

91st Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, November 8th, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

In Person – Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd floor of the JCSU

Zoom Meeting – Email Fayza Salah at speaker@asun.unr.edu for details.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

3. ROLL CALL

Roll Call must be listed by Legislative Clerk

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The following meeting dates were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate for approval:

- a. Aug. 16, 2023
- b. Aug. 30, 2023
- c. Sept 6th, 2023

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to Ally Chavez at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu. Please email Ally for the meeting details through the email listed above.

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6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL (INFORMATION ONLY)

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 or consent agenda.

- a. The following receipt of petition was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:

POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m.

ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING

Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center and online at www.nevadaasun.com. ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call the ASUN at (775) 784-6589 in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made. If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Fayza Salah at Speaker@asun.unr.edu.



- i. Nomination, Policy Director for the Department of Government Affairs, Keaton Fox

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)

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, Boris Carpio Guerra
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Hannah Alquiza
- c. Chief Justice, Brayden Taeubel
- d. Director of Executive Outreach, Stacen Suzuki
- e. Director of Executive Affairs, Isabella Valdivieso
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Yahit Lopez
- g. Director of Programming, Jonel Stevenson
- h. Director of Government Affairs, Dawson Deal
- i. Director of IDEA, Arthur-James Okwuosa
- j. Director of Sustainability, Matthew Sauls
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Olivia Ngo
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Harely Guerrero
- m. Attorney General, James Greco
- n. Senate Secretary, Ally Chavez
- o. Legislative Clerk, Nathan Habon
- p. Speaker of the Senate, Fayza Salah

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES (INFORMATION ONLY)

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 and Student Affairs, Mark Meiszburger
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Diana Landazuri
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Leaf Acklin
- d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Aween Ali
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Joel Martin
- f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Tori Beaulac
- g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Fayza Salah
- h. Parliamentarian, Juliana Giradello
- i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Erin Shaffer

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

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 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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 have been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:
 - i. **NOMINATION OF KEATON FOX TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT 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, or take no action.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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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12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

- a. There are no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have 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.

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14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

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

- a. The following legislation was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

- i. **S. R. 91- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS**
- ii. **S. R. 91 - A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEIFEI FAN**

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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.

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 - i. **S. R. 91 - A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEIFEI FAN**

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

- a. The following legislation was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:
 - i. **S. R. 91- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS**

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

- a. The following legislation was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:
 - i. **S. R. 91 - A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEIFEI FAN**
 - ii. **S.B.R. 91 - A BINDING RESOLUTION TO CENSURE SENATOR RAYGOZA**

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Counseling Services Presentation

The Senate shall hear a presentation from counseling services. Their objective is to provide the Senate with a comprehensive understanding of the accomplishments and challenges faced by counseling services.

b. Committee Changes and Additions

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments.

c. Senator Reports

Senators that may like to report on any progress they have made in ASUN-related projects may share.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

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

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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:

Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The Senate may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Senate may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Please email the Senate Secretary at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation should need any.

Requests for supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Archives of the Associated Students. All other inquiries should be directed to Speaker Salah at “speaker@asun.unr.edu.”

MEMORANDUM



TO: Fayza Salah, *Speaker of the Senate for the 91st Session*
FROM: Dawson R. Deal, *Director of Government Affairs*
DATE: November 2, 2023
RE: Nomination to the Department of Government Affairs

Speaker Salah and Members of the 91st Senate,

It is my pleasure to nominate the following individual to their respective office:

1. Nomination of **Keaton Fox** to the office of **Policy Director** for the Department of Government Affairs

Upon consideration and confirmation of the aforementioned individual, the ASUN Department of Government Affairs will be fully staffed for the remainder of the 91st Session.

Diplomatically yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Deal', is written over a horizontal line.

Dawson R. Deal
ASUN Director of Government Affairs

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91st SESSION
2023-2024

**S. R. 91-
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
DISTRIBUTION OF FENTANYL
TESTING STRIPS**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OCTOBER 15, 2023

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR LIMBACHER AND SENATOR BEAULAC TO THE SENATE OF THE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A Resolution in Support of the Distribution of Fentanyl Testing Strips

- 1 *Whereas*, from 1999 to 2021, 645,000 people died from drug overdose in the United States¹;
- 2 *Whereas*, fentanyl is a tasteless, synthetic opioid 50 times more potent than heroine and 10 times
- 3 stronger than morphine;
- 4 *Whereas*, fentanyl can cause sedation, confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, urinary
- 5 retention, pupillary, cyanosis, comas, and respiratory failures leading to death²;

¹ “Understanding the Opioid Overdose Epidemic.” *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8 Aug. 2023, www.cdc.gov/opioids/basics/epidemic.html.

² “Drug Fact Sheet: Fentanyl .” *United States Drug Enforcement Administration*, U.S. Department of Justice , 2022, www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/Fentanyl%202022%20Drug%20Fact%20Sheet-update.pdf.

1 *Whereas*, 2 milligrams of fentanyl is considered a lethal dose. To put this into perspective, this
 2 tiny amount of fentanyl is small enough to fit onto the tip of a pencil³;

3 *Whereas*, in 2022, fentanyl was the leading cause of drug-related deaths, contributing to 68.4% of
 4 cases and was responsible for 200 deaths every day in the United States⁴;

5 *Whereas*, fentanyl deaths are up 540% in the last three years in the United States⁵;

6 *Whereas*, in 2021, 20.4 million illegal prescription pills were seized by the US Drug Enforcement
 7 Administration (DEA) and over half of them contained fentanyl⁶;

8 *Whereas*, 7 out of 10 pills seized by the DEA contain a lethal dose of fentanyl, and 62 million
 9 fentanyl pills have been seized so far in 2023⁷;

10 *Whereas*, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 11 (SAMHSA), harm reduction “is an evidence-based approach that is critical to engaging with people
 12 who use drugs and equipping them with life-saving tools and information to create positive change in
 13 their lives and potentially save their lives”⁸;

14 *Whereas*, in a study conducted by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to
 15 understand fentanyl overdose harm-reduction methods, 84% of respondents were concerned about
 16 the presence of fentanyl in the drugs they consumed⁹;

17 *Whereas*, in a study published by the Harm Reduction Journal, young adults were given, and
 18 trained on, fentanyl testing strips, and 95% reported that they planned to continue using the testing
 19 strips¹⁰;

³ “Drug Fact Sheet: Fentanyl.” *United States Drug Enforcement Administration*, U.S. Department of Justice, 2022, www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/Fentanyl%202022%20Drug%20Fact%20Sheet-update.pdf.

⁴ “Are Fentanyl Overdose Deaths Rising in the US?” *USAFacts*, USAFacts, 27 Sept. 2023, usafacts.org/articles/are-fentanyl-overdose-deaths-rising-in-the-us/.

⁵ “Detecting Fentanyl. Saving Lives.” *Bloomberg American Health Initiative*, John Hopkins, americanhealth.jhu.edu/fentanyl.

⁶ “DEA Laboratory Testing Reveals That 6 out of 10 Fentanyl-Laced Fake Prescription Pills Now Contain a Potentially Lethal Dose of Fentanyl.” *United States Drug Enforcement Administration*, www.dea.gov/alert/dea-laboratory-testing-reveals-6-out-10-fentanyl-laced-fake-prescription-pills-now-contain. Accessed 15 Oct. 2023.

⁷ “One Pill Can Kill.” *United States Drug Enforcement Administration*, U.S. Department of Justice, www.dea.gov/onepill.

⁸ “Harm Reduction.” *SAMHSA*, www.samhsa.gov/find-help/harm-reduction. Accessed 15 Oct. 2023.

⁹ “Fentanyl Overdose Reduction Checking Analysis Study.” *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*, americanhealth.jhu.edu/sites/default/files/website-media/resources/Fentanyl_Executive_Summary_032018.pdf.

¹⁰ Carroll, J.J., et al. “Use of Rapid Fentanyl Test Strips among Young Adults Who Use Drugs.” *International Journal of Drug Policy*, Elsevier, 18 Oct. 2018, www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0955395918302469.

1 *Whereas*, in the same study, 50% of participants reported at least one positive test result, over a
 2 ten (10) month period ¹⁰;

3 *Whereas*, the University of South California (USC) only began distributing fentanyl testing strips
 4 after the disastrous loss of twelve (12) students, highlighting the urgent need for institutions to
 5 implement harm-reduction methods¹¹;

6 *Whereas*, rather than waiting for tragedy to occur, institutions need to get ahead of substance-
 7 related issues, such as the introduction of drug testing strips on campuses;

8 *Whereas*, many other universities give their students life-saving access to fentanyl testing strips,
 9 such as the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Riverside University of California, University of
 10 California, Santa Barbara, University of California, Santa Cruz, University of Washington, University
 11 of New Mexico, University of Colorado, Boulder, West Virginia University, University of Maryland,
 12 and New York University;

13 *Whereas*, fentanyl testing strips are extremely easy to use, and can be used with multiple different
 14 forms of drugs, including pills, pastes, sprays, liquids, and powders ²;

15 *Whereas*, fentanyl testing strips have been proven to have a 96% to 100% accuracy rate¹²;

16 *Whereas*, fentanyl testing strips are priced at just one dollar¹³;

17 *Whereas*, individuals may hold the perception that the availability of these testing strips could
 18 inadvertently encourage or legitimize drug use, however, they are failing to recognize the complexity
 19 of addiction and the role that fentanyl testing strips have in saving lives;

20 *Whereas*, instead of promoting reckless behavior, testing strips empower users to make informed
 21 decisions about their drug use, reducing the risk of accidental overdoses;

¹¹ “Students Hand out Fentanyl Testing Strips to Colleges to Prevent Overdoses.” *NBCNews.Com*, NBCUniversal News Group, 27 Sept. 2023, www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/students-hand-out-fentanyl-testing-strips-to-colleges-to-prevent-overdoses-139733573538.

¹² “NMDOH Highlights Guidance for Immunocompromised Patients and Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine for Special Populations.” *NMDOH Coronavirus Updates*, cv.nmhealth.org/2022/02/23/nmdoh-highlights-guidance-for-immunocompromised-patients-and-booster-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-for-special-populations/. Accessed 16 Oct. 2023.

¹³ “Fentanyl Test Strips.” *Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association*, Office of National Drug Control Policy, www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/ag-shapiro-releases-special-report-on-fentanyl-becoming-dominant-opioid-in-pennsylvania/. Accessed 16 Oct. 2023.

1 *Whereas*, as an Association, we need to prioritize saving lives over making judgements about the
 2 morality of testing strips;

3 *Whereas*, the University of California, San Francisco, found that distributing fentanyl testing
 4 strips did not increase fentanyl use on campus¹⁴;

5 *Whereas*, it must be considered that without these tools, people might unknowingly consume
 6 drugs containing fentanyl, leading to more overdoses;

7 *Whereas*, fentanyl testing strips are just one part of a broader harm reduction strategy, and
 8 should be used simultaneously with other preventative measure;

9 *Be it resolved that*, The Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno supports and
 10 strongly encourages fentanyl testing strips become readily available on campus.

Be it further resolved that. this legislation be sent to the following individuals:

- Cheryl Hug-English, Medical Director of the Student Health Center
- David Alejo, President of the Interfraternity Council
- Talia Guzmán, President of the Multicultural Greek Council
- Eric Hansen, President of the Independent Interfraternity Council
- Eric James, Assistant Vice President, Chief of Police

¹⁴ González, Laura López. "Can a Simple Fentanyl Test Curb San Francisco's Overdose Crisis?" *University of California*, 5 Oct. 2023, www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/can-simple-fentanyl-test-curb-san-franciscos-overdose-crisis#:~:text=There's%20no%20evidence%20that%20test,have%20access%20to%20clean%20supplies.

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S. Res. 91 -

A Resolution in support of Feifei Fan

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OCTOBER 29 2023

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR LANDAZURI, JOJAN AND ADVOCACY DIRECTOR ROBINSON TO THE SENATE OF THE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

A Resolution in support of Feifei Fan

Whereas, in December of 2022, Dr. Feifei Fan filed a lawsuit against NSHE and the University of Nevada Reno alleging that she had suffered years of sexual harassment, assault and abuse from Yanyao Jiang, a Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department¹,

Whereas, Dr. Fan claims she was subjected to “sex trafficking under federal and state law, forced labor under federal law, trafficking into servitude under federal and state law, intentional infliction of emotional distress under state law, and defamation under state law”²

Whereas, October 12, 2023 students protested at the groundbreaking for the Mathewson Gateway Project demanding accountability, transparency and justice for Dr. Feifei Fan and also demanding accountability from the EO/TIX office,

¹<https://nevadasagebrush.com/2023/10/12/sagebrush-investigations-fan-filed-previous-lawsuit-against-jiang-moving-to-appeal/>

²<https://nevadasagebrush.com/2023/10/12/sagebrush-investigations-fan-filed-previous-lawsuit-against-jiang-moving-to-appeal/>

Whereas, On November 23, 2022, an article published by USA TODAY's Kenny Jacoby includes UNR in "These 6 universities kept Title IX Sexual Misconduct data secret" and reveals that the university refused to release the requested Title IX information to USA TODAY since June of 2021³,

Whereas, On October 13, 2023, President Sandoval stated in a mass email to university students that he was committed to "share non-confidential Title IX data and information",

Whereas, President Sandoval failed to provide a deadline for when Title IX data and information will be released to students,

Whereas, in the lawsuit, Dr. Fan alleges she faced discrimination due to her visa status as an F-1 student and her national origin,

Whereas, Professor Jiang exploited Dr. Fan and other foreign students by forcing them to perform labor such as yard work, childcare, and driving him to the airport,

Whereas, "Knowing these vulnerabilities, UNR never provided training to foreign graduate student employees in the [mechanical engineering] department on Title IX, Title VI, Title VII, and relevant policies to prevent abuse and unlawful exploitation by their advisors and supervisors," and "UNR did not provide them with a clear reporting channel. As a consequence, foreign graduate student employees were not aware of their rights and how to report," according to Fan's court filings.

Whereas, Dr. Fan also alleges that UNR intentionally made no progress on her complaint and dragged out and allegedly compromised the investigation process,

Whereas, on October 18, 2023, during a Senate of the Associated Student's Meeting, Director of the office of Equal Opportunity and Title IX Coordinator Zeva Edmondson testified that the Title IX office had been understaffed and severely backlogged with cases from 2019 still being investigated,

Whereas, Director Edmonson also stated that she would be open to a outside third party investigation and is committed to reforming the office,

³<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2022/11/23/6-universities-title-ix-sexual-misconduct-data-secret/10761735002/>

Whereas, the EO/TIX office receives federal funds and thus must comply with federal standards,

Whereas, the EO/TIX office is failing to comply with federal standards set forth by the U.S Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) stating that complaints must be responded to in a timely manner,

Whereas, Director Edmondson admitted her office “couldn't respond to complaints timely or properly”⁴

Whereas, failing to respond to complaints subjects complainants to a hostile work environment for extended periods of time, like in the case of Dr. Fan,

Whereas, Director Edmonson committed to respond to Title IX complaints within 72 hours⁵

Whereas, Director Edmonson should commit to this promise by posting this timeframe on their Equal Opportunity & Title IX website,

Whereas, on October 18, 2023, during a Senate of the Associated Student's Meeting, Director Edmondson admitted to “a backlog with no end in sight”⁶ that goes back from 2019 to today,

Whereas, Terri Petraw's One Thousand Showers: A University Immersed in a Culture of Retaliation and an Avalanche of Lies reveals UNR's egregious history of mishandling cases involving Title IX violations since the early 2000s,

Whereas, the office of EO/TIX works with TNG Consulting⁷, a firm that has been accused of retaliating against whistleblowers within its organization and mishandling cases at UNR,

Whereas, the office of EO/TIX has proven it can not keep itself accountable,

Whereas, an external audit would keep the EO/TIX office accountable by ensuring that the office is in compliance with federal standards,

⁴ <https://nevada.app.box.com/file/1338447263900?s=rig7lzafyr2bn0grnvpvo10vmmbm27os> (29:30)

⁵ <https://nevada.app.box.com/file/1338447263900?s=rig7lzafyr2bn0grnvpvo10vmmbm27os> (1:30:20)

⁶ <https://nevada.app.box.com/file/1338447263900?s=rig7lzafyr2bn0grnvpvo10vmmbm27os> (29:30)

⁷ <https://www.chronicle.com/article/prominent-higher-ed-consultant-committed-financial-fraud-lawsuit-says>

Whereas, President Sandoval has hired⁸ ⁹ and kept¹⁰ employees with a documented history of sexually assaulting women,

Whereas, a President and University that normalizes a culture of maintaining abusers in power, and shielding them from consequences, should not be deciding Title IX and civil rights case outcomes and sanctions,

Whereas, the students mobilizing the efforts behind the Stand With Fei Fei campaign have strongly expressed desire for the ability to choose an outside auditor,

Whereas, President Sandoval lauded student activism as indicative that UNR is a “bastion of democracy” during the 2023 State of the University address;

Whereas, President Sandoval during the groundbreaking said “I’m proud of our students and this is what democracy looks like,” and pledged to work with students regarding the issue,

Be it resolved that, the Senate of the Associated Students urges the UNR administration to take the following actions:

1) Terminate Mechanical Engineering Professor Yanyao Jiang and all other University faculty or staff members who are investigated and found guilty of egregious or morally reprehensible wrongdoing related to sexual harassment, assault, and discrimination,

2) Terminate the partnership between the EO/TIX office and TNG Consulting,

3) Provide all international students Title IX training so they are aware of their rights under Title IX and distribute information about Title IX nondiscrimination policy information to students and faculty,

4) Reallocate funding from TNG/ATIXA to fund a different outside auditor of the office of EO/TIX by a firm chosen by the students of the Stand With Feifei Campaign,

5) Commit to respond to Title IX complaints within 72 hours,

⁸ <https://www.unr.edu/president/president-council/andrew-clinger>

⁹ <https://www.rgj.com/story/news/2019/09/23/women-who-accused-former-reno-manager-harassment-get-300-000/2424947001/>

¹⁰

6) Release Title IX data to the public and all EO-TIX case files to complainants by Monday, January 22, 2024 (i.e., beginning of the Spring 2024 semester).

Be it further resolved that, a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

Zeva Edmondson, Director of EO/TIX office

President Brian Sandoval

Executive Vice President and Provost, Jeff Thompson

Vice President of Student Services, Shannon Ellis

Faculty Senate Chair, Peter Reed

Dean of the College of Engineering, Erick Jones

GSA President Matthew Hawn

ASUN President Boris Carpio-Guerra

ASUN Vice President Hannah Alquiza

ASUN Speaker Fayza Salah

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91st SESSION
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**S.B.R. 91-
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO
CENSURE SENATOR RAYGOZA**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OCTOBER 30TH, 2023

SUBMITTED BY SPEAKER SALAH TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A Binding Resolution Censuring Senator Raygoza

1 *Whereas*, Senate Rule II.F.1 states: “The Committee on Oversight shall conduct a hearing on the
2 senator’s attendance on the 5th accumulated point (refer to Rule II, (f), 4, (i-v)) in which the senator
3 shall be afforded an opportunity to present either oral or written testimony defending or admitting to
4 his, her, or their absences. The committee shall determine if the absences merit the imposition of
5 disciplinary action against the senator. During the hearing, the Committee on Oversight has the
6 authority to excuse or dismiss points compiled against a senator if there is reasonable explanation.”;

7 *Whereas*, Senate Rule II.F.3 states: “Upon verifying the fifth accumulated attendance point, the
8 Committee on Oversight shall recommend a censure of the offending senator. Any senator’s first
9 censure shall include, at minimum, a recommendation that the senator in question release a public

1 statement or apology to the Nevada Sagebrush. Additional punitive action, which may include
2 expulsion from the Senate, will be recommended upon the accumulation of additional points.”;

3 *Whereas*, Senate Rule II.F.5.iii states: “Three instances of unexcused tardiness at committee
4 meetings shall be equivalent to one point (1/3 point for every instance)”;

5 *Whereas*, Senate Rule II.F.5.v states: “An unexcused absence from a meeting of the Senate of the
6 Associated Students shall be equivalent to two points.”;

7 *Whereas*, Senator Raygoza was marked tardy unexcused from the Senate of the Associated
8 Students on April 26th, 2023;

9 *Whereas*, Senator Raygoza was marked tardy unexcused from the Senate of the Associated
10 Students on May 24th, 2023;

11 *Whereas*, Senator Raygoza was marked absent unexcused from the Senate of the Associated
12 Students on August 2nd, 2023;

13 *Whereas*, Senator Raygoza was marked absent unexcused from the Senate of the Associated
14 Students on August 20th, 2023;

15 *Whereas*, Senator Raygoza was marked tardy unexcused from the Senate of the Associated
16 Students on September 6th, 2023;

17 *Whereas*, the Committee on Oversight conducted a hearing on the senator’s attendance allowing
18 Senator Raygoza to present testimony on September 18th, 2023;

19 *Whereas*, the Committee on Oversight recommended a censure of Senator Raygoza requiring
20 that she complete an additional hour of outreach the next two outreach periods, and report to the
21 Senate of the Associated Students a minimum of two times on her ASUN related activity;

22 *Whereas*, following the censure Senator Raygoza failed to fulfil the censure requirements as she
23 did not submit her required outreach which resulted in the accumulation of additional. Furthermore,
24 on September 18th, Senator Raygoza was absent unexcused from a Safety, Sustainability, and
25 Wellness Committee meeting. In response, Senator Raygoza was called in to present to the
26 committee on oversight for a possible recensure on October 30th. During this meeting, she was

1 given the opportunity to explain her reasoning for her actions. After careful consideration, the
 2 Committee on Oversight decided to recensure and impose punitive actions. These punitive actions
 3 are as follows:

- 4 **1. A written apology to the Sagebrush:** Senator Raygoza is required to provide a formal,
 5 written apology to the Sagebrush, acknowledging her lapses in fulfilling her duties.
- 6 **2. A verbal apology presented to the Senate:** Senator Raygoza must deliver a formal, verbal
 7 apology to the Senate, addressing her shortcomings and explaining her commitment to
 8 improving her performance.
- 9 **3. Loss of Zoom privileges (with the discretion of the Speaker):** In order to hold Senator
 10 Raygoza accountable and emphasize the importance of attendance and participation, she will
 11 have her Zoom privileges suspended, with the Speaker having discretion over when and if
 12 these privileges may be reinstated.
- 13 **4. Weekly outreach submission:** To ensure Senator Raygoza actively participates in outreach
 14 efforts and fulfills her responsibilities, she is now required to submit her outreach activities
 15 on a weekly basis.

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students,* that the above recommendation by the ASUN
 17 Standing Committee on Oversight for the Censure of Senator Alyah Raygoza be enforced by the
 18 body;

19 *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students,* that a copy of this binding resolution be
 20 sent to the following individuals:

- 21 a) Senator for the School of Public Health, Alyah Raygoza