

ASUN Agenda

January 21st 2026

Platte River Room

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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ADJOURNMENT

1 **Bylaw Amendment #4**
2 **2025 - 2026**
3 **GSC Bylaw Changes Proposal**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) has a
6 duty to support all Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) on our campus; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN)
9 undergoes bylaw updates with Senate approval; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the ASUN Grant Selections Committee (GSC) currently has two grants,
12 which are Equity Grant and Green Fund; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, increasing the number of GSC grants from two to three will provide more
15 opportunities for RSOs on campus to engage with ASUN; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, this third grant will allocate \$10,000 toward a new funding opportunity
18 that will be available for all RSOs,
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20 **WHEREAS**, reallocating \$5,000 from both the Green Fund and Equity Grant
21 preserves each grant's operational capacity while creating a new funding avenue aligned
22 with current student needs; and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, both Green Fund and Equity Grant have been underutilized in the past;
25 and,
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27 **WHEREAS**, redistributing unused funds will maximize student fee impact and
28 ensure more RSOs benefit from ASUN resources; and,
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30 **WHEREAS**, this new grant shall be known as the Wellness Grant; and,
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32 **WHEREAS**, this funding source is intended to support projects that promote
33 emotional, physical, and social well-being for UNL students; and,
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35 **WHEREAS**, such projects may include but not limited to mental-health initiatives,
36 fitness or nutrition events, community-building events; and,
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38 **WHEREAS**, the Wellness Grant will have an asking limit of \$2,000 per RSO; and,
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40 **WHEREAS**, the Wellness Grant will have a subcommittee that consists of three (3)
41 members that will ensure adequate review for the applications submitted; and,
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43 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, ASUN will establish the Wellness Grant as a
44 subcommittee consisting of three (3) members of the Grant Selections Committee, who
45 will be responsible for ensuring adequate and thorough review of all submitted application
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47 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, ASUN will amend the Grant Selection bylaws to
48 reflect that the committee will provide three grants to RSOs on campus; and,
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50 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, ASUN will pass the rest of the small edits to the
51 bylaws, including grammar adjustments; and,
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53 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY ENACTED**, this new grant will start being in effect after
54 the 2026 spring ASUN election.
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56 *Section 11. ASUN Grants Selections Committee*

57 A. The ASUN Grants Selections Committee (GSC) provides overall direction for grants
58 offered by ASUN and shall have sole authority to receive and approve or reject grant
59 requests for funds from ASUN grants with advice and consent from the ASUN
60 Student Senate in some cases.

61 B. The GSC has ~~two~~ **three** primary functions:

62 i. Green Fund Selections

63 ii. Equity Grant Selections

64 **iii. Wellness Grant Selections**

65 C. The GSC shall consist of ~~seven~~ **ten** members elected by the student body in the spring
66 election.

67 i. One elected member will be appointed by the President to serve as the Chair.

68 ii. The remaining ~~six (6)~~ **nine (9)** members will serve on one (1) selection subcommittee
69 (Equity Grant, ~~or~~ Green Fund, ~~or~~ **Wellness Grant**).

70 iii. Duties of the Chair:

71 1. Serve as a non-voting member on **both all of the** subcommittees.

72 2. Assign three (3) members to each subcommittee to meet and vote
73 on fund requests.

74 3. Organize regular meetings with the subcommittees.

75 4. Maintain communication with applicants and act as the
76 spokesperson for the committee.

77 D. The GSC chair shall submit rules for each grant subcommittee outlining the
78 application procedures, objectives, requirements, and due process for selecting
79 funded projects to the ASUN Senate by September 1 of each academic year. The
80 Senate must adopt these rules with a 2/3 vote.

81 E. The following guidelines apply to all grant selections decisions:

82 i. State Law and Regent Policy supersede these rules.
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85 1. In accordance with NU Board of Regents Policy 5.9.1, grants may

- 86 only be made on a one fiscal year basis and may not be granted to a
87 single organization more than once in a two-year period. All
88 projects must be completed by the end of the fiscal year in which
89 the grant was approved.
- 90 ii. The primary purpose of proposed projects should fall under the scope of the
91 subcommittee in which they are applying. For a project to receive funding it
92 must also meet the following requirements:
- 93 1. Have a clearly defined, measurable outcome.
 - 94 2. Incorporate publicity, education, or outreach.
 - 95 3. Have a staff/faculty sponsor.
 - 96 4. Willing to display the ASUN logo on all marketing materials if the project is awarded
97 funding.
 - 98 5. Neither Green, ~~nor~~ Equity, or Wellness funds may be used for any purposes that violate
99 University of Nebraska-Lincoln policies and procedures.
 - 100 6. Completion by June 1st of the academic year in which they are proposed.
- 101 F. Projects exceeding a total allocation request of \$1,250 must be approved by the Senate.
- 102 i. **Both All of the** subcommittees of the GSC shall have the authority to approve projects
103 without Senate consent that request \$1,250 or less.
 - 104 ii. The GSC Chair shall inform the Senate of the approval of projects that request \$1,250 or
105 less.
 - 106 **iii. The Wellness Grant will have an asking limit of \$2000 per RSO.**
- 107 G. Each subcommittee shall maintain an objective rubric based upon the rules approved
108 by the Senate. The rubric shall be made available to each applicant after a determination of
109 funding.
- 110 H. In the case an applicant is denied funding, the applicant has a right to appeal the
111 decision of the GSC to the Executive Committee within 10 academic days. Appeals must
112 be made in writing to the chair of the GSC. The Executive Committee shall then conduct an
113 appeal hearing in closed session but will vote on the appeal in open session. A two-thirds
114 (2/3) vote is necessary to grant an appeal.
- 115 I. If an applicant does not receive notification of funding status from the GSC within
116 15 academic days of initial submission, the application and request for approval
117 will be added to the subsequent Senate agenda for consideration by the full Senate.
- 118 J. Allocation of Funds:
- 119 i. The President will include in their annual budget proposal to CFA, the Senate, and the
120 Chancellor, an allocation of part of the ASUN UPFF proposal to be set as a line item serving
121 as the total budgeted allocation to the GSC for the following year.
 - 122 1. The GSC will operate as long as there is money in the Green Fund, ~~or~~ Equity Grant, and
123 **Wellness Grant** line items.
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- 127 2. Money will only be removed from the Green Fund, ~~or~~ Equity Grant, and **Wellness Grant**
128 line items to fund projects that were approved for grant money awards by the GSC.
 - 129 ii. Funds may be accessed in the following ways:

- 130 1. Reimbursement of expenses (check) through the SOFS office from the Green Fund, ~~or~~
131 Equity Grant, ~~and Wellness Grant~~ account in the ASUN budget.
132 2. Direct purchase through the ASUN office (i.e. purchase order).
133 3. All reimbursements and purchases made are subject to the review and approval of the
134 ASUN Treasurer.
- 135 iii. Accurate financial records must be kept:
- 136 1. The GSC must keep an accurate account of currently approved projects for funding and
137 accuratelistings of how much has been disbursed to those projects. Staff in the ASUN
138 office must have access to this account so that they can appropriately reimburse and issue
139 purchase orders.
- 140 2. Receipts for reimbursements and purchase orders must be kept for all existing and
141 completed projects.
- 142 K. This Bylaw takes effect during the ~~spring 2025 general election cycle~~. **Spring 2026**
143 **general election cycle**. The Green Fund, ~~or~~ Equity Grant, ~~and Wellness Grant~~ will continue
144 operations until this Bylaw goes into effect

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148 SUBMITTED BY : Student Services Committee DATE: 1/13/2026

149 AUTHORED BY: Armando Monarrez DATE: 1/13/2026

150 FLOOR ACTION _____ DATE _____

151 PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

1 **Bylaw Amendment #5**
2 **2025 - 2026**
3 **DEI Committee Student Rights Renewal & Outreach**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (ASUN)
6 is dedicated to advocating for the needs, rights, and interests of all students, fostering an
7 inclusive and equitable campus environment in which every member of the student body feels
8 supported and empowered;

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10 **WHEREAS**, the **Student Bill of Rights**, authored during the 2024–2025 academic year
11 under the leadership of **Marlana Saalfeld**, was created to inform students of their fundamental
12 rights, promote awareness of university policies, and encourage accountability and transparency
13 within the campus community;

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15 **WHEREAS**, this document represents a critical step in advancing student advocacy and
16 ensuring that students are aware of their rights and available resources throughout their
17 university experience;

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19 **WHEREAS**, as the campus climate and student experiences continually evolve, it is
20 essential that the **Student Bill of Rights** be reviewed and updated regularly to reflect current
21 student concerns, changing policies, and emerging issues affecting the student body;

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23 **WHEREAS**, the **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee** of ASUN plays a central
24 role in advocating for underrepresented and marginalized students, ensuring equitable treatment,
25 and promoting an inclusive campus environment that upholds the principles expressed in the
26 Student Bill of Rights;

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28 **WHEREAS**, it is vital that all new students are introduced to the Student Bill of Rights
29 early in their Husker experience, particularly during **New Student Enrollment (NSE)** and **first-**
30 **year move-in**, to ensure they are aware of the protections, resources, and values that ASUN
31 upholds on their behalf;

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33 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that ASUN will amend the **Standing**
34 **Committees** section of the Bylaws to add language designating the **Diversity, Equity, and**
35 **Inclusion (DEI) Committee** as responsible for the upkeep and distribution of the *ASUN Student*
36 *Bill of Rights*; and,

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38 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY ENACTED**, that ASUN will incorporate this addition
39 along with any minor formatting or grammatical edits necessary to ensure consistency within the
40 Bylaws.

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42 Article IV – Committees

43 Section 1. Standing Committees

44 The Senate shall have the following Standing Committees:

45 C. Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

46 i. The Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall be responsible for
47 representing the diverse populations of the University.

48 ii. The Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall consist of no more
49 than two (2) chairing Senate members, up to six (6) general Senate members
50 appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, and up to ten (10) at-large members
51 nominated by the Appointments Board and confirmed by the Senate.

52 iii. The Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be responsible for
53 working with RSOs, university administrators, faculty and/or staff working
54 with demographics typically underrepresented at the University.
55 Responsibilities of the Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion include, but
56 are not limited to:

- 57 1. Advocating for a diverse, respectful, and inclusive university
58 community.
59 2. Researching relevant issues to promote a diverse, respectful, and
60 inclusive university community and recommending appropriate actions to
61 the Senate.
62 3. Seeking Senate approval for external liaison actions including, but not
63 limited to, taking a public stance; advocating a position to the University
64 or any other organization, political or otherwise; or actively presenting or
65 programming events on behalf of ASUN.

66 iii. **The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee** shall be responsible for
67 the upkeep and distribution of the *ASUN Student Bill of Rights* by:

- 68 1. **Reviewing** the document annually to ensure it reflects current student
69 needs, campus climate, and relevant events affecting student rights and
70 well-being;
71 2. **Presenting** any proposed revisions to the ASUN Senate for approval by
72 the final meeting of the spring semester;
73 3. **Coordinating** with the Office of New Student Enrollment, the ASUN
74 Executive Team, and UNL Housing to distribute the *Student Bill of*

1 **Bylaw Amendment #6**
2 **2025 - 2026**
3 **RHA Liaison**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (ASUN)
6 exists to represented advocate for all students at UNL, ensuring their concerns, needs, and
7 experiences are reflected in campus decision-making;

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9 **WHEREAS**, resident students make up a substantial portion of the UNL student body,
10 yet ASUN currently lacks a formal, consistent mechanism dedicated specifically to elevating
11 residence hall perspectives within student government processes;

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13 **WHEREAS**, ASUN has previously passed legislation and initiatives affecting students
14 living in residence halls, but without structured collaboration with the Residence Hall
15 Association (RHA), such efforts have not always reached the appropriate UNL Housing and
16 Dining departments or achieved their intended impact;

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18 **WHEREAS**, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) functions as a student governing
19 body representing the interests of students living in on-campus housing and is uniquely
20 positioned to provide timely updates, concerns, and feedback regarding residence life;

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22 **WHEREAS**, establishing a formal RHA Liaison strengthens communication between
23 ASUN and RHA, ensuring resident voices are effectively represented and that initiatives
24 impacting residence life are reviewed, supported, and elevated by both student governments;

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26 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED** by the ASUN Senate that the ASUN Bylaws be
27 amended to include the following section regarding the **RHA Liaison**, to be placed under the
28 appropriate article detailing non-voting members or executive committee roles:

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30 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that this amendment shall take effect immediately
31 upon passage and be integrated into the ASUN Bylaws

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33 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY ENACTED**, ASUN will pass the rest of the small
34 edits to the bylaws, including grammar adjustments.

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36 Article IV – Executive Committee

37 Section 1. Composition

38 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following voting members:

- 39 A. President as Chair
- 40 B. Internal Vice President
- 41 C. External Vice President
- 42 D. Speaker of the Senate
- 43 E. Appointments Board Chair
- 44 F. Standing committee chairs
- 45 G. Government Liaison Committee Chair
- 46 H. Freshmen Campus Leadership Associates Co-Directors
- 47 I. ASUN Grants Selections Committee Chair
- 48 J. Environmental Leadership Program Chair
- 49 K. Graduate Student Assembly President

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51 The Executive Committee shall also include the Director of Administration, ~~and~~ the Chief of
52 Staff, **and an RHA (Residence Hall Association) Liaison appointed by the RHA President** as
53 non-voting members. In the event that multiple chairs are appointed to one
54 committee, each chair shall receive an equal fraction of one vote such that each
55 committee's vote totals one.

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57 Section 2. Chief of Staff

58 The Chief of Staff shall be an hourly-paid student staff member of ASUN Student
59 Government. Their primary roles shall include:

- 60 A. Organizing and overseeing projects;
- 61 B. Coordinating information and attending meetings as assigned by the President;
- 62 C. Serving as the Association of Big Ten Students Liaison;
- 63 D. Serving as a non-voting member of the executive committee;
- 64 E. Other duties as assigned by the President, Director of Administration, or their
65 designee.

66 The Chief of Staff does not serve in a representative role but can serve on behalf of the
67 President. The Chief of Staff shall serve at the discretion of the President and will be
68 appointed by the President at the beginning of the new term or in case of vacancy.

69 **Section 3. RHA Liaison**

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71 **The RHA Liaison shall serve as the primary point of communication between ASUN Student**
72 **Government and the Residence Hall Association (RHA). Their primary roles shall include:**

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74 **A. Giving a weekly report to the ASUN Senate updating them on resident concerns**
75 **and RHA projects;**
- 76 **B. Collaborating with ASUN senators, committee members, and executive members**

- 77 on joint projects between RHA and ASUN;
78 C. Communicating ASUN-related concerns to UNL Housing and Dining and
79 reporting back relevant updates;
80 D. Elevating any ASUN legislation or initiatives related to residence life to RHA for
81 input or review;
82 E. Other duties as assigned by the RHA President or the ASUN President.

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84 The RHA Liaison shall be appointed annually by the RHA President and shall serve as a
85 non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The RHA Liaison does not serve in a
86 representative ASUN role but serves on behalf of RHA. The RHA Liaison shall serve at the
87 discretion of the RHA President and may be replaced in the event of vacancy or failure to
88 fulfil responsibilities.

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90 Section 43. Meetings

91 A. The Executive Committee will meet at the call of the President with no less than
92 twenty-four (24) hours' notice.

93 B. The quorum for the Executive Committee will be a majority of the voting members,
94 unless other stated in the Constitution or these Bylaws.

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96 Section 54. Duties and Powers

97 The Executive Committee shall:

98 A. Distribute general information to committee chairs.

99 B. Refer all legislation to a standing committee.

100 C. Approve signs for senators to post in their respective buildings.

101 D. Attend all Senate meetings, unless otherwise excused by the Speaker of the
102 Senate,

103 and give executive reports.

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105 Section 65. Disciplinary Procedures

106 A. The Internal Vice President may dismiss a standing committee member or chair, if
107 said individual has committed any of the following infractions:

108 i. Accumulating two (2) absences from committee meetings, during a single
109 term, without reasonable excuse as determined by the committee chair.

110 ii. Manifesting negligence generally in assigned duties.

111 iii. Committing any action unbecoming of an ASUN member.

112 B. The individual may appeal the dismissal within 10 academic days to the Executive
113 Committee.

114 C. In the case of an appeal, the Executive Committee will conduct the hearing in closed
115 session but will vote on the appeal in open session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is
116 necessary to grant an appeal.

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120 SUBMITTED BY : Student Services Committee

DATE: 1/13/2026

121 AUTHORED BY: Madie Beasley

DATE: 1/13/2026

122 FLOOR ACTION

DATE

123 PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE

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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA (ASUN)
MINUTES OF THE SENATE
REGULAR MEETING

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Adjournment

The regular meeting of the Association of Students at the University of Nebraska (ASUN) was called to order at 6:30 pm at the City Campus Nebraska Union Platte River Room and 23 senators were present.

IVP Morgan presided.

Roll lasted until 6:33.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said at 6:33.

Land Acknowledgment Statement made at 6:34.

Appointments

No new appointments.

Open Forum

No one in attendance to speak at Open Forum.

Executive Reports

President Wilkins: Uber contract is signed and program is here! The program will launch on January 28th, and we are building up the excitement for students to receive the vouchers through an email from Uber. The page on the ASUN website is a place where students can go for easily accessible information. A student's main point of contact will be ASUN. Promotion and engagement from ASUN Senators is what will allow this program to succeed! Chief of Staff Frech has gotten a great opportunity for an internship in Nashville, but that means the position is open. Next week's meeting will intend to have an appointment for a new chief of staff. President Wilkins has some people in mind, but if you are interested, connect with her on Slack by Friday, January 16th. Hope everyone had a great break!

IVP Morgan: University Libraries are hosting Nebraska's Poet Next Tuesday, January 20th from 3:30pm-5pm. Shoutout to Senators with perfect attendance in the fall semester! Senator Yagub, Choat, Ruta, and Morgan!

EVP Jalali: Hope everyone has a great break! Streamlining No Husker Goes Hungry Campaign this semester by prioritizing Husker Pantry. EVP Jalali will now be in charge of promotion for the Late Night Uber Program, the push to put the Student and Crisis Lifeline on all N-Cards, and the ASUN Highlight Wall. Social media requests can now go to EVP Jalali.

Chief of Staff Frech: N/A

Speaker Beasley: AirTable is currently not working, so email any bills to Speaker Beasley. If you got an email about your Bylaw Amendment, email it to Speaker Beasley. Committee Meetings are required, and you are allowed two absences.

Appointments Board Basi: No report.

FCLA Directors Morgan and Ringenburg: Today was the first day back to FCLA, and the cohort has started planning a possible pickleball tournament philanthropy.

GLC Chair Bodlak: Capital Experience Day is this Friday and the email closes at 8pm tonight. Senator Duncan's aide reached out about a town hall tomorrow night.

ELP Chairs Greir and Mercer: Formalized curriculum and Earthstock Planning. First meeting next week.

GSC Chair Monnarez: No report.

Graduate Assembly President Jemkur: No report. Not present.

Committee Reports

Academics: Excited for new projects this semester. Good to see everyone in semester 2!

Campus Life and Safety: Good to see everyone in semester 2! Run, Hide, Fight video is still in the works, along with Scooter Safety. Tonight, a bill will be written about winter safety.

Committee for Fee Allocation: Scheduled a workshop for February 7th to work on bills for Town Hall on February 25th. Intend to bring to the Senate floor on March 5th.

Communications: No report.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Working on a project for Black History Month.

Environmental Sustainability: No report.

Sexual Misconduct Prevention: No report.

Student Services: Finished reviewing Bylaw Amendments and has responded to all emails. If you did not get an email, connect after Senate.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

No new business.

Announcements

Senator Chisam announced that APU will have their MLK Banquet next Saturday at 6pm.

Speaker Beasley will send out another fun fact form for the semester.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on 01/21/2026 at 6:30 PM in the Platte River Room.