representation.

Senator Fox: Is the goal to enact other changes or is the only intention here is to add more responsibilities? Can other opportunities be opened up by adding these changes?

VPGA Billings: By adding these responsibilities we are ensuring that we are using student dollars responsibly. Right now we are giving them \$100-\$200 a semester without them necessarily being used. We are hoping that by adding these requirements, more use will come from them.

Advisor Gavin: Have you considered the university hearing board?

VPGA Billings: I am unfamiliar with that board but if the legislative committee would like to add that in their next meeting that's their call. I would like to talk with you after the meeting to get more information.

Senator Arnold: In order to add that part to the bylaw, are we going to not approve this and work on it in Legislative? Or are we going to and just amend it?

Senator Chair Bolar: That is up to the Legislative committee.

Motion to amend Article XXVI Section 11 to add:

11. Each Justice, serving as the judicial liaisons for ASNAU, shall:

a. Register with the Office of the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs to serve on NAU's Academic Integrity Hearing Board and, from time to time, will serve as a student representative on the Academic Integrity Hearing Board.

i. Each Justice is required to reach out to the Academic Integrity Hearing Board within 30 days of their appointment.

ii. If selected, each Justice is required to serve as the student representative on at least one Academic Integrity Hearing in the Academic Year.

1. After serving as the student representative on any Academic Integrity Hearing, the serving Justice is required to report to the Senate and the President of their service.

b. Register with Parking and Transit Services to serve as a student representative on the Parking Appeal and Diversion Committee.

i. Each Justice is required to contact the Assistant Director of Parking and Transit Services to become an active member on the Committee.

ii. If selected, each Justice is required to serve as the student representative on at least one Parking Appeal and Diversion Committee Meeting in the Academic Year.

1. After serving as the student representative on any Parking Appeal and Diversion Committee, the serving Justice is required to report to the Senate and the President of their service.

First: Senator Handlong

Second: Senator Davidson

Discussion: None.

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

c. Advocacy Committee: Senator Cinader

Last week I was elected to be the Advocacy chair, thank you for believing in me to take on this position. I am very excited. We also have our first open house coming up on the 24th from 2:30-3:30pm. I hope to see you all there!

d. Club Task Force Committee: Senator Fox

Worked on information and graphics for the Club Task Force Committee to hopefully be able to update the ASNAU Website. Talked with clubs and club leadership about current issues they see and am working on looking into these problems to find solutions, more to come on that in future senate meetings. Currently still working on finding a reimbursement from last year for a club and getting their check to them

Also with the help of Senate President, updated another club on catering confusion. I yield my time.

Senator Reports

College of Arts and Letters

a. Senator Arnold

Hi everyone, this week Senator Handlong and I met with the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters to brainstorm different options for our Dean Event this semester.

Additionally, I want to remind everyone to take care of not only their physical but their mental health as well, I can't speak for everyone but I know I have been struggling lately

with stress and just overall workload, so I just want to remind us all to do some self-care in whatever form that may be. Thank you, I yield my time.

b. Senator Handlong

Hello everyone, this week Senator Arnold and I discussed some ideas with Dean Boyer for our upcoming Dean event. I also attended the Legislative committee as well as Advocacy, and am excited for what they will bring in the future.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

a. Vice Chair Carter

Hello friends! This week I have been continuing to map out my role as Vice Chair, and I am super excited to announce that I am setting up a Resolution Workshop Hour every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in the office. This serves as a time where all of us can come together to talk about ideas, get feedback and really draft things relating to advocacy. This is more to get your peers' eyes on your work before taking it to Senate, and I am more than happy to help anyone I can with what knowledge I have. Also, Katie and I have been working diligently on the Bill and Resolution that was presented before you! If it passes: thank everyone so much.

College of Health and Human Services

a. Senator Cinader

This week I met with Laurel and we finalized a few dean event ideas. I also set up a time to meet with Dean Bounds, and will be bringing up the ideas there. Thank you, I yield my time.

b. Senator Stempak

This week I attended the Women's Health Committee and emailed all of my clubs. I yield my time.

College of Education

- a. Senator Nielson

No report.

- b. Senator Kolasinski

This week, I emailed all of my clubs to introduce myself and emailed them again to tell them about the Homecoming Carnival. I also set up a meeting for Brenden and me with the COE Dean at the end of the month. Lastly, I will be going to the COE Welcome Event right before Senate today. Thank you I yield my time.

College of Business

- a. Senator Davidson

No report.

- b. Senator Machelor

This week during office hours I sent out emails to my clubs, introducing myself, resources, also noting the homecoming carnival coming up! I yield my time.

College of Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences

- a. Senator Muneno

No report.

- b. Senator Castro Encinas

No report.

College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences

- a. Senator Massey

This week I met with my dean Dr. Wang and decided on a date for my dean event. In my meeting with Dr. Wang, we discussed what other senators did for previous dean events. In the upcoming week or two, I will be in communication with him to finalize details. I yield my time.

Honors College

a. Senator Fox

Wrote the email to my dean and started a dialogue with them to hopefully get a meeting next week and start planning the Dean Event. Goal is to get the event done before Thanksgiving break. Emailed all of my clubs and am working on informing them about CHQ and CTF for anything they could need from ASNAU. Currently still working on finding some important information for another club that reached out. Thank you and I yield my time.

Advisor Reports

a. Michelle Gardner

Thank you, we got through the first round of payroll, and Kim provided feedback to the execs who will share that with you all. Lumberjack club fair (the third one) will be Tuesday from 2:00pm - 4:00pm, registration closed at this point but we have 120 clubs coming. Work with student affairs business to get scholarship money going. I yield my time.

b. Megan Gavin

Following Maylee's lead on giving covid case information. When we learn about a case we reach out so they know the resources for them, send care packages and right now we

have tracked around 273 covid related cases. In terms of mask violations, you'll all be happy to know we have 5 total violations reported. In addition, it was announced today that they will be phasing out MTE at the beginning of Spring 2022. In Spring 2022, you will be able to enroll in Fall 2022 but not Spring 2023. I yield my time.

Open Forum

Senator Arnold: Legislative Committee has been talking about reimbursing graduate entrance exams.

Vice Chair Carter: ASU's Undergraduate Senate does do exam reimbursement, one exam up to 75% of the cost but we would like to do 100%. What are your thoughts on this?

Senator Fox: I'm curious, would this money come from a certain pool?

Senate Chair Bolar: Individual reimbursement will come from the same line as club reimbursement.

Senate Fox: So each student at NAU has a fund of \$1,000 to use?

Senate Chair Bolar: Yes.

VPGA Billings: Other schools websites who do this type of reimbursement do show an increase in undergrads who have taken these exams just for having reimbursement on them.

Senator Arnold: For clarification, the \$1,000 is set by the Senate, which we can change but only before the first Senate meeting.

Senator Fox: What about the training or study guides that NAU offers, would we reimburse the students for those as well?

Senator Arnold: We decided it would be best to reimburse 100% of the cost for one exam but not any training or study guides.

Vice Chair Carter: We wanted to start with the one exam for 100% of the cost to keep the process simple for now, and test it out. Hopefully in the future we can open it up to more exams. What would be the process for getting the application for this and everything set up?

Senate Chair Bolar: We could probably fast track that process while we fast track the reimbursement process at the same time. Because we are revamping the reimbursement process and probably add that in.

Senator Massey: Is this more of an Appropriations thing because we're in charge of reimbursement?

Senate Chair Bolar: Yes, it will be more of a new process in the reimbursement process itself, however, I believe with talking with Senator Arnold it's the fact that this will be more useful as information to be given out to the students than it would be implemented into the bylaws.

Vice Chair Carter: I was thinking of having an advisory statement saying that we as Legislative Committee want this to be reimbursed for all Senators to vote on in Senate.

Senate Chair Bolar: We wanted to give you all a quick training on the ERF process. Also something important that is changing with timesheets, if you forget to clock in or out and need it changed tell Kim as soon as possible. Do not wait for every other Friday to add in that time.

Chief of Staff Varner: This is an example of an ERF, please don't edit on this template. With a minimum of three weeks before your event please get this done and sent to your execs. Most of the time the answer to "was this approved by a Senate bill" will be no unless your purchase was over \$750. This gets sent to your exec and if you want to table or have a room your exec puts this in True Blue Connects for you. Catering and purchases go to kim and they need to be very specific so everything gets ordered correctly. It's easier to attach screenshots so she knows

exactly what she's purchasing for y'all. Explain what you need and why you need them. Copy and paste the names from the website to be specific, and include links to items to help kim order things. How much is the total amount of the event? Utilize this example and ask questions please.

Senator Fox: A previous Senator asked me to bring up clubs only getting two hours per week. They thought curricular buildings were allowed to have more time to meet up.

Chief of Staff Varner: I know they are trying to extend it to four hours because of room availability. I know some people's faculty are able to get rooms in their own buildings rather than having the Unions teams do it for them.

Fox: They asked specifically about curriculum buildings like SBS though.

Chief of Staff Varner: I know they have been in contact with Megan so hopefully they are getting that solved.

Awareness Coordinator Kathrins: I have been witnessing a lot of traffic with the University buses. I am concerned about all the people who can't make it to classes on time and do not have Professors who are understanding about this sort of thing. Does anyone know how this is happening or what we could do about it?

Chief of Staff Varner: I know this has been an issue for a while and I think it has something to do with scheduling and assigning classes that start and finish at the same time causing that traffic with students. I think this is just something we have to keep bringing up with administrations and scheduling.

Announcements

Senate Chair Bolar: There is a Service Day event happening Saturday, the 11th. There is an IMQ event happening downstairs until 7:00 pm. There is Rush Week this weekend for fraternities.

Spotlight Hour

Senate Chair Bolar: I had three Senators gain an age over a one week period. We'll sing Happy Birthday next week since we'll have more time.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

First: Senator Machelor

Second: Senator Davidson

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm on Thursday, September 9, 2021.