

# 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

In Person: Rita Laden, Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union Zoom

## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Speaker Acklin called the Senate of the Associated Students meeting to order on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union and on zoom.

Presiding Secretaries Johnson and Naidu. And Legislative Clerk Kaur.

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & LAND ACKNOWLEDGE**

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”

“We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homelands of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.”

## **3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Speaker Acklin and Senators Atkinson, Barrus, Bohlander, Castro, Evans, Hoang, Houghtelling, Issa, Kitch, Levy, Lucchesi, McAndrews, Miceli, Miller, Moore, Moss, Packard, Palmer, Saporito, Terry, and Villa

**-QUORUM WAS PRESENT**

## **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be considered at the time.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**-Director Sandra Rodriguez-** Notified the body of the prestigious award given to AnnaMarie Oshiokpekhai. As well as announced for students to stay safe among the Dead Day celebrations.

## **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.

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# Senate of the Associated Students Agenda

Wednesday, May 7, 2025



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Speaker Acklin motioned to refer agenda items a-g through unanimous consent, so moved by Senator Issa and seconded by Senator Barrus

- a. **Director of IDEA – Zyna Navarte** -Nominee gave 10 minute presentation regarding their candidacy- Questioning period was held- Discussion was held- Nomination was confirmed by vote
- b. **Assistant Director of Sustainability- Kendra Cook** - Nominee gave 10 minute presentation regarding their candidacy- Questioning period was held- Discussion was held- Nomination was confirmed by vote
- c. **Assistant Director of Wellness- Lauren Sosa** - Nominee gave 10 minute presentation regarding their candidacy- Questioning period was held- Discussion was held- Nomination was confirmed by vote
- d. **Assistant Director of Campus and Public Relations- Keira Mendoza**- Nominee gave 10 minute presentation regarding their candidacy- Questioning period was held- Discussion was held- Nomination was confirmed by vote
- e. **Assistant Director of Government Affairs- Isabelle Hatch**- Nominee gave 10 minute presentation regarding their candidacy- Questioning period was held- Discussion was held- Nomination was confirmed by vote
- f. **Assistant Director of Programming; Marketing and Interns- Chelsea Pate**- Nominee gave 10 minute presentation regarding their candidacy- Questioning period was held- Discussion was held- Nomination was confirmed by vote
- g. **Assistant Director of Programming; Budget and Assessment-Greydon Geil** - Nominee gave 10 minute presentation regarding their candidacy- Questioning period was held- Discussion was held- Nomination was confirmed by vote

## **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, Carmina Aglubat**- Reported on meeting with UNR leadership alliance to discuss transitions etc, as well be presenting their nominee for the Department of IDEA, and have finalized upcoming budget. She also notified the body of summer hours.
- b. **Vice President of the Associated Students, Ethan McNamara** - Reported on orientations with AD Tecson and selected positions for student media. He also reported on attending budget and finance meeting where budget was finalized.
- c. **Chief Justice, Rena Arneson – Jererado Nataren**- Reported on no report from Rena

- d. **Director of Executive Outreach, Naomi Tecson**- Reported on meeting with Alumni association and attended the IDEA committee to discuss several on campus issues. She also reported on meeting to discuss Pause and play event and has created the RSVP that will be sent out shortly.
- e. **Director of Executive Affairs, Gabriella Detrick** – Reported on internship details, as well as will be giving presidents cabinet interviews and planning for retreat.
- f. **Director of Clubs and Organizations, Madison Hess** – Reported on finishing AD interviews
- g. **Director of Programming, Rilyn Krentz** – Reported on interviewing for department positions as well as creating an internal timeline for events etc.
- h. **Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor** – Reported on meeting with presidents cabinet to discuss several legislative issues and priorities. As well as appointed several positions within her department and is preparing testimony for upcoming issues for the legislative session.
- i. **Director of IDEA,–Vacant at the time**
- j. **Director of Sustainability, Sephora Lee** – Reported on speaking with senator levy to collaborate with committee and is preparing for appointment. She also reported on meeting with President Aglubat for the upcoming session
- k. **Director of Campus and Public Relations, Juliauana Sullivan** – No report at the time
- l. **Director of Campus Wellness, Emily Hohman**- Reported on selecting AD and discussed expectations and reminded body to take care of themselves
- m. **Attorney General, Caleb Oster** – Reported on no charges to review at the time and will be reviewing legislation with gov opps.
- n. **Speaker of the Senate, Leaf Acklin** - Gave a short overview of the meeting as well as gave information regarding outreach for senators.

## **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, Madison Kitch** – Reported on meeting last week to elect vice chair and establish liaison positions
- b. **Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Logan Miceli** – Reported on electing vice chair and discuss budget that will be presented to senate tonight.
- c. **Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Jason Issa** – Reported on meeting this week to elect vice chair and liaison positions
- d. **Chair, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Viviana Castro** – Reported on meeting to elect vice chair shortly
- e. **Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Travis Terry** – Reported on meeting may 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss a bill.
- f. **Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness, Camille Levy** – Reported on meeting may 8<sup>th</sup> to hear a UNR libraries presentation and will be selecting vice chair
- g. **Chair, Special Committee on Food Insecurity,** - Reported on meeting next Tuesday to elect a vice chair
- h. **Parliamentarian, Jason Issa** – Reminded senators to update legislation tracker
- i. **Speaker Pro-Tempore, Dillon Moss**- Reported on syllabus for internship as well as gave information on mentor paperwork

- j. **Chair, Committee on Oversight, Leaf Acklin** – Reported on meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss outreach, points memo etc.

## **9. REPORTS OF SECRETARIES OFFICE (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements for no longer than five minutes.

- a. **Senate Secretary, Faith Johnson**- Reported on keeping up with minutes and reminded senators and anyone giving reports to please send them in.
- b. **Legislative Clerk, Jasveen Kaur** - No Report at the time

## **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.

\_Speaker Acklin moved to fast track agenda item 10a-g with unanimous consent. So moved by Senator Terry and Seconded by Senator Barrus.

-THE FOLLOWING WAS FASTTRACKED

- a. Director of IDEA – Zyna Navarte
- b. Assistant Director of Sustainability- Kendra Cook
- c. Assistant Director of Wellness- Lauren Sosa
- d. Assistant Director of Campus and Public Relations- Keira Mendoza
- e. Assistant Director of Government Affairs- Isabelle Hatch
- f. Assistant Director of Programming; Marketing and Interns- Chelsea Pate
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## **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. **Director of IDEA – Zyna Navarte- APPROVED**
- b. **Assistant Director of Sustainability- Kendra Cook - APPROVED**
- c. **Assistant Director of Wellness- Lauren Sosa - APPROVED**
- d. **Assistant Director of Campus and Public Relations- Keira Mendoza-APPROVED**
- e. **Assistant Director of Government Affairs- Isabelle Hatch -APPROVED**
- f. **Assistant Director of Programming; Marketing and Interns- Chelsea Pate-APPROVED**
- g. **Assistant Director of Programming; Budget and Assessment-Greydon Geil -APPROVED**

## **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's submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.**

**13. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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.

- a. No items were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

**14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Speaker Acklin moved to approve agenda item 14a-b through unanimous consent. So moved by Senator Miceli and seconded by Senator Barrus

- a. S. B. 93 - A Bill to reform the Annual ASUN retreat
- b. S. B. 93 – A Bill amending the reapportionment guidelines within the statutes of the associated students

**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 items were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate

**16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Senator Issa referred the following bills to Government Operations, so moved by Senator Lucchesi- and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Levy. Approved

- a. S. B. 93 - A Bill to reform the Annual ASUN retreat
- b. S. B. 93 – A Bill amending the reapportionment guidelines within the statutes of the associated students

**17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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

- a. **S.B. 93 AN ACT TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 –**  
President Aglubat and VP McNamara read a brief overview of the budget. Speaker Acklin moved to approve the following budget: so moved by Senator Issa and seconded by Senator Barrus.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. **Presentation from Student Health Center**  
The Senate heard a presentation from the Student Health Center - Questioning period was held
- b. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions**  
The Senate made no changes to committee assignments
- c. **Senator Reports**  
-Senator Issa reported on meeting with COLA coalition in the future

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Speaker Acklin wished everyone a happy break and congratulated Luis Aguilar Hererra on his graduation

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

-Carmina Aglubat- Expressed gratitude for passing her cabinet

-Sandy Rodriguez- Congratulated Gabby Turner and Luis Aguilar Herrera on their graduations.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Acklin adjourned the Senate of the Associated Students meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:25 PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union and on Zoom

