

Convening of the 93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

**In-Person: JCSU Ballroom A, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom
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1. CONVENING OF THE NINETY-SECOND SESSION OF THE SENATE*

The Secretary of the Senate, Faith Johnson will call the Senate to order pursuant to SAS 102. Pending the election of a Speaker, the Secretary of the Senate will preserve order and decorum and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal by a Senator-Elect. Secretary Johnson calls the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 16th, at 5:33 pm via the JCSU Ballroom A, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & Zoom.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES*

a. National Observance

- Secretary Naidu leads us through the pledge of Aledgenece.

b. Land Acknowledgement

- Given by Chenoa Lent of the Bishop Paiute Tribe.

c. Inauguration of the ASUN President and Vice President

- Chief Justice Arneson swears in Vice President Elect McNamara.
- Chief Justice Arneson swears in President Elect Aglubat.

d. Inaugural Addresses

- Vice President McNamara gives his inauguration speech.
- President Aglubat gives her inauguration speech.

Secretary Johnson seeks a motion to recess for 15 minutes. Senator Elect Issa moves the motion. Senator Elect Acklin seconds the motion. Recess for 15 minutes

Secretary Johnson calls the meeting back to order at 6:16 pm.

3. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM*

- Present: Senator Elects, Acklin, Atkinson, Barrus, Bohlander, Castro, Evans, Hoang, Houghtelling, Issa, Kitch, Levy, Lucchesi, McAndrews, Miceli, Miller, Moore, Moss, Packard, Palmer, Saporito, and Villa.
- A quorum was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tucker Goodspeed Senator in the 92nd Session – came to give his support to Senator Elect Acklin for Speaker.
- Ethan Lawler Senator in the 92nd Session – came to give his support to Senator Elect Acklin for Speaker.
- Sephora Lee 92nd Session Director of SSW – came to give her support to Senator Elect Moss for Speaker Pro Tempore, as well as Senator Elect Kitch for ASA Chair.
- Abigail Castro Senator in 92nd Session – came to give her support to Senator Elect Castro for IDEA Chair.
- Mark Meiszburger Senator in the 90th & 91st Session – came to give his support to Senator Elect Acklin for Speaker.
- Jeffrey Shoji Director of Fan Engagement - came to say congratulations on behalf of all of the athletics department and is excited to work with everyone this year and see what they can do together for the University.
- Director Rodriguez of CSE – came to give advice on who to pick for the next Speaker and to pick wisely. Think who would benefit the Senate best and keep the student body in mind.
- Director Krentz of Programming – came to give her support to Senator Elect Moss for Speaker Pro Tempore.
- Dawson Deal former President – has a Bill Reform that was read by Secretary Johnson.

5. ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

Nominations:

- Senator Elect Saporito nominates Senator Elect Acklin for Speaker.
- Senator Elect Levy nominates Senator Elect Houghtelling for Speaker.

Presentation/Questioning:

- Senator Elect Acklin gives his presentation.
 - Senator Elect Moss asks how he plans to make connections with the rest of the University.
 - Senator Elect Issa asks what new plans he has that are different from the previous Speaker.
 - Senator Elect McAndrews asks what the most difficult aspect of being a leader is.
 - Senator Elect Barrus asks how he plans to resolve conflicts and keep student values in mind.
 - Senator Elect Levy asks how he plans to mend the bridge between all the branches of government.
 - Senator Elect Castro asks about preserving and enhancing accessibility and inclusion for students on this campus to our association.
 - Senator Elect Kitch asks what makes you more qualified than your competitor.

Senator Elect Issa motions to extend the questioning period.

Senator Elect Castro seconds the motion.

Questioning period time extended.

- Senator Elect Issa asks if he encountered any disagreements between committee members and how it was solved, during your time as senator is there any sort of outreach that has been unrepresented, and how do you plan on addressing it.
- Senator Elect Castro asks a clarifying question about experience with bureaucracy.
- Senator Elect Villa asks how you plan to address student questions regarding IDEA initiatives.
- Senator Elect Houghtelling gives his presentation.
 - Senator Elect Palmer asks how he plans to prioritize the Senators' mental health, school comes first and not feeling overwhelmed.
 - Senator Elect Castro asks about bringing the senate to the community like keeping the town halls alive and accountability measurements how does he plan to implement this.
 - Senator Elect Barrus asks how you will approach disagreements at the table and keep student needs in mind.
 - Senator Elect Kitch asks what makes you more qualified than your competitor.
 - Senator Elect Issa states that town halls are too obvious, how do feel about this and how would your platform as speaker differ from Speaker Ali.

Senator Elect Issa motions to extend the questioning period.

Senator Elect Castro seconds the motion.

Questioning period time extended.

- Senator Elect McAndrews asks what do find is the most difficult aspect of leadership.
- Senator Elect Villa asks what would you do different from your opponent as speaker, what in your own definition is an effectively run chambers, and as speaker what would say would be the defining traits of why you should be chosen as speaker.
- Senator Elect Issa asks about his time on the oversight committee, what is lacking in the outreach aspect of reaching out to the student body and outside of the senator town halls. Also, how will you prove the senators are being true to their outreach.

Discussion:

- Senator Elect Palmer states she is in favor of Senator Elect Acklin because he had a clear outline of what he wants for the senators, and the student body. Also, has an unbiased opinion.
- Senator Elect Moss states he is in favor of Senator Elect Acklin because he was an intern under him and can speak to his leadership being impactful and he always acknowledges everyone.
- Senator Elect Lucchesi states he is in support of Senator Elect Acklin because he handles disagreements in a positive manner.
- Senator Elect Castro state she has had many disagreements with Senator Elect Acklin, but he has never let these disagreements in any way to affect how we run the senate his goals are more tangible, so she is in favor of Senator Elect Acklin.

- Senator Elect Issa states that he has had numerous disagreements with Senator Elect Acklin as well as good conversations, his goals are more tangible than Senator Elect Houghtelling, so he is in support of Senator Elect Acklin.
- Senator Elect McAndrew states she is looking more at character than anything, so she is in support of Senator Elect Houghtelling.
- Senator Elect Moss states that coming from the executive branch Senator Elect Houghtelling is wary of the senate report check-in would limit what/how the Committees and Departments can do may create a divide between both branches.
- Senator Elect Saporito states he is in support of Senator Elect Acklin however both presentations were really strong and made good points.
- Senator Elect Villa asks that the senate takes into consideration both candidates' policies and how they want to implement them.
- Senator Elect Atkinson states that a speaker should have no bias, have empathy, and compassion so is in favor of Senator Elect Acklin.
- Senator Elect Palmer motions a move to previous question.
 - Senator Elect Castro seconds.

Voting:

- The vote will now take place.
- Senator Elect Acklin was elected.
- Both nominees are called back into the room.

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO SPEAKER AND SENATORS

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

- Secretary Johnson gives Senator Elect Acklin the oath of Speaker to the Senate.
- Speaker Acklin gives the oath to all the Senators Elects.

Speaker Acklin seeks a motion to recess for 15 minutes.

Senator Moss makes a motion to recess for 15 minutes.

Senator Issa seconds the motion.

Motion passes and a 15-minute recess will commence.

Speaker Acklin reconvenes the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Legislative Clerk Kaur re-calls the role.

- Present: Senators, Acklin, Atkinson, Bohlander, Castro, Evans, Hoang, Issa, Kitch, Lucchesi, McAndrews, Miceli, Miller, Moore, Moss, Packard, Palmer, Saporito, and Villa
- Tardy Excused: Senators Barrus, Houghtelling, and Levy
- A quorum was present.

7. 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, the following positions:

a. Speaker Pro Tempore

- Nominations opened by Speaker Acklin.
 - Senator Castro nominates Senator Moss.
 - Senator Kitch nominates Senator Moss.
- Presentation:
 - Senator Moss gives his presentation.
- Questioning:
 - Senator Saporito asks about specific details that will entail the internship.
 - Senator Issa asks about how they plan to balance all activities they do as well as time manage everything that will be going on with the Senate.
 - Senator Castro asks how he plans on moving forward to achieve and keep the internship running at if not more than what has happened this year.
 - Senator Levy asks what kind of mixers he plans on hosting.
- Discussion:
 - No discussion.
- Voting
 - The vote will now take place.
 - Senator Moss was elected.
 - The nominee is called back into the room.
 - Senator Moss is now the Speaker Pro Tempore.

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.

8. 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.

- Speaker seeks a motion to adopt the Rules of the Senate.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Moss makes a motion to adopt the Rules of the Senate.
- Senator Palmer seconds the motion.
- A vote is now called to approve the motion.
- The rules have been adopted.

9. DISPOSITION OF VACANT SEAT

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

- Speaker Acklin announces the following vacancies:
 - a. **1 VACANCY (School of Social Work)**
 - b. **3 VACANCIES (College of Engineering)**

10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SENATORS TO COMMITTEE

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.

The Senate will elect Chairpersons and Senators to the following Committees:

a. Budget and Finance

Nominations:

- Senator Lucchesi nominates Senator Miceli.
- Senator Kitch nominates Senator Hoang.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Moss nominates Senator Barrus.
- Senator Issa nominates Senator Palmer.

Presentations/Questions:

- Senator Miceli gives his presentation.
 - Senator Kitch asks what makes you more qualified than the others nominated.
- Senator Hoang gives his presentation.
 - Senator Kitch asks what makes you more qualified than the others nominated.
 - Senator Lucchesi asks how much money he handled as a member of the Entrepreneurship Club compared to the Committee in Budget and Finance.
 - Senator Moore asks how the money you handled at the Entrepreneurship Club made you prepared to potentially become the Chair of Budget & Finance.
- Senator Barrus gives her presentation.
 - Senator Kitch asks what makes you more qualified than the others nominated.
- Senator Palmer gives her presentation.
 - Senator Kitch asks what makes you more qualified than the others nominated.

Discussion:

- Senator Issa is stuck between Senator Miceli and Senator Barrus. They both bring different aspects to the Chair.
- Senator Lucchesi agrees with Senator Issa but is leaning more towards Senator Miceli.
- Senator McAndrews thinks Senator Miceli is best since he will ask the hard questions.

- Senator Moore thinks that senator Hoang was the most stable in his transparency plans towards the student body.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Moss is leaning more towards Barrus since she has experience with Event Programming, will bring all her experience, and her plan had almost the same expectations as Senator Hoang.
- Senator Bohlander states he is stuck between Senator Miceli and Senator Hoang.
- Senator Kitch is stuck between Senator Miceli and Senator Palmer. She liked Senator Miceli's answer to her question though.
- Senator Lucchesi gives his position on who he feels is the best.
- Senator Levy wants further discussion on it since she is torn between all four.

Voting

- The Senate votes and there is a tie between Senator Miceli and Senator Barrus.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Moss moves to open discussion again.
- Senator Issa seconds.
- Senate moves into discussion again.

Discussion:

- Senator Levy asks the Senate why they voted for the candidate they did.
- Senator Evans states that Senator Barrus was very well rounded.
- Senator Castro states she is in favor of Senator Hoang because he can accurately state the issues Budget and Finance deals with.
- Senator Lucchesi is in support of Senator Miceli.
- Senator McAndrews is in favor of Senator Miceli due to his experience and character.
- Senator Saporito is in favor of Senator Miceli because of the direct experience he displayed but was tied between him and Senator Barrus.
- Senator Villa is in favor of Senator Barrus because she seemed to have the most experience in ASUN in general.
- Senator Issa is in favor of Senator Barrus but now supports Senator Hoang.
- Senator Castro wants to make sure the committee makes a standpoint on more transparency so still in favor of Senator Hoang.
- Senator Evans liked Senator Barrus' programming experience, however, is torn between the other candidates as well.
- Senator Lucchesi states again his support for Senator Miceli.
- Senator Houghtelling states Senator Barrus has the experience not on the Committee but responding to the committee as a chair that matters more than being on the committee.
- Senator McAndrews states anyone can write an email and make an agenda; however, it's another thing to ask hard questions and be able to communicate that. She feels Senator Miceli can do this the best.
- Senator Bohlander echos what Senator McAndrews stated. Also, stated that having the courage to do what you believe has merit and being able to say no.
- Senator Atkinson voted for Barrus but now will be voting for Senator Miceli because of his action to be able to say no and ask the hard questions.

Speaker Acklin seeks a motion to extend the discussion period.

Speaker Pro Tempore Moss moves the motion.

Senator Lucchesi seconds the motion.

Discussion period time extended.

- Senator Houghtelling states there is an unfair advantage to Senator Miceli since we are assuming that all the other candidates will not ask the hard questions.
- Senator Castro is firm on her support to Senator Hoang.
- Senator Lucchesi stated that yes everyone could ask the hard questions, but Senator Miceli directly stated in his presentation and has dealt with the people/will be able to make connections to know that there are people behind the money and where the money comes from.
- Senator Moore is torn by Senator Houghtelling's point because Senator Barrus only has one experience from Programming.

Vote:

- A vote is taken again.
- Senator Miceli is elected as Chair of Budget and Finance.

b. Academic and Student Affairs

- Will be elected at the next Senate meeting.

c. Democratic and Civic Engagement

- Will be elected at the next Senate meeting.

d. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (IDEA)

- Will be elected at the next Senate meeting.

e. Government Operations

- Will be elected at the next Senate meeting.

f. Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness

- Will be elected at the next Senate meeting.

g. Special Committee on Food Insecurity

- Will be elected at the next Senate meeting.

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11. 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.

- Speaker Acklin seeks to move legislation to Government Operations.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Moss seeks a point of clarification.

12. RECEIPT OF PETITION AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

- No new business at this time.

13. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

- No comments or announcements.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT*

- No public comment.

15. ADJOURNMENT*

Speaker Acklin adjourns the meeting at 9:24 pm via the JCSU Ballroom A, Fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union & on Zoom.

16. NOTES

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenzized 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. 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. Any inquiries or requests for supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Secretary of the Senate at secretaryjohnson@unr.edu

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