

Convening of the 89th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Milt Glick Ballrooms A,B,C in the Joe Crowley Student Union and on Zoom Meeting: Email Hope Cronan SenateSecretary@asun.unr.edu

1. **CONVENING OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE SENATE***

The Secretary of the next preceding Senate shall call the Senate to order pursuant to SAS 102. Pending the election of a Speaker, the Secretary shall preserve order and decorum and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal by a Senator.

2. **OPENING CEREMONIES***

a. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

3. **ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM***

Pursuant to the law and custom, the Legislative Clerk will call the Roll of Senator-Elects to ascertain the presence of a quorum. Only the names of those persons whose credentials show they were elected will be called. The quorum of the Senate is two-thirds of the members.

4. **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 the Zoom meeting. Please email Hope for the meeting details through the email listed above.

The Secretary may elect to take public comment on any action items on this agenda. The Secretary may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak. All written public comment must be sent in by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 14th, 2021.

5. **INAUGURAL CEREMONIES***

The Senate will pause for the Inaugural Ceremonies of the ASUN President and Vice President. The Chief Justice will administer the oath of office to the ASUN President and Vice President.

6. **ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER**

The members of the Senate will proceed to the selection of a Speaker of the Senate, pursuant to Art. II, sec.1(e) of the Constitution of the Associated Students. SAS 102 governs the process for electing a Speaker. Each nominee—will be recognized to give a 10 minute presentation to the Senate. The Senate may question and debate the nominees. The Secretary may not recognize persons who do not have the privilege of the floor without the consent of the Senate. At the conclusion of the debate, the vote will be taken by call of the roll. A majority of the votes is required for the election of the Speaker.

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7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS TO SPEAKER AND SENATORS

Immediately following the election of the Speaker, the Senate Secretary will administer the oath of office to the Speaker-elect. The Speaker will then administer the oath of office to the Senators elect.

8. ELECTION OF THE SENATE OFFICERS

The Senate may proceed to the election of Officers of the Senate, pursuant to Art. II, sec. 1(e) of the Constitution of the Associated Students. The Senate may elect or appoint, without limitation, Speaker Pro Tempore and a Parliamentarian.

- a. Speaker Pro Tempore
- b. Parliamentarian

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9. CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

a. Committee to Notify the President

The Senate will adopt a resolution to appoint a committee to notify the president that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed with business.

b. Notifying the President of the Election of the Speaker

The Senate will adopt a resolution to direct the Secretary to notify the President of the election.

10. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

The Senate will consider a resolution to adopt Rules of the Senate, pursuant to Art. II, sec. 2(c) of the Constitution of the Associated Students.

11. DISPOSITION OF VACANT SEATS

The Secretary shall announce to the Senate the existence of any vacancies at the time of its assembly, due to resignation or otherwise.

12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEES

The members of the Committee may caucus during the meeting to make a recommendation to the Senate as to who should be the Chairperson of each committee. Then, the Senate will consider a resolution to appoint Senators to committees of the Senate established by the Rules of the Senate. If no person is nominated for the Chair position or the Senate decides not to move forward with a nomination, the appointment will be brought up at the next Senate meetings until that position is filled.

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

- a. Academics and Student Affairs
- b. Budget and Finance
- c. Democratic Civic Engagement
- d. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- e. Government Operations
- f. Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

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13. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AUTHORIZED UNDER SAS 102.04.b

SAS 102.04.b authorizes any two Senator-Elects to petition the Secretary of the Senate to place additional business on the agenda.

No petitions were received by the deadline provided under law.

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

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee.

- a. Resignation of the Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Victoria Supple

15. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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

16. PUBLIC COMMENT*

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda, except as otherwise provided by law. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

17. ADJOURNMENT*

NOTES TO THIS AGENDA

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From: Victoria Supple, College of Liberal Arts
To: 89th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students
Date: 04/06/2021
RE: 07/14/2021

To the Associated Students,

It aches my heart to be sharing this with you all today, but I have formally resigned from my position as ASUN Senator for the College of Liberal Arts. For those of you who know me, you know that public service is a true passion of mine and ASUN has been a tremendous part of my University experience. I have found some of my greatest friends in this organization and I have achieved goals I could have never imagined for myself. I wanted to give this letter to you all now, so you know what needs to be urgently addressed by this body for the betterment of this body and advice I have learned being in ASUN for 3 years.

It is no surprise that this has become a toxic environment. Those of you who feel like you have not contributed to this problem, you have. This is an issue that effects all of you and this has to be something you are aware of throughout the session. This is a lesson you learn very young but “treat people the way you want to be treated” is so simple but does not seem like a practice commonly followed. I have heard people say things behind my back that are hurtful and potentially harmful to my reputation- people who I have trusted and considered friends. Leaving ASUN has been a decision I have been on the fence about since last session, but I have felt a strong sense of urgency to stay in the 88th and leave this Association with my interns who can make ASUN better; Now feels like the end of my path in ASUN.

Everyone knew my goal was to be Speaker, but this really came down to a question if I could keep giving my energy to ASUN and feel disrespected by my peers. My mental health has been suffering and a lot of it is a result of how I have felt putting in work for ASUN and the way people have treated me and spoke about me. As I have said before to the last session, words spread fast so know what you say is known to others.

You need to stop taking things from the table into your personal life. I spoke to represent students, but many people have felt that my comments have been personal attacks which have

never been my intention. We constantly talk about it yet, what gets said at the table continues to be something that tears this group apart and this has been happening for the past 2 sessions and it needs to end now.

In a group of 25 people, not everyone is going to like each other but you all ran on one universal goal to make the University better. Stop bashing people who have different ways of going about that. The amazing thing that is unique to Senate is that we have different opinions. Elected officials coming together to discuss 20,000 students will not have the same idea on the same topic and you shouldn't have the same opinions.

Please understand the importance of chairs. Oversight can be such a powerful committee if you let it- think long and hard about the person you elect Speaker. I have been the Chair for the Committee on Government Operations for 2 years and I expect that no one is running because no one reached out to me. I was the Speaker Pro Tempore for the 88th session and I also expect that no one is running for that because no one reached out to me about how to run an internship or moderate the Legacy Box.

Collaboration is imperative to this role, but people do not seem to want to work together. We have seen some of the greatest pieces of legislation come from groups of people working together. But quite often people do not want to work together. Again, it is okay to have different opinions because it only makes ASUN better. Not only in Senate, but with other departments. To the next Speaker, you need to have good relationships with people in other departments because ASUN as a whole is better when we are one entity.

I will still be involved in this university in different positions. I want to serve the students, but I don't think serving the students in the capacity of ASUN is the best place for me to be. Expect to hear from me in the future as a constituent, a fellow student, and a university worker. Be strong, be passionate, be outspoken, and be kind. You all know how to contact me, and if you don't go check out my legacy box.

Well wishes,

Victoria Supple

Senator-Elect for the College of Liberal Arts

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