Council Meeting Minutes
March 5th 2019
7:00PM Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union

1. Roll Call: Tamara called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Sourik made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19th 2019 meeting and it was seconded by Elmira. Maria Sandra asked that her name be changed on page 6 from Maria to Maria Sandra the changes were approved and the motion carried with no abstentions.

4. **Open Seat Elections College of Health Sciences:** None

5. **Announcement of Intent to Run for President, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Vice-President of External Affairs for 2019 – 2020:** Demitri Call announced his intent to run for Vice President of Internal affairs. Rob Yturralde announced in intent to run for Vice President of External Affairs. Tamara Guinn announced her intent to run for the position of President.

6. **Presentation of Transportation Survey, GSA President Tamara Guinn:** Tamara announced a revision because the current ASUN President made an arrangement with Pack Transit to go forward with the one loop therefore she eliminated a question about the fee. However she did want to gather information on graduate student use of the pack transit shuttle. The introduction of the survey gives a brief overview of the current transportation issue. Furthermore in this section the survey discusses the goal of collecting information regarding graduate student use of Pack Transit and Reno RTC Commission Busses. Participation in the survey is voluntarily and encourages participation as feedback would be greatly be appreciated. The beginning of the survey specifically ask questions about pack transit. It ask students about how often they use pack

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transit and which shuttle service this use. It also ask students to identify why they do not utilize the pack transit shuttle service. The next set of questions asks students how often they utilize Reno RTC Bus Services, Furthermore the survey asks students elaborate on their experiences on usage of RTC buses. The survey also introduces the currently proposed UPASS program to UNR Graduate Students and lists the costs of the fee to have the program on campus. Finally, the survey ask students if they support the additional semester fee to implement the UPASS program on the campus of UNR. Maria Sandra asked Tamara when the survey would go out to which she replied as soon as possible. Tamara announced she would a send a copy of the survey out to all council members on Wednesday.

7. **Committee Reports:** The Judicial Budget and Finance Committee announced they did cancel their last meeting and their next meeting is on March 11, 2019. They should be having the review of the bylaws in their upcoming meeting. The Service Committee conducted the Winter Drive and it was a huge success. Essentially they had quite a few donations and many graduate students turned out for the event. He thanked the committee for their hard work and fellow council members for volunteering their time. The Events Committee announced that on Friday Pizza will the Dean will be occurring in the Graduate Student Lounge at Noon in the JCSU. This year they are hoping to triple their numbers and is asking council members to bring at least one constituent with a concern or question. Unity in Diversity will be coming up in a few months and it will be a very fun and interactive event. There will be performances at the event and food from various international and cultures to sample. The Award Committee announced that for Spring Awards they have met their targeted amount of judges and the food will be provided by Olive Garden. Spring Awards will take place April 29th 2019 in the ballrooms of the JCSU. The Research Grants Committee had no new updates and will be meeting after the council meeting. Clubs and Organizations committee met in the afternoon and approved one new club for recognition and approved $550.0 in club funding. Student
Advocacy Committee said the snow gave them an opportunity to look at the foot traffic around Ponderosa Village and have determined that it is unsafe. Jay clarified that there are hills with no sidewalks and most of the access is by way of Evans Avenue. The Communications Committee announced they are working on the email to send out for elections. They also showed council the video of the email.

8. University Committees: UNR Committee on the Status of Women had nothing new to report. The UNR Technology Fee Committee had nothing new to report. The Student Fee Review Committee had nothing new to report. The Cultural Diversity Committee had nothing new to report except to plan to attend the Diversity Summit on April 11th 2019. Library Publishing Committee hasn’t met recently but they are trying to wrap it up with a meeting during March. UNR Advocates and Allies of LBT are in the process of making several list serves for graduate students, as this will help facilitate communication between graduate students with similar connections. The UNR Title 9 Coalition met on February 28th 2019 and there was a proposal on the Title 9. From now on there will be Brown Bag Training on the first Wednesday of every month. Their next meeting will occur on March 20th 2019. The UNR Student Services Food committee will meet on Wednesday at Noon. The JCSU Advisory Board met on February 27th 2019 and discussed how services can be approved. They will attend a feedback survey to about 3,000 students. There will be prizes for completing the survey and will be meeting on March 27th 2019. The UNR Faculty Diversity Committee discussed getting administration to support social events for faculty. They also discussed several things with the new website so faculty can get access to implicit bias. He did get to meet with one of the candidates for the Diversity Inclusion Officer Dwight Hamilton and he seems like a good candidate. The UNR Performing Art Series had their event on Monday at the Washoe County Library and the event went very well. A suggestion from the Washoe County Library would be to
come to a GSA Council Meeting to present on the services they can provide for graduate students.

9. **Administrative Reports:** Allison announced a Cyber Security Conference will be happening on the campus of UNR and the deadline for submissions is March 15th 2019. The event will be held in the JCSU on April 2nd 2019. Tamara reminded everyone about 3MT and the deadline is March 15th. She encouraged council members to enter the competition as it is a fun event and requested that council members share it with their constituents.

10. **Executive Reports:** Tamara announced that she attended the Board of Regents meeting in Las Vegas there is not much NSHE related movement to report on. The tuition plan that they discussed Option B was approved, and it was definitely a fight with a few of the regents but between the Nevada Student Alliance and the College Presidents Option B was a win. UNR did get two new Master’s Programs and a few new tenured faculty. She is going to draft a key note summary and send it out to all council members. The next Board of Regents meeting will be in June at UNR. The Summer Tuition Award Program Announcement mail went out and is encouraging students to apply if they are taking classes over the summer. The next council meeting will be in April and Eric James from UNRPD will come to give information regarding reporting crimes on campus. He will also take questions from the council. Next week Tamara will attend a meeting about Childcare concerns on campus in regards to the new core structure. She is working to put together a health and wellness event and her goal will be a drop in event located in the Graduate Student Lounge. This event will cover services on campus and mental health issues as well as stress free exercises. For the IVP Report Tara didn’t have anything to report but will send out the goals from the executive team. For the EVP Report Rob announced that Unity in Diversity is a huge event and will be on April 10th. The current menu for Unity in Diversity is Indian, Thai, Salvadorian, Hawaiian, Greek and Basque. Furthermore they already have tables reserved in the Knowledge
Center for the event. They are also coordinating a spring social which will give an opportunity for graduate students to get together on May 5th 2019 at San Rancho Rafael Park. He mentioned one of his main duties is to work with the JBF committee and he has met with Bobby. One of his other duties is to find out what the current GSA relationship is with NAGPS therefore he has contacted a representative. Memberships start from September 1st and go through August 31st. There is an addendum since we are in the middle of the year if we decide to join after May we will get 50% off but it will only last until August 31st of 2019. The representative for UNR would like to do a presentation to council to see if we can vote on it for next year. Demitri mentioned that there is a conference in Portland and the point of contact does have free passes to attend if anyone is interested.

11. Council Comments: Raj announced that the College of Engineering will be hosting an outreach event on Friday at 8:30am. Maria Sandra mentioned that upward bound is looking for part time teaching instructors for the summer. Taissa mentioned that an email went out regarding Pizza with the Dean and the subject line announces the wrong date. Jay announced that he has decided not to run for the executive position so he could focus his time on other things but would be glad to lend a hand to the legislative affairs. There was a recruiting a diverse voices event at the city of Reno and there is another membership commitment he is going to launch in regards to getting more diversity on city and county boards.

12. Public Comment: None. Reeham announced her intent to run for the IVP position for the 2019-2020 academic year. Michael Abdelmalak announced his intent to run for the IVP position for the 2019-2020 academic year.
13. **Adjournment:** Tamara adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.