

88th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting: Email Keegan Murphy at Speaker@asun.unr.edu

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 May 6th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 6th, 2020 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.

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

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda

- a. Resignation of Viviane Ugalde, Secretary

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, Dominique Hall
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Austin Brown
- c. Chief Justice, *POSITION VACANT*
- d. Chief of Staff, Demitri Bannoura
- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza
- f. Director of Event Programming, Wes Fullmer
- g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel
- h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Priya Bajwa
- i. Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen
- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kyla Kwan
- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Parker Samuelson
- l. Attorney General, Paige Flippin

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- m. Speaker of the Senate, Keegan Murphy

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. The Speaker Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian will also give reports.

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs--Senator Yang
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance--Senator Huber
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement--Senator Doyle
- d. Chair, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion--Senator Ribeiro
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations--Senator Supple
- f. Chair, Committee on the Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness--Senator Luers
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore--Senator Supple
- h. Parliamentarian--Senator Harvey
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight--Speaker Murphy

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. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 3rd, 2020:**
 - i. **NOMINATION OF BEAU OSTER TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.** 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 ABBEY PIKE TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.** 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 SAMANTHA CLEMENTS TO THE POSITION OF POLICY ANALYST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.** 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

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b. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on May 7th, 2020:**

i. **NOMINATION OF KAVIN SIVAKUMAR TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.** 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 MIRANDA BENNETTS TO THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.** 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.

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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.

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 - i. **NOMINATION OF KAVIN SIVAKUMAR TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY**

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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 17 of this agenda:

- a. S.B.R 88 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a, II.f.5.i, II.f.5.ix, and II.g.1

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.

- a. S.B.R 88 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a, II.f.5.i, II.f.5.ix, and II.g.1

For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.

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.B.R 88 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a, II.f.5.i, II.f.5.ix, and II.g.1

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.

- c. **Summer Update**

Summer expectations will be discussed by the body.

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. ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide accommodations to people with disabilities attending the meeting. Please email the Senate Secretary at SenateSecretary@asun.unr.edu as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation.

Viviane Ugalde
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Reno, NV 89513

May 5, 2020

Dear Speaker Murphy and Angie Granados,

It is an unfortunate time that I am writing to you today. I have recently succeeded in graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno and unfortunately must move on from my position with ASUN

I am sending this as a formal resignation of my position on May 13, 2020. I have enjoyed my short yet fulfilling time within the association, and have gained more than I ever would have imagined in this position. I appreciate how welcoming everyone was, and that I was able to meet a great team of passionate, dedicated, and amazing people.

I thank you all again for the camaraderie and lesson you have all given me in these seven months, and wish you all the best in the 88th Session of ASUN.

REGARDS,

VIVIANE UGALDE
ASUN SECRETARY



FROM: Alexa Rangel, Director of Legislative Affairs
TO: Speaker of the Senate for the 88th Session
DATE: May 7 ,2020
RE: Nomination of Legislative Affairs department

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate the following individuals for the following positions:

1. Nomination of Beau Oster to the position of Assistant Director
2. Nomination of Abbey Pike to the position of Policy Director.
3. Nomination of Samantha Clements to the position of Policy Analyst.
4. Nomination of Ashley Martinez to the position of Projects Director.
5. Nomination of Avery Callis to the position of Student Outreach Coordinator.

Best Wishes,

Alexa Rangel

Director of Legislative Affairs
The Associated Students of the University of Nevada



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
THE **UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA**

To: Speaker Keegan Murphy
From: Director Priya Bajwa
Date: May 7, 2020
Subject: ASUN Department of Diversity and Inclusion Nominations

Speaker Keegan Murphy:

After a thorough interview process, I would like to nominate the following individuals for positions in the Department of Diversity & Inclusion:

- Kavin Sivakumar, Assistant Director of Diversity & Inclusion
- Miranda Bennetts, Commissioner for Social Justice & Policy
- Geneva Wolfe, Commissioner of Projects & Events

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Priya Bajwa
Director of Diversity & Inclusion
Associated Students of the University of Nevada



From: Speaker Murphy
TO: The Senate of the Associated Students
Date: May 6, 2020
RE: S. B. R 88 - Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a, II.f.5.i, II.f.5.ix, and II.g.1 to be heard May 13, 2020

Senators,

This memo serves as an elucidation for the fast track of S. B. R 88 - Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.a, II.f.5.i, II.f.5.ix, and II.g.1. Due to time constraints and the proper dismissal of the Senate body this summer, this SBR is to be considered and voted on at the table on May 13, 2020. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Keegan C. Murphy
Speaker of the Senate
Senate of the Associated Students
Associated Students of the University of Nevada

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**S. B. R. 88-
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND SENATE
RULES I.A, II.F.5.I, II.F.5.IX, AND
II.G.1**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MAY 15, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SPEAKER MURPHY TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A Binding Resolution

A BINDING RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND SENATE RULES I.A, II.F.5.I, II.F.5.IX, AND II.G.1

1 *Whereas*, Senate Rule I.a. states: “The Speaker shall call meetings of the Senate as he, she, or
2 they deems appropriate, provided that the Senate shall meet at least once every two full class
3 weeks, and that the regular meeting date and time of the Senate shall be on Wednesdays no earlier
4 than 5:30 p.m., unless the Senate orders otherwise. The Speaker shall call no less than two
5 meetings of the Student Senate at least one week apart during the spring semester of his, her, or
6 their election;”

7 *Whereas*, Senate Rule II.f.5.i states: “Six unexcused absent Senate outreach hours shall be
8 equivalent to two points. (1/3 point for every missed hour);”

1 *Whereas*, Senate Rule II.f.5.ix states: “Failure of the Chairperson of a committee, including the
2 Committee on Oversight, to hold a meeting within the required two-week period shall be the
3 equivalent of two points;”

4 *Whereas*, Senate Rule II.g.1 states: “Each Senator must hold at least four separate (4) outreach
5 interactions equaling 4 outreach hours in total, every two-week period and shall be reported to
6 and determined by the Speaker of the Senate;”

7 *Be it Resolved that*, Senate Rules: I.a, I.f.5.i, I.f.5.ix, and II.g.1 shall be suspended, effective
8 immediately, through the date of August 26, 2020.

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