

# 86<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\*

3. ROLL CALL\*

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- b. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- c. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- d. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- e. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- f. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- g. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Speaker may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

- a. **Elizabeth Loun**, Associate Director of the Nevada Career Studio
- b. **Steve Smith**, Chief Information Officer & Vice Provost for Information Technology

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**POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m.**

**ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING**

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**6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL**

- a. Nominations, Open Senate Seat for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources

**7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley
- c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck
- d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher
- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar
- f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch
- g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall
- h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada
- i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling
- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
- l. Attorney General, Omar Moore
- m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez

**8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES\***

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez

**9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

The Speaker shall recognize in turn senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

**10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS**

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

- a. Nomination of Lizeth Acosta to the office of Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources
- b. Nomination of Miguel Aguilera to the office of Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources
- c. Nomination of Cory Rogaczewski to the office of Senator for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources

#### **11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS**

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

- a. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018:**

- i. **NOMINATION OF LIZETH ACOSTA TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

- ii. **NOMINATION OF MIGUEL AGUILERA TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

- iii. **NOMINATION OF CORY ROGACZEWSKI TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, they may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action.

#### **12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his objections.

There are no veto messages at this time.

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

### **14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support of Changing the Requirements for Graduating with Latin Honors
- b. **S.B.R. 86** – A Binding Resolution to Update the Rules of the Senate

### **15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION**

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate. There is no legislation to be read now.

There are no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

### **16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE**

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

### **17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support of Changing the Requirements for Graduating with Latin Honors
- b. **S.B.R. 86** – A Binding Resolution to Update the Rules of the Senate

### **18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

#### **a. Senate Committee Changes**

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution

**b. Senator Reports**

The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on.

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT\***

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on items on or off this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

*Notes:*

*Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda items are action items upon which the Senate may take action.*

*Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair.*

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FROM: Anthony Martinez, Speaker of the Senate  
TO: The 86<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students  
DATE: October 10<sup>th</sup> 2018  
RE: College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources

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To the Senate of the Associated Students:

The following students have successfully applied for the College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources Senate Seat:

1. Nomination of Lizeth Acosta to the office of Senator for the College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources
2. Nomination of Miguel Aguilera to the office of Senator for the College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources
3. Nomination of Cory Rogaczewski to the office of Senator for the College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Martinez', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Anthony Martinez  
Speaker of the Senate  
*The Associated Students of the University of Nevada*

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86<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2018-2019

**S. Res. 86-**

**A Resolution in Support of Changing the Requirements for Graduating with Latin Honors**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR COLLINS

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**A Resolution in Support of Changing the Requirements for Graduating  
with Latin Honors**

1        *Whereas*, currently the criteria for Latin Honors are determined separately for each  
2 college/school based on GPAs of students in each college/school two years prior to  
3 graduation, and the criteria are updated annually.

4        *Whereas*, due to the criteria change each year, it becomes difficult for students to know  
5 what the criteria for Latin Honors will be prior to their senior year.

6        *Whereas*, the current University administration are on board and support a modified  
7 system that establishes clear criteria for Latin Honors that are consistent across all  
8 colleges/schools.

1        *Whereas*, the proposed criteria are: Summa: 4.0-3.95 GPA, Magna: 3.949-3.85 GPA,  
2 Cum: 3.849-3.75 GPA.

3        *Whereas*, using the proposed criteria, approximately 10% of graduating seniors  
4 would qualify for Latin Honors according to Provost Carman.

5        *Whereas*, if the proposed criteria are approved, the office of the provost would like to  
6 implement these criteria so that they would be applicable for the May commencement.

7        *Whereas*, if the newly proposed criteria were to be applied to the university's 2018  
8 Spring graduates, then the percent of total students graduating with Latin distinctions  
9 would have been 13.66% compared to the actual percentage of 6.54% that resulted from  
10 the current Latin distinctions criteria.

11       *Whereas*, the newly proposed criteria would remove the three following requirements  
12 to graduate with Latin distinctions:

- 13                    1) At least 90 semester credits earned in courses graded A – F
- 14                    2) At least 60 semester credits earned in residence at UNR in courses  
15                    graded A – F
- 16                    3) Transfer students must satisfy the GPA requirement at this university  
17                    and in the combined, transfer university GPA

18        *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support the  
19 proposed modified system for Latin Honors GPA requirements to be uniform across all the  
20 colleges within the university.

21        *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to Provost Dr. Kevin R.  
22 Carman, all University deans, and the President of the University, Marc Johnson,



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION  
2018-2019

# S. Binding Res. 86-

**A Binding Resolution to  
UPDATE THE RULES OF THE SENATE**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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OCTOBER 10, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MCKINNEY TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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**A Binding Resolution to  
UPDATE THE RULES OF THE SENATE**

1        *Whereas*, In order to further promote inclusivity and transparency between governing documents  
2 the Rules of Senate shall be updated to strike all gender pronouns;

3        *Whereas*, It is important that our governing documents accurately represent the duties that are  
4 being carried out by our elected officials;

5        *Whereas*, The current Rules of the Senate does not currently reflect the job duties being carried  
6 out by the senate

7        *Whereas*, the Rules of the Senate provides infrastructure for the entirety of the Senate;

8        *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, the Rules of the Senate be updated to eliminate  
9 all gender pronouns

10       *Be it further enacted*, that Rule XIV: Committee on Interim Operations, Section A, Sub Section 1  
11 be changed to read: “Should the Senate of the Associated Students recess during the traditional

- 1 summer or winter breaks, existing between two academic semesters, the Senate may recess by
- 2 Resolution and may create a committee on Interim operations based off the Speakers discretion.

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