



Associated Students of the University of Utah  
2024-2025 ASUU Senate, Cycle Summer  
General Senate Meeting Agenda  
5.29.2024 6PM

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**Call to Order**

*Senate Chair will call the meeting to order to convene the General Senate session.*

**Roll Call**

*The Parliamentarian will take and document roll call.*

**Land Acknowledgement**

“We acknowledge that this land, which is named for the Ute Tribe, is the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes. The University of Utah recognizes and respects the enduring relationship that exists between many Indigenous peoples and their traditional homelands. We respect the sovereign relationship between tribes, states, and the federal government, and we affirm the University of Utah’s commitment to a partnership with Native Nations and Urban Indian communities through research, education, and community outreach activities.”

**Public Forum**

*Opportunity for members of the public (i.e. any non-Senate community members) to spend time talking with and/or presenting to the Senate.*

*-no public forum today*

**General Announcements**

*Time for any ASUU Senator to share out any important announcements with the group.*

*-no general announcements*

**Executive Committee Reports**

*Members of the Senate xcom will have time to share out updates from their areas*

Chair Johnson

- a. Parliamentarian Kearse

- b. Treasurer VanDerHeyden
  - c. Vice Chair Steele
  - d. Secretary Nielsen
- No report for today

### **Old Business**

*Time updates on any legislation that was introduced during previous sessions.*

*No old business presented.*

*All senators went around and introduced themselves, name, what college/school they represent, and their favorite color.*

*-sworn in SEN Elvis Valenzuela*

### **New Business**

*Time to present new legislation to the senate floor.*

*Kaylin Clark, Concerts Chair CEB – was on a flight. Main goal as chair for CEB: wants to focus on helping with community care and belonging on campus. Getting more in involved.*

*Vote Y -10 N - 0 A - 2*

*Jack Israelsen, Academic Affairs Board Director – returning to ASUU this year. Wants to serve because often decisions on the academic affairs are made without student input and Jack wants to change that. Wants to make the ASUU general convention where everyone gets together for a day: get everyone in the same room for a day and make decisions. Most rewarding experience in ASUU RSE charter for a skatepark.*

*Vote Y – 10 N - 0 A – 2*

*Was sworn in post vote*

*Zoha Riaz, Associate Director CEB – in Europe and cannot speak because its 2am and the roommate is asleep. Abram read off the letter of intent. No questions, no debate.*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A – 0*

*Mariam Safeudien, Marketing board Director – was on zoom – applying because there is a gap between ASUU and the general student body. Wants to bridge the gap. Jack asked what the plans are to use the marketing board to help with this problem: very bad connection issues – connecting with other student orgs. Mercedes: how do you time manage – everything is through my calendar- SEN – Kearsse – how do you plan to bridge the gap between other schools like the pharm school that is not just an email. no debate.*

*Vote Y – 12 N - 0 A – 0*

*Was sworn in*

*Alex Dolce, Associate Director marketing (photography) – wants to help market and get more current graphic design major – bring videography too No questions, no debate.*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A - 0*

Ryan Trevino -associate director of academic affairs – *working with Jack to help get the public forums up and running. Helping students bring about change and increase student outreach. Major in English and film – question from jack – how do you plan on getting those ‘unheard’ voices? We should set up an online suggestion box. No debate*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A - 0*

*Was sworn in*

Sofia Staley, Student Resources Board associate director – *loves student resources – loves being involved and helping students get resources. Wants this position to work as a team to see student wellness chairs and counseling centers and further mental health awareness. – no debate*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A - 0*

*Sworn in*

1. Ashton Kent, Vice Chair CEB – *lives off campus so the events are very important way to meet people. make events fun and make students want to come in. ‘how do you plan on getting students to want to come’ – make events things people really want to go to. Market what an event is and what it is not. Do what students are interested in. use movie/film more and getting clubs involved. no debate*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A - 0*

*Sworn in over zoom via chat*

2. Jack Nemelka, Student Resources Board service chair – *double major – triple minor, being involved in ASUU since first year. Very invested in mental health. No debate*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A - 0*

*Sworn in*

*~Motion to reduce questions to only 2~ passed*

3. Eve Boyden, Vice Chair student services– *passionate about mental and physical health of the students and just make life better for students in general. Question from jack- we did a survey from mental health and most had no idea we had mental health resources – install in a hotline for mental health and getting the word out from social media, graphics, fliers etc*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A - 0*

*Sworn in*

Lillian Ault, Government Relations Board Director – *double major was a part of campus events board and was also senate parliamentarian last year. Is very experienced in ASUU. No debate*

*Vote Y -11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

Arden Cook, Associate Director of Government Relations Board – *poly sci major, very involved in government, wants to get more students registered for vote- no debate.*

*Vote Y -11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

Milan Subotic, Chief of Staff – *studying econ and CS, been in ASUU 4 years. support the directors and give them everything they need when they need it. Wants to be a lawyer. -jack question – chief of staff is manager of the senate. Has already been working in this job for the past couple weeks. No debate*

*Vote Y -12 N - 0 A – 0*

*Sworn in*

*~ 10 minute break -*

Gavin Reynolds, Deputy Chief of Staff – *double major in urban ecology and poly sci. supporting Milan. Help all the directors do their job. Is the current director of a Jewish org on campus – kate menlove asks ‘what has prepared you for this role’ – no debate.*

*Vote Y -11 N - 0 A – 1*

*Sworn in*

Dalen Jepson – *assistant director for first year council associate director – give incoming freshman confidence and make them feel at home and want them to get involved. Kate asks your goal – my goal is to help carol. Emma parkin - why ASUU? – was very involved in high school. – no debate*

*Vote Y -11 N - 0 A – 1*

*Sworn in*

Abram Wilcox, Campus Events Board Director - *on zoom, is a senior is a psychology major, has been involved in CEB every year and was the associate director for last 3 years. wants to restructure CEB drop the random chairs, limit the leadership so it opens up way more creativity and collaboration. – no debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A – 1*

*Sworn in*

Kailah Figuerora, First Year Council Director – *double major in eco justice and business. Wants to keep involvement in spring semester since last year it fell off during the spring semester, just help in general with planning for majors etc.- how would you handle conflict resolution Mercedes – try to get them away from high school cliché mentality.*

*Vote Y -11 N - 0 A – 1*

*Sworn in*

4. Carol Hand, First Year Council Associate Director – *on zoom, part of FYC last year, loves freshman and thinks they are the backbone of the school and add so much value. Is in new York. Jack – what changes are you planning on making? Make it more accessible to commuters students and adding calendars etc. be able to plan ahead for the entire year. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A – 1*

*Sworn in*

5. Haley Messick, CEB – *on zoom -Finance student, is excited to attend all the events and meet new people through CEB and ASUU in general. Has never been in ASUU before but*

*was apart of different scholar meetings and clubs etc. wants to be more involved on campus. No debate*

*Vote Y 11 - N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

6. Benton Hatch, Associate Director marketing – *on zoom – first year, is interested in this position because he wants to be more involved on campus, have more reach and big problem of ASUU is connecting with your average student which is an issue of marketing. Emma – what graphic designs are you wanting to bring to the table? Less corporate and bland but more by students, for students. Chris – what skills do you have that fit this role? I am very experienced in marketing; I know all the design software. No debate.*

*Vote Y 11 - N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

7. Jaden Achen, Associate Director CEB. - *was on CEB last year as chair of special events. Took over the film's role. Had a movie event at the megaplex theater and every seat was filled is also very involved in Greek life and involved in RSOs. Use the connections gained over the past year. Wants to increase outreach- boots on the ground talking to random people. Wants to focus on grad students. Jack – debate – she has great people skills*

*Vote Y 11 - N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

8. Savannah Jordaan, Sustainability Director – *environment suitability, finance, loves the environment wants to increase awareness. Wants to make change and get students involved, food waste, water management, biodiversity on campus. More native plants on campus, more flowers, better water management. Pollinator garden.*

*Vote Y 11 - N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

9. Kiyana Porter, Traditions Vice Chair CEB – *zoom - math major, wants to use this position to connect to more minority communities on campus. Mercedes – biggest goal on CEB – part of the Navajo nation, pacific islanders, wants to raise awareness for Ute tribe. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

10. Kaylee Hodges, Student immersion and outreach Director – *in person, nontraditional student and has feelings of not being involved. Jack – you were director last year, what has changed? Started late last year but now we have the entire summer we can schedule far more and get more attendance and funding. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

11. Walter Plumb, Student immersion and outreach Associate Director – is a nontraditional student, hard to find resources, support Kaylee, help more people learn about the board and the program.

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

12. Celine Cardeña, Student Resources Board Director – 3<sup>rd</sup> sociology, gender studies, co found nonprofit, gets lots of help of federal services, and expand those. Wants to expand on counseling center to more than once a month. Bennion center

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

Kayden Rich – AD of Student immersion and outreach board – *serve with water and Kaylee. As a transfer student it was a lack of awareness. Often you want to be involved but do not know how to get involved and raise awareness. I asked what he plans on improving and prior sentence is the summary*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

13. Brendan Mercado, Marketing Associate Director CEB – *zoom upcoming junior, double major criminology and political science, was in ASUU last year and played sports and is very involved so the work load of a double major is normal. no debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

14. Brooklyn Brown, Elections Board Director – *zoom double major in history and poly sci, environmental policy, wants to go to law school, AD of elections last year, wants to bring some things and change others from last year, jack – how do you plan on improving upon the election from last year? It was inefficient just because it was new, so try to tighten up and streamline everything including new ideas and getting more people to vote etc. no debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

15. Brandon Saavedra, Student Resources Board Wellness Chair – *architecture – work a lot with connecting students with resources and it surprised many of them how much we have available to us. During welcome week get that out there so people know more. Kate menlove- What is your plan to build up your team? Work to find people as passionate as you are. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

i. *Sworn in*

16. Emma Lamb, Student Resources Board Services Vice Chair. – *wants to be more involved, both mental and physical wellness. Wants to make it more accessible and make incoming students know what resources we have at our disposal. Work alongside student wellness doing events and reach out to clubs. First time in ASUU. No debate.*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

17. Abigail Ibarra, Sustainability Associate Director – ‘abby’ never been in ASUU, but has been in leadership in sustainability and environmental efforts via construction companies and non-profits. Work at a law firm with lawyers fighting for water rights and environmental rights.

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

i. *Sworn in*

18. Nathan Murphy, Sustainability Associate Director – *held the position last year and really enjoyed the experience. Wrote up legislation, held events and has multiple projects he wants to accomplish. Wants to raise awareness and knows where he wants to take this org over the coming year.*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

19. Erica Stringham, Speakers Chair CEB – *zoom - major in psychology, 5<sup>th</sup> year, wants to help commuters get involved as if you are not involved in Greek or sports it’s easy to not be ‘part’ of the U. Wants to get more people excited and involved and that starts with the freshman. Do everything we can to change freshman attitudes, crimson night is the big event keep the momentum.*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

20. Owen Slye, Speakers Vice Chair CEB – *zoom – incoming sophomore via first year counsel so has been part of ASUU since freshman year – has been volunteering with CEB and wants to be a full member. Attended all the board meetings last year. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

21. Neveah Jean, Equity Diversity and Inclusion Board Associate Director – *zoom, is an orientation leader currently, poly sci major, 2<sup>nd</sup> year here. Jack – why is the equity diversity board important to you? Advocacy is a big part of my life. I have a deep passion for public speaking and service. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

22. Conner Nichol, Chief Officer of Outreach – *try to take your vision and the student body vision and so they all translate together. I love marketing and getting being a project and making designs and then seeing the program or advertising come alive and the event becoming popular is the most satisfying thing. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

Torlif Wegner, finance AD- *wants to be a positive, thinking about all the unforeseen expenses, always rounding up not down to make the most of the budget. No debate*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

John Wray vice chair for CEB, *zoom - is very involved in organization and bringing students together that anyone to join in and have fun and feel a part of the U.*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

23. Rahul Dave, Associate Director marketing - *zoom – loves making movies and videos like for music and real estate. Video marketing is what he loves to do and working with cameras with a vision to get the word out better.*

*Vote Y - 11 N - 0 A - 1*

*Sworn in*

*Meeting adjourned at 9pm*

Special meeting (ex-com committee) 5/5 present

Elvis proxy for Vice President Talia

Re opening Zoom for senators and Anika

Sunny Singh is reading/summarizing the JB01 and JB02

JB1- Legislation to Amend General Reserve Guidelines: Chair Johnson

- Senate approval, assembly approval, presidential signature, COSA, board of trustees
- \$200,000 to \$50,000 because all ASUU could better use the money by bypassing the above process and making the money far more fluid. Senate and assembly will gain more money through this bill.
- o *Vote Y - 5 N - 0 A - 0*
  - Passed and sent to assembly

JB2- Legislation to Amend Redbook Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, Clause 1.4: Chair Johnson

- Why is ASUU funding research travel funding? Reducing the load of research travel cost through the ASUU and lessen the use of student funds for research travel.



- Change the travel fund from a regular ASUU expense to more of a scholarship. This is not a vacation stipend or easy avenue of funding this should not be on ASUU to fund.
- No less than 4% of student fees to be used for travel
- Article IV, Section 2, Clause 1.4 to read:
  - 1.4. No less than 4% and no greater than 8% of the student fees should be allocated to the ASUU Travel account, to be used in accordance with Article IV Section 7;
  - *Vote Y - 4 N - 1 A - 0*
    - *Proxy Elvis -no*
      - Passed and sent to assembly

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm