

91st Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, 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 ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

3. ROLL CALL

Roll Call must be listed by Legislative Clerk

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

No meeting dates were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate for approval

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. No receipt of petitions were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:

POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m.

ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING

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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, Mark Meiszburger

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 nomination has been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:

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.

- a. No nominations have been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:

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.

- a. No nominations have been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:

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 TO PROMOTE EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND INTEGRITY IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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.

- a. No legislation has been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate at this time.

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
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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. B. 91- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO ADD AN UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT PROGRAMS LIAISON POSITION TO THE COMMITTEE OF IDEA**
 - ii. **S. B. R. 91- AN ACT TO PUBLICIZE THE SENATE LEGISLATION TRACKER**
 - iii. **S. B. 91- AN ACT TO PUBLICIZE THE SENATE LEGISLATION TRACKER**

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. **Google to Microsoft Migration Presentation**

The Senate will hear a presentation from Sasi Pillay and Brandon Guilbe to discuss the progress and updates regarding the migration from Google to Microsoft.
- 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."

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91st SESSION
2023-2024

**S. R. 91-
A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE
EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND
INTEGRITY IN THE SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL WORK**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR LIMBACHER,
AUTHORED BY SENATOR LIMBACHER,

**A Resolution to Promote Equity, Inclusion, and Integrity in the School
of Social Work**

- 1 *Whereas*, Bachelor's level social work students are required to put in 225 hours at an unpaid
2 internship per the graduation requirements;
- 3 *Whereas*, the School of Social Work introduced a new class curriculum for SW 427: Social Work
4 Methods with Organizations, Communities, and Legislatures in the Spring semester of 2024 with an
5 additional 75 hour time log requirement – increasing our total hours from 225 to 300;

1 *Whereas*, the class material for SW 427 revolves around campaigning for a social issue, which is
2 not a feasible task within a single semester, and would more beneficial to have earlier in the social
3 work educational path;

4 *Whereas*, the School of Social Work did not adequately communicate the time log requirement
5 until February 16, 2024, a month into the semester, leaving many social work students trying to catch
6 up to meet class requirements;

7 *Whereas*, split-year students who are graduating in Spring 2024 with the full-time students, and
8 already completed the SW 427 class did not have the additional requirement of 75 hours added to
9 their workload;

10 *Whereas*, the Bachelor of Social Work Program introduces a data analysis class for senior-year
11 social work students, despite not having a math requirement in years;

12 *Whereas*, the increase in the workload of the final semester of the Bachelor of Social Work
13 Program at UNR has caused intense stress among students;

14 *Whereas*, hybrid students are required to submit all assignments on the same day as their 8-hour
15 class, often leaving them with little time for questions or concerns;

16 *Whereas*, when students brought their concerns to their professors, the response from the
17 School of Social Work was simply that we would “get through it”, rather than offering any kind of
18 help or change to the curriculum that was thrown on the students this semester;

19 *Whereas*, non-traditional students often do not have the time or privilege of dedicating the extra
20 hours to their classes due to working full-time jobs to support themselves, pay bills, and pay for
21 college;

22 *Whereas*, social work students paid and applied to get into the Bachelor of Social Work Program,
23 only for the School of Social Work to change their curriculum and not adequately communicate the
24 changes to students who are applying to the program;

1 *Whereas*, the School of Social Work students feel a great amount of disrespect from the
2 University and from the School of Social Work due to their lack of communication and their
3 dismissal of student voices, views, opinions, and circumstances;

4 *Whereas*, the structure of the School of Social Work does not promote inclusivity of non-
5 traditional, hybrid, split-year, or neurodiverse students as evident by their demands with hours, due
6 dates, and class requirements which do not take into account the personal circumstances of students;

7 *Whereas*, the School of Social Work does not acknowledge the privilege that comes with being a
8 full-time student, and often puts all non-traditional students at a great disadvantage;

9 *Whereas*, the School of Social Work students have not had a consistent and reliable advisor to
10 turn to when facing issues within the program;

11 *Whereas*, the School of Social Work has demonstrated a pattern of inadequate communication
12 with its students, faculty, and staff, resulting in misunderstandings, delays, and frustration among
13 school of social work students;

14 *Whereas*, integrity as the act of responsibly promoting ethical practices on the part of the
15 organization is a foundational ethical principle for the National Association of Social Workers
16 (NASW) and in the Code of Ethics Social Work students are to follow;¹

17 *Whereas*, under the Integrity of the Profession in our NASW Code of Ethics, social workers
18 should “uphold and advance the values, ethics, knowledge, and mission of the profession,” and,
19 “protect, enhance, and improve the integrity of the profession.”;²

20 *Whereas*, in accordance with our Code of Ethics, Social Workers are expected to engage in and
21 support, “social and political action that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to

¹ NASW Code of Ethics. NASW, National Association of Social Workers. (n.d.). <https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English#standards>

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resources, employment, services, and opportunities,” and should, “advocate for changes in policy and legislation,” to promote social justice;³

Be it resolved that, the School of Social Work must restructure the program to effectively accommodate the needs of non-traditional and diverse students to ensure equitable access, support, and success for all social work students;

Be it further resolved, the School of Social Work must revise its communication standards in compliance with our Code of Ethics to enhance the integrity of the program and to prevent future miscommunication and confusion. It is imperative that these changes be made to ensure that future cohorts are not led down by the School of Social Work;

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

- School of Social Work Dean, Lillian Wichinsky,
- School of Social Work Associate Dean, Eugenia Weiss,
- BSW Program Director, Jose Parra,
- MSW Program Coordinator, Sara Thompson-Kirby,
- Executive Assistant to the Dean, Cathy Alvin,
- Coordinator of Academic Success, Brenda Lopez,
- Program Advisor for the MSW Program, Olga Martinez,
- Field Education Coordinator, Jahahi Mazariego,
- BSW Program Coordinator, Mariana Murphy,
- Field Education Program Assistant Coordinator, Yezenia Olivera,
- President of the Associated Students, Boris Carpio Guerra
- President of the University of Nevada, Reno, Brian Sandoval

³ NASW Code of Ethics. NASW, National Association of Social Workers. (n.d.-a). <https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English/Social-Workers-Ethical-Responsibilities-to-the-Broader-Society>

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S. B. 91-
A RESOLUTION TO ADD AN
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT PROGRAMS
LIAISON POSITION TO THE COMMITTEE
OF IDEA

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 4, 2023

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR DIANA LANDAZURI

**A Resolution to Add an Undocumented Student Programs Liaison Position to the
Committee of IDEA**

Whereas, the Trump administration enacted the suspension of DACA and the Biden administration has denied accepting new applications, the incoming class of 2024 will no longer have the option to apply for DACA;

Whereas, this policy change means that undocumented students are now unable to apply for protection against deportation and consequently face new financial, academic, and legal barriers;

Whereas, the Manager of Undocumented Student Programs, Janet Najera, has stated that this policy change will create a rise in undocumented students and expressed interest in having a senator from the senate body serve as an official liaison between ASUN and the Undocumented Student Programs to support its students and their advocacy efforts;

Whereas, the Undocumented Student Programs serves as a resource and safe space to all DACA undocumented, and mixed status students at the University of Nevada, Reno;

Whereas, the ASUN Senate Committee on IDEA does not currently have listed a liaison position to represent the Undocumented Student Programs;

Whereas, the Chair of the Senate Committee on IDEA Ali and Senator Landazuri have expressed interest in creating a liaison position between senate and the undocumented students program;

Be it resolved that, the Senate committee on IDEA add an undocumented student programs liaison position to its committee effective immediately;

Be it further resolved that a copy of the legislation be sent to the following:

- Manager of Undocumented Student Programs, Janet Najera
- Chair of the Senate Committee on IDEA, Aween Ali
- Senator for the College of Business, Diana Landazuri

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S. B. R. 91-

An Act to Publicize the Senate Legislation Tracker

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

DECEMBER 6, 2023

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR TORI BEAULAC
AND AUTHORED BY SENATE INTERN CARMINA AGLUBAT

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1 *Whereas*, this piece accompanies the act of the same name.

2 *Whereas*, students have expressed a want for more transparency within their
3 representative body;

4 *Whereas*, the association has an impactful budget funded by students, in which they have
5 a vested interest in;

6 *Whereas*, this tracker allows the students to stay presently updated on issues that are
7 significant to them and in which they have a stake in;

8 *Whereas*, students have the right to know the progress their representatives are making all
9 throughout the year, even when they are a work in progress;

10 *Whereas*, this gives students an outlet to reach out to their Senators on projects they are
11 actively working on and understand who to speak to for topics of their concern;

12 *Whereas*, this legislative tracker will keep Senators encouraged and accountable as having
13 the Senate Body's work in the public eye will motivate Senators to actively pass legislation
14 and follow up on the pieces they have passed;

15 *Whereas*, a legislative tracker has already been made for the session, and needs to be used
16 more effectively;

17 *Whereas*, student input and involvement strengthen the legislative and representative
18 process;

19 *Whereas*, the Parliamentarian shall be responsible for the publicization of the Legislative
20 tracker and ensure it is up to date;

21 *Be it enacted that the Senate of the Associated Students*, implement the changes in Addendum
22 A into the Statutes of the Associated Students.

23 *Be it further enacted that the Senate of the Associated Students*, implement the changes seen in
24 Addendum B into the 91st Session Rules of the Senate.

Addendum B

Rule II: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE

f) ATTENDANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY 91ST SESSION RULES OF THE SENATE

- 1) No Senator shall be absent from the service of the Senate without leave.
- 2) The Committee on Oversight shall conduct a hearing on the senator's attendance on the 5th accumulated point (refer to Rule II, (f), 4, (i-v)) in which the senator shall be afforded an opportunity to present either oral or written testimony defending or admitting to his, her, or their absences. The committee shall determine if the absences merit the imposition of disciplinary action against the senator. During the hearing, the Committee on Oversight has the authority to excuse or dismiss points compiled against a senator if there is reasonable explanation.
- 3) Upon verifying the fifth accumulated attendance point, the Committee on Oversight shall recommend a censure of the offending senator. Any senator's first censure shall include, at minimum, a recommendation that the senator in question release a public statement or apology to the Nevada Sagebrush. Additional punitive action, which may include expulsion from the Senate, will be recommended upon the accumulation of additional points.
- 4) The Attorney General will have the power to file charges against the Speaker of the Senate upon the accumulation of the fifth point.
- 5) Reports of Attendance and Absence as well as respective points gained toward censure will be reported by the Secretary of the Senate during each Oversight Committee meeting of the Senate of the Associated Students and consolidated by the Speaker of the Senate. The Senate shall calculate attendance upon the following point formula:

- i) Six unexcused absent Senate outreach hours shall be equivalent to two points. (1/3 point for every missed hour)
 - ii) An unexcused absence from a Committee of the Senate shall be the equivalent to one point.
 - iii) Three instances of unexcused tardiness at committee meetings shall be equivalent to one point. (1/3 point for every instance)
 - iv) Three instances of unexcused tardiness at general senate meetings shall be equivalent to two points. (2/3 point for every instance)
 - v) An unexcused absence from a meeting of the Senate of the Associated Students shall be equivalent to two points. vi.)
 - vi) Three instances of failure to meet with an assigned intern shall be the equivalent of 1 point (1/3 point for every missed hour).
 - vii) Failure of Chairpersons or Vice-Chairpersons to report before the Senate shall be the equivalent to one point against the name of the respective Chairperson.
 - viii) Failure of the Speaker of the Senate to report the consolidated reports to the Nevada Sagebrush and the Legislative Clerk shall be the equivalent of two points.
 - ix) The Secretary will send an electronic report of the points accumulated by the Speaker of the Senate, as detailed under Rule II, (f), 4, (ix) to the Attorney General.
 - x) Failure of the Chairperson of a committee, including the Committee on Oversight, to hold a meeting within the required two-week period shall be the equivalent of two points.
- 6) Failure of Senators to update the legislative tracker at the end of each outreach period will result in the accumulation of one 1/3 of a point at the discretion of the Parliamentarian.

Rule XX: SENATE OFFICERS

- a) PARLIAMENTARIAN The Speaker shall appoint from the membership of the Senate a Parliamentarian, subject to the majority approval of the Senate, who shall advise the Speaker and individual Senators on matters of Senate Procedure, the law, and the Constitution. In addition, they shall be responsible for the publicization of the Legislative tracker and ensure it is up to date.

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S. B. 91-

An Act to Publicize the Senate Legislation Tracker

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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Addendum A**TITLE I: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH****CHAPTER 101: COMPOSITION****SECTION 07: PARLIAMENTARIAN****a) IN GENERAL:**

The Speaker shall appoint from the membership of the Senate a Parliamentarian, subject to the majority approval of the Senate, who shall advise the Speaker and individual Senators on matters of Senate procedure, the law, and the Constitution of the Associated Students.

b) DUTIES:

- 1) The Parliamentarian shall be informally trained along with or by the Attorney General of the Association within 14 days of assuming office and shall informally train officers and department directors on parliamentary procedures.
- 2) Assume a voting position within the Committee of Oversight and the Committee on Government Operations.
- 3) Advise the Speaker and individual Senators on matters of Senate Procedure, the law, and the Constitution.
- 4) Be responsible for the publicization of the Legislative tracker and ensure it is up to date.