

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE
THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
ZOOM

Date: February 14, 2022

Number on Council: 13

Date of Senate Meeting: February 10, 2022

Number Present: 12

Prepared by: Truong Nguyen

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

Roll Call

Senators:

Senator Arnold
Senator Handlong
Vice Chair Trachsel
Senator Cinader
Senator Soto-Velasquez
Senator Nielson
Senator Kolasinski
Senator Machelor
Senator Muneno
Senator Castro Encinas
Senator Leedy - Absent
Senator Alueta
Senator Fox

Approval of the Minutes

If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved.

Call to the Audience

Unfinished Business

New Business

- a. SB 34-68 UTV Studios

Motion to bring ITEM A to the floor

First: Senator Machelor

Second: Senator Cinader

For: 11

Oppose: 0

Abstention: 1

Senator Fox: UTV is asking for reimbursement for their film project. It will be presented to the student body. They are not asking reimbursement for wages. They are simply asking for supplies and production costs.

Senator Muneno: What is the movie about?

Elijah Stordeur: It is a social horror film. It is about a server who works at a restaurant that has been abused by the industry, by his boss, and customers. One day, he is obliged to stay at the inventory or he risks losing his job. He is then hunted down by a killer. They fought down and eventually found that it was his boss. It is a metaphor for bosses working their employer to death.

Vice Chair Trachsel: What film festival are you going to submit your movie to?

Elijah: We are looking at a couple of film festivals. Rocky Mountain Emmy. Ultimately, we are looking at film festivals from different states and some other international one too if we see positive feedbacks and awards from the local festivals. We are also planning a film festival here at NAU in the Prochnow theater.

For: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion is passed to reimburse \$1,000 to UTV Studios.

Executive Reports

a. President: Maylee Acosta

1) I met with ABOR student regents + Regent DuVal

- Regent DuVal gave a presentation about the Promise Program

- The Promise Program is a new initiative that ABOR approved this year

1) It ensures free/reduced tuition for low-income families

2) Currently, they are asking for \$12.5 million

3) For its longevity, they are asking the state for \$25 million

- To get to that \$25 million, we need 2 things:

1) pass the Nearly Free As Possible tuition Ballot initiative

2) get the gubernatorial candidates to pledge their support

3) governors submit an executive budget with their priorities, we want the

promise program to be on that budget so it has a better chance of being funded

- What the regents are asking:

1) We find a way to support the ballot initiative

- partnership with ASA?

2) We host some sort of event, Town Hall or Debate, at one of the 3 universities to pressure the gubernatorial candidates to support funding for the promise program

- I have talked to a professor in SBS and he said hosting it at ASU would make more candidates inclined to go to our "event"

2) TikTok! Sign up if you'd like to create a video.

3) Inauguration will be Tuesday April 5th from 5pm-8pm at the International Pavillion, please RSVP! I yield my time.

b. Vice President of Student Affairs: Laurel Stempak

Hi everyone, I hope you're having a great week. My main updates this week are regarding the Career Exploration Fair, we are just waiting on some registrations, COS Varner made

a survey to evaluate what support post-grad resources students want to see if ASNAU fits into that, and I am looking for someone to fill a gap. I need someone 02/23 1:00 pm-2:30 pm, and then another gap 2:00 pm-3:30 pm. You can work longer than that, ideally a two-hour section, but that is just the minimum coverage we need. If you are looking for more hours please sign up for that on Teams in the Tabling sign-ups tab. Secondly, the cap and gown rental closet is underway, storage has been ordered and we're really excited to begin collecting donations, we will have the marketing materials out for you to share soon. Also, the Women's Health Committee made good progress on our events but I'll let VPSA Kavanaugh's report discuss that. Thank you and I yield my time.

- c. Vice President of Student Affairs: Kinsey Kavanagh

No report.

- d. Vice President of Government Affairs: Matt Billings

This week I have been working on the Town Hall with SOS Hobbs. Senators, please send out the flyers to your clubs with the URL to register. Also, Senators/Staff please attend this event, it will be a great opportunity to learn more and at the very least it gives you something to do as you get ready for your Valentine's evening. I'm super excited and I hope y'all can attend! I met with Senator Cinader to discuss advocacy work and some resolution ideas/tips. I also met with the Community Engagement Committee this week and they created questions and organized the script for the town hall. We also briefly discussed our plans for a voter registration competition in Greek Life. If you'd like to help out with any of these projects reach out to me or Tyler or join the Community Engagement Committee, we meet Wednesdays from 11:30 to 12:30. I will also have updates from this week's ABOR meeting for next week's Senate meeting.

- e. Chief of Staff: Shelby Varner

Hello! The new reimbursement application is now live on our website, thank you to Sarina for leading this and everyone else's help! Yesterday we announced our next concert for March 25th, which is Surfaces! I'm super excited, make sure to get your ticket when they go live on Monday. Tomorrow we'll be announcing our April concert, which is another huge artist! Those tickets will be available starting next Tuesday. Also, tomorrow is also our country concert at 8:30pm, I'll be passing out stickers and representing ASNAU! Huge shoutout to Bridgette and Wendy for tabling yesterday to promote this! I hope to see you tomorrow tonight, I yield my time.

- f. Senate Chair: Jacob Carter

Last Friday, Kinsey and I talked with the NYT representative. The price tag for yearly access for students is approx. \$12,000 and to include faculty and staff would be approx. \$13,000. Kinsey and I are going to move forward with contacting colleges or departments on campus who may want to help pitch in for this service. If any ASNAU members are interested in helping out with that project, please let me or Kinsey know. Got my first dean event ERF - I am super excited to see some more begin popping up! Scheduled the resolution 101 workshop for next Friday. Attendance is mandatory, but if you cannot attend, please email or text me - I will send you a recording of the training to watch after. Senators, please don't forget to help out with staffing and tabling for events - we make up 1/3 of this organization.

Staff Reports

- a. Executive Assistant: Antonio Gilbert

I'm working on conference information. I hope everyone had a great week. I yield my time.

b. SSA Director: Tyler Best

I am working on a lot of different projects right now, but I only really want to focus on 2 today. First, as Matt mentioned, this Monday is the Town Hall with Katie Hobbs and her team. The community engagement team, myself, and especially Matt have been working tirelessly to plan and promote this event. But we really need all of you to help promote it. So please, please, please, promote this event. We have posters, Instagram posts, everything and it is all posted on teams. This event is only be successful if we have a good turnout. Please do Matt a favor and promote it. And secondly, I have some updates regarding campus dining. On Friday was the first Campus Dining Advisory Committee of the semester. And at this meeting I got some updates and some new developments. First, the current Swipes for Jacks program that grants 6 meal scholarships to students who are facing food insecurity, is going to implement a transfer donation method. This will allow the program to be self-sustaining, and not have to rely on giant donations from Sodexo and private donors for funding. At the end of each week, students will have the ability to donate extra meals that they did not use to the program so that it does not go to waste and is put to good use and helping the NAU community. Second, the proposed solutions of a 7 meal per week option and a program that allows students to use JDE at off campus restaurants are on the table to be voted on next week. I am one of the votes so I will be hard lobbying for these two projects to be implemented. Finally, there is a new update regarding dietary restrictions. At this last meeting I proposed a new idea to provide more food allergy/restriction friendly options on campus. This proposal would create one location in the Union that is completely vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, plant based. No cross-contamination, no lack of options, just a location solely providing options for these people. So the plan is to change Star Ginger's menu completely. Removing all current items without completely removing and replacing a retail location. Its new menu would be inspired by a place like Red Curry downtown. Completely gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, plant based. This way we can take one of the most unpopular current locations and revamp it with more options for the dietary restricted. This change will also be voted on next week. So to recap, you will be able to donate meals to those facing food insecurity and the 7 meal per week option, JDE off campus dining, and the Star Ginger menu revamp will all be voted on next week. That is all I have for now, thank you and I yield my time.

c. Graphic Designer: Sergio DelGrande

This week I started working on the donate your cap and gown flyer and I plant to continue working on it. I also got a request for some media for the 2022 Escape Room. I also had the weekly meeting with the COS staff.

d. Social Media: Kylie Brennan

This week I promoted our concert, elections, and the career exploration fair. On Friday I will be posting about the town hall with the secretary of state and I'll be at the concert taking pictures.

e. Videographer: Rafael Rodriguez.

This week I attended another staff meeting with Shelby and also had a 1v1 with her afterwards! We discussed how I'm handling myself with the new position and how my projects are coming. While I am close to finishing a few of the projects, I have had some

set backs (nothing terrible however)! I am confident I will finish within the next week. With this being said, I respectfully yield my time.

- f. Special Events Coordinator: Bridgette Bowers

No report.

- g. New Student Government: Teddy Woolsey

This week NSG has been planning future meetings and events. We are preparing to go back in person and are planning to have speakers for future meetings. We will also be ordering a new banner stand for future NSG tabling and catering for a future meeting. I yield my time.

- h. Front Desk

- i. Jordan Kittle

- ii. Morgan Bagovich

This week front desk has been passing out shirts, working on the new website, and getting comfortable with the new reimbursement form. We have had hundreds of people come in for shirts this week and are officially out of smalls and mediums! That's about all, I yield my time.

- i. Diversity Coordinator:

- j. Sustainability Coordinator: Ally Parker

Hello, this week I met with a few RAs from the Honors residence hall to plan a clothing exchange with them on March 1st. Thrift Jacks has a meeting tomorrow at 11 am in the sycamore room and on zoom. Also, I had a meeting with Fran the sustainability specialist for Sodexo and Green Fund members to discuss sustainability projects coming up. Thank you I yield my time.

- k. Awareness Coordinator: Jaime Palma

No report.

- l. CHQ Manager: Trevor Burich

Hello everyone! Not much has been happening this week, we have given out all of the small and medium KMA shirts already which is a big difference from last semester. VPSA Kavanagh and I have been organizing the back CHQ rooms. We are getting the last of our decor next week so it will be finished then! I hope you all have a restful weekend and I yield my time.

- m. Senate Clerk: Truong Nguyen

I have no report this week. But I wish everyone a lovely valentine day this Monday. I yield my time.

- n. Senate Parliamentarian:

Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations Committee: Senator Fox, Senator Machelor

Hey all! This week's meeting was fairly quick, we only had one bill on our agenda, SB 34- 68. The reimbursement form has finally been uploaded on the website, where also Senator Fox and others are adding some finishing touches. This upcoming week on Tuesday I will be attending Legislative committee to do a quick bill writing session with Leg senators, a refresher for most. It is nice to have a general consensus about the bill writing process especially if Senator Fox and I have a lot of bills to send out. Have a great weekend. I yield my time.

- b. Legislative Committee: Senator Handlong

Hello everyone! As you know, the Legislative Committee has been working diligently on amending the By-laws according to the new Job Classifications, and the first one that we have is the Duties of the Chief of Staff, Article 6. These changes are being made so that there is a clearer understanding in our By-laws as to what each position is truly responsible for. Senator Muneno met with Chief of Staff Varner to discuss these changes, and as I am aware they had scribed it all together. As you can see, the whole article has been highlighted due to rearrangement, but if you would like to see what has been added that will be in bold. We also discovered that the By-law change that we voted on last week regards the same situation as the Constitutional Repeal that we made. For context, it refers to the way in which the Senate Chair is selected for their position. It was advised that we repeal this change as well since it is essentially proposing the same thing. I would love to open it up for discussion.

President Acosta: I think we should change this to regularly instead of monthly and weekly. (Article 6, section 10).

Senator Handlong: That makes sense to me. Is that something we could amend right now?

Chair Carter: Possibly. I am personally curious about section 2. How can you enforce that? And I am curious what was the reason for the change?

Varner: We do not have to put that in there. We added these just to make sure everything is consistent.

Handlong: I agree on consistency. Putting it in or not, each position would just need the consistent format.

Carter: I have one final comment that is, this should also apply to the Senate Chair. Both Senate Chair and Chief of Staff manage a big team. I yield my time.

Laurel: I would like to point out that there is a lot of value to this phrasing when new member join. This would make it a lot easier for their job. I would just say that may be we should consider this side of career development for them when voting.

VPGA Billings: Do we have the same requirements for the elected executives?

Michelle: Career development does not care if the student is undergraduate or graduate. It inly give them the points for determining the level of pay. This is separate; the elected position are more internal. You had a good point VPGA Billings.

VPGA Billings: we should mirror the language more on experience in semester, rather than years. I think it makes more sense for student workers too.

Shelby Varner: As long as we keep it consistent with the other executives. I do not mind.

Senator Handlong: I do not mind either.

Motion to amend Article 6 section 2 to change the wording to be “must have two (2) to four (4) semesters of ASNAU experience.”

First: Senator Handlong

Second: Senator Muneno

For: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion is passed to amend Article 6 section 2 to change the wording to be “must have two (2) to four (4) semesters of ASNAU experience.”

Senator Handlong: Do we want to change sub-section a of section 1 as well as section 10?

Chief of Staff Varner: I think it is important that we put monthly because regularly is too ambiguous. Also, I personally think that it should be monthly.

President Acosta: If this is important to the role, then we should change it. Otherwise, we should just leave it.

Chair Carter: I want to address that I need to conduct one-on-one meetings but it is not feasible because I am managing 15 people.

Chief of Staff Varner: I think that it is up to the senate to say whether it is necessary to meet once a month or otherwise.

Senator Arnold: I think regular “fits” here because any future Chief of Staffs can decide when to meet.

Motion to amend the amendment Article 6 section 10 to read “leading regular one on ones” from “leading monthly one on ones”

First: Senator Fox

Second: Senator Arnold

For: 12

Oppose: 0

Oppose: 0

Motion is passed to amend the amendment to read “leading regular one on ones.”

Motion to amend Article 6, Duties of the Chief of Staff, to add the following sections and rearrange the article.

First: Senator Handlong

Second: Senator Muneno

For: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion is passed to amend Article 6, Duties of the Chief of Staff, to add the following sections and reaganrage the article.

Senator Handlong: I would like to bring up something regard to the constitutional change from last week. As you know, we voted to repeal that constitutional change. And it was advised that we also repeal this change as well since it is essentially propose the same thing.

Vice Chair Trachsel: I do not think there is much to discuss on this matter. It does make sense.

Motion to repeal section 1 and 2 from Article 7.

First: Senator Handlong

Second: Senator Arnold

For: 12

Oppose: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion is passed to repeal section 1 and 2 from Article 7.

c. Advocacy Committee: Senator Cinader

This week we are focusing on talking about the tabling event that advocacy is planning on having on March 4th on the pedway. We are also talking about when projects begin to reach their wrapping up point as we have had a lot of interactions on the student issues network.

Senator Reports

College of Arts and Letters

I. Senator Arnold

No report.

II. Senator Handlong

Hello again! This week I attended a meeting with VPAA Stempak and John Gartin from the Career Center regarding the upcoming Career Fair that the Professional Development committee has been preparing for. I also attended the Women's Health committee and did a bunch of work pertaining to the Legislative committee.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

I. Vice Chair Trachsel

- Hello everyone! I hope everyone's Thursday is going well.
- This week besides my normal senate duties I:
- Presented to the faculty senate executives who unanimously voted to bring the minimum wage resolution to the full senate for endorsement
- I submitted my food waiver and ERF for my Dean Event in March
- I put up town hall posters for the Town Hall with Katie Hobbs on Monday which you should all go to!
- I helped VPSA Kavanagh create the high pines awards nomination form
- Finally, after weeks without luck, I finally got a response back from the Staff Advisory Council and will be speaking at their meeting next week regarding the minimum wage and climate emergency resolutions. Thank you and I yield my time.

College of Health and Human Services

I. Senator Cinader

No report

II. Senator Soto-Velasquez

Monday: Office hour, got flyers of upcoming events distributed to clubs. Started my job classification homework for Leg. WHC meeting! Went over important event dates for our field day and women's day. Tuesday: Leg Committee!! Covered the repeal we voted on last Senate. Wednesday: Had a 1on1 with SC Carter! Wonderful conversation. Thursday: Office hour went over my leg homework and emailed a senator about a project they have

going on. Will be attending Senate. Friday: Will be helping Kinsey stock up the bathroom menstrual dispensers in the morning. Will be attending Advocacy Committee.

College of Education

- I. Senator Nielson
No report.
- II. Senator Kolasinski

College of Business

- I. Senator Machelor
This week I attended Women's Health, Appropriations, and Community Engagement committees. Last Friday I was able to sit in on a few calls concerning upcoming events through the Community Engagement Committee including the Town Hall with Katie Hobbs this Valentines (which I highly encourage you all to sign up for) and an upcoming partnership with Greek Life and internal voter registration. Tomorrow I have my one on one with the Senate Chair Carter and my office hours. Other than that I will be going to the Concert Series concert tomorrow night, hope to see you there ! I yield my time.

College of Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences

- I. Senator Muneno
No report.
- II. Senator Castro Encinas
No report.

College of Engineering, Informatics, and Applied Sciences

- I. Senator Leedy
No report.
- II. Senator Alueta
It was my first week, which I spent meeting various wonderful new people and learning from them relevant information. I yield my time.

Honor College

- I. Senator Fox
This week I went to the Community Engagement meeting and did some work for the projects going on there. Other than that I am writing some bills for Appropriations and planning my Dead Event soon! Thank you and I yield my time.

Advisor Reports

- I. Michelle Gardner
Hi everyone. Giving Day is a 24 hours campaigning to bring money to NAU. Nearly all this money go back to the students. One of those, I came up with a shark tank idea. Where students present about their student organizations to convince donors to donate to the school. We are looking to come up with 6 groups to come present because we cannot have 200 clubs come in. Please let me know which club the best to come in to pitch their club. High Pines awards is where we will honor hard works of our students. A last reminder, seniors, your Gold X application is due next week. If you are interested in being part of the homecoming dedicatee selecting group, please let me know.
- II. Megan Gavin

I also met with Giving Day folks. I thought they have really great ideas on how to make students engage more. This is not from the stand point of “how deep are you pockets” but what is important to students. I wonder if you all would be interested in having them in Senate meeting one day to connect with them?

Chair Carter: Yes! Just connect them to me.

Gavin: Yes, you will hear from them soon. Maylee and others had been working on the cap and gown donating closet; they some really good ideas on how to make that available. I think if the Giving Day people come over to hear from us about that would be good. Starting on march 23rd, the LEAF fund will begin giving \$500 grants to 21 to 22 students a week through reading week. Lastly, I am very excited for Town Hall. VPGA Billings has been working very hard to have such high profile person to campus to help us learn about some really important initiatives and voting matters.

Open Forum

VPAA Stempak: The NAU Foundations scholarship. You have 5 days. It is super easy and you would have a good chance of getting it.

President Acosta: A candidate had a extenuating circumstance so the executive team voted to suspend for them the signature process. The Supreme Court will get back to us on that.

Announcements

VPGA Billings: Townhall. I will send the flyer in group me and please get the words out.

Vice Chair: Seed bomb making until 7 pm in the Grand Canyon room.

President: I made them before. It is super fun. Don't forget to apply to the Student Leadership Conference. The form is in Teams and it would just give us an idea of who are going.

Michelle: is there a due date?

Maylee: This Monday, February 14th.

Chair Carter: there is also a Student Leadership Conference next week.

Spotlight Hour

Chair Carter: Senator Muneno for writing the bill I requested this morning. I appreciate you so much for your quick respond.

Senator Fox: Senator Machelor for being a wonderful person. I had the best time working with you.

Chief of Staff Varner: Trevor, thanks for helping with the website.

President Acosta: Senator Fox for being so good at advertising ASNAU.

Tyler Best: VPGA Billings for working so hard on organizing Town Hall.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting
First: Senator Handlong
Second: Senator Soto-Velasquez.

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstaining: 1

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm on Thursday, February 10, 2022.