

88th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday February 17th, 2021 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**

There are no minutes to be considered at this time.

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 the Office of the Provost, Provost Thompson
- b. Introduction of the Student Health Center Fee, Dr. Hug-English

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. Nominations for two open Senate seats – College of CABNR and Business

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, Paulina Pride

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- d. Chief of Staff, Demetri Bannoura
- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza
- f. Director of Event Programming, Tara Okui
- 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
- 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 Stoddard
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance--Senator Huber
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement—Senator Torres
- 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.

The following nomination was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:

- a. **NOMINATION OF SIVANI REGANTI TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND NATURAL RESOURCES.**
- b. **NOMINATION OF BENJAMIN NEBESKY TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS.**

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS

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:**

- i. **NOMINATION OF SIVANI REGANTI 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 BENJAMIN NEBESKY TO THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS.** 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 their objections.

There were 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. 88 – An Act Amending Title IX of the SAS

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 are no pieces to be fast tracked 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.B. 88 – An Act Amending Title IX of the SAS

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions**

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments

- b. **Senator Reports**

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

- c. **Legislation Tracker Update**

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

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88th SESSION
2020-2021

S. B. 88-

AN ACT AMENDING TITLE IX OF THE SAS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 10TH, 2021

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR SUPPLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A BILL

AN ACT AMENDING TITLE IX OF THE SAS

1 *Whereas*, the duties of the secretaries of ASUN per the Statutes of the Associated Students per
2 Title IX, Chapter 901, Section 10 are to take minutes at meetings and post meeting minutes for the
3 public;

4 *Whereas*, students are hired as secretaries to fulfill these duties;

5 *Whereas*, class conflicts may appear for secretaries which may not allow for them to attend other
6 meetings;

7 *Whereas*, per the Statutes of the Associated Students Title IX, Chapter 901, Section 10,
8 subsection c, if a secretary is not appointed for committee meetings the vice chair shall act as
9 secretary be recording meeting minutes;

1 *Whereas*, for meetings where there is no designated vice chair, it is not clear which individual
2 shall all as secretary in their absence;

3 *Whereas*, the Executive Cabinet, Department of Clubs and Organizations, Department of Event
4 Programming, Department of Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Legislative Affairs, and the
5 Judicial Branch do not have a member of the department as “vice chair”;

6 *Whereas*, the second person in command at public meetings shall be the designated officer to act
7 as secretary in their absence;

8 *Be it enacted*, the second in command for the Executive Cabinet is the Vice President and thus,
9 shall be the acting secretary in their absence;

10 *Be it further enacted*, the Department of Clubs and Organizations, Department of Event
11 Programming, Department of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Department of Legislative Affairs
12 shall designate the officer in the “Assistant Director” position to be the acting secretary in their
13 absence;

14 *Be it further enacted*, the second in command for the Judicial Council is the Senior Associate
15 Justice and thus, shall be the acting secretary in their absence;

16 *Be it further enacted*, the Statutes of the Associated Students be amended to reflect the changes in
17 Addendum A.

Addendum A

Title IX Chapter 901 Section 10

c) ~~COMMITTEE MINUTES~~ ABSENCE OF A SECRETARY: For ~~committees~~ meetings which a staff secretary has not been assigned or cannot attend, the committee/department shall appoint a member to act as Secretary ~~(usually the vice chair) who shall:~~

1) The member designated to act as Secretary shall be the second person in comment at meetings

- a) Executive Cabinet: Vice President
- b) Department of Clubs and Organizations: Assistant Director of Clubs and Organizations
- c) Department of Event Programming: Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment or Assistant Director for Marketing and Interns
- d) Department of Diversity and Inclusion: Assistant Directory of Diversity and Inclusion
- e) Department of Legislative Affairs: Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs
- g) Judicial Council: Senior Associate Justice

2) The member designated to act as Secretary shall:

- a) take minutes at each meeting as required by this Chapter and the appropriate law;
- b) distribute paper or electronic copies in a manner equivalent to the staff secretary; and
- c) perform all other duties determined to be necessary by the presiding officer and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

d) The member who acts as Secretary on committees shall not be the custodian of documents. The Secretary of the Senate, acting jointly with the Archives of the Associated Students, shall be the custodian of documents, and the Secretary makes arrangements with the committee secretary for the proper filing of all records with the Archives of the Associated Students.

1) All records taken by an acting secretary in their absence, shall be made available and accessible to the Senate secretary.