

88th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting: Email Hope Cronan at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu for details

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***
3. **ROLL CALL***
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

Due to Governor Sisolak's executive orders, attendance at public meetings is limited.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to Hope Cronan at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu or by providing comment during our weekly Zoom meetings. Please email Hope for the meeting details through the email listed above.

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. Introduction from Kevin Carman, Executive Vice President and Provost

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 Conner Doyle, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts
- b. Nomination, Commissioner of Marketing and Outreach for the Department of Diversity and Inclusion

7. **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.

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- 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--*VACANT*
- 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

8. 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.

9. 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 September 3rd, 2020:**

- i. **NOMINATION OF TONI LACANDALO TO THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER OF MARKETING & OUTREACH FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.**

10. 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 September 3rd, 2020:**

- i. **NOMINATION OF TONI LACANDALO TO THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER OF MARKETING & OUTREACH 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.

11. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEES

The Senate shall elect Chairpersons and Senators to the following standing committees:

- a. Democratic Civic Engagement

The Senate may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033, of certain individuals during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the Senate may not close the meeting.

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

There is no legislation to be read at this time.

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A senator may move that legislation under item 14 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 considered for fast track 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

There is not legislation to be read at this time.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senator Reports

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

b. Legislation Tracker Update

The Senators will update the Speaker and the Senate on the legislation they are working on.

c. Senate Committee Changes and Additions

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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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:

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From: Conner Doyle, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts
TO: 88th Session of the ASUN Senate
Date: 15 September 2020
RE: Resignation from Office

Dear Speaker Murphy and the 88th Session of ASUN,

I hope that you are doing well and that you are rolling with the punches – COVID-19, anonymous newsletters, and zoom university alike. I am writing to you today to submit my formal resignation from Office of Senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Chair for the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement.

As much as I wanted to list a long list of my grievances against the Association as well as in my personal life, it truly was not worth it. I will briefly say that ASUN no longer reflects my morals or values as a person or as a public servant. I could no longer sit at a table, receiving a paycheck made of student fees, when the body listens more to an “out-of-touch” biased advisor than we do to students that pay us. I am uncomfortable with the direction ASUN is headed in with regards to the ballot questions, unprofessional behavior online, and blaming students for consequences that the University should be facing for bringing students back to campus.

On a more positive note I wanted to say thank you to some people and mention some things.

- Speaker Murphy: you are killing it. I have no idea how you have so much patience or motivation for your office but I am so proud of you. Good luck with your circus, I am just

glad I am no longer one of the animals in it. I am always here for you and please don't view this as a reflection of your job because you deserve an award.

- To my Liberal Arts Family: Taylor, Torres, Supple, Harvey, and our cousin Ribeiro: keep fighting the good fight. I am so proud of how involved and strong you are. I leave knowing that at least the best college on campus is taken care of. One piece of advice, don't let others bully you for standing up for students and don't be ashamed for sharing what happens with students. It is your job and I trust you as my representatives.
- To Director Lanza, Guillen, and Samuelson: you are so strong and brave. Don't let the fear of losing your job bully you into a corner. You are doing so good and are doing what is right for your respective departments. If you need me to come to public comment at a president's cabinet meeting – let me know.
- To Director Rodriguez: please hire someone to help Raul, he works so hard and both CSE and ASUN would fall a part without him. I'm sure we have room in the budget somewhere.
- To Vice President Brown, thank you for supporting me especially when I send controversial emails and then ask if that was a bad idea. Good job stepping up in all aspects, especially when people do not do their jobs. You care so much for students and it shows. One piece of advice, you only get paid 7 hours a week, don't let this job stress you out too much. I can't wait to see all you do in the future and to quote some people I don't agree with "we are looking at you Vice President Brown." I always got your back.

Thank you all for your time and I don't know how I could help in the future but I am always here to edit legislation or just to talk. I hope you will do what is right for the students and when someone asks you what you are working on, you are proud of the answer you give. Have a great semester and good luck. Also, please vote on November 3rd, it is so important.

Respectfully,



Conner Doyle

Student at the University of Nevada, Reno



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
THE **UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA**

To: Speaker Keegan Murphy
From: Director Priya Bajwa
Date: September 3, 2020
Subject: ASUN Department of Diversity and Inclusion Nomination

Speaker Keegan Murphy:

After a thorough interview process and further consideration, I would like to nominate the following individual for the position of Commissioner of Marketing & Outreach in the Department of Diversity & Inclusion:

- Toni Lacandalo

If possible, I request that this nomination be approved during the Senate meeting taking place on September 16th to allow the candidate ample time for preparation.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Priya Bajwa'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Priya Bajwa

Director of Diversity & Inclusion

Associated Students of the University of Nevada