

# Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students 93rd Session

Agenda for The 30<sup>th</sup> of July 7/30/2025, at 2:30pm

In-Person: President's Conference Room located in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement

Zoom: <https://unr.zoom.us/j/8194353742?omn=86460423226>

Meeting ID: 819 435 3742

Email Senator Saporito for any problems with the Zoom link: senatorSaporito@asun.unr.edu

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

The meeting for the Special Committee on Food Insecurity was called to order by Chair Saporito on July 30, 2025, at 2:32 PM in the Frankie Sue Del Papas Presidents Conference Room.

## **2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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 the deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory

## **3. ROLL CALL**

Roll Call must be listed by Secretaries.

- a. Chair Saporito — Present on Zoom
- b. Vice Chair Houghtelling — Absence Unexcused
- c. Senator Atkinson — Present on Zoom
- d. Senator Levy — Present on Zoom
- e. Senator Moss — Present
- f. Senator Issa — Present

## **4. 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 Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair 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 senatorSaporito@asun.unr.edu or via Zoom conference call.

- Received public comment from Ryan Syad, Assistant Director of Pack Provisions. Noticed the Special Committee of his resignation from the role, as well as introduced the committee to Pack Provision's new Student Director, Atlas Simpson.

## **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

## **6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- a. Report on FISH partnership & Liaison Positions – Alexander Saporito

- Chair Saporito shared an update on the committee's developing relationship with the nonprofit organization FISH, based in Carson City. He has been in contact with the

organization's leadership, who are interested in collaborating with ASUN. A tour of the FISH facilities is being planned for the start of the school year, with more details to come once scheduling and transportation are finalized. Chair Saporito also discussed the assignment of liaison positions within the Special Committee.

- During this time, Ryan Syad of Pack Provisions asked if Pack Provisions could have access to the Contact-Sheet/UNRBox mentioned for the liaison positions. Both Chair Saporito and Associate Director Luis Aguilar Herrera mentioned they would not be opposed to that idea, and they would discuss the matter further at a later time.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

There is no old business to consider at this time.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** a.

Liaison Adoptions

- a. Pack Provisions Liaison
- b. Campus Food Systems Liaison
- c. Food Bank & Community Resources Liaison
- d. Student Housing & Basic Needs Liaison
- e. Community Dining & Outreach Liaison
- f. Campus Agriculture & Meat Processing Liaison
- g. FISH Liaison

- Chair Saporito has currently assigned himself to Pack Provisions but is open to reassigning this position if another committee member is interested.
  - Vice Chair Houghtelling did not receive a liaison position, as he was unable to attend the meeting.
  - Senator Atkinson will serve as the liaison for both the Food Bank & Community Resources and Campus Food Systems.
  - Senator Levy will serve as the liaison for Campus Agriculture.
  - Senator Moss will serve as the liaison for Student Housing & Basic Needs.
  - Senator Issa will serve as the liaison for FISH (Friends In Service Helping).
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- After assigning liaison positions, Assistant Director of Pack Provisions Ryan Syad emphasized the importance of respecting and maintaining the relationships already established with partner organizations like Pack Provisions. He noted that liaison materials provide valuable context and contacts to support outreach efforts. Ryan requested that committee members clarify their communication plans or share draft messages before reaching out, to ensure these relationships are handled carefully and professionally.
  - In response, Associate Director Luis Aguilar thanked Ryan for his input and clarified that when chairs reach out to community members, they typically coordinate with him, the Director of CSE (Center for Student Engagement), or others beforehand to ensure proper collaboration and communication. He reassured the committee that this process is in place to maintain consistency and keep everyone informed.
  - Chair Saporito acknowledged and respected Ryan Syad's comments, emphasizing the importance of building an open line of communication between Pack Provisions, other external or internal organizations, and the Special Committee. He committed to keeping the committee in ongoing discussion with Pack Provisions to foster transparency and collaboration.

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- No public comment in-person, on Zoom, or through written letter.

## **10. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair will recognize Committee members requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes for the purpose of miscellaneous reports and requests.

- Senator Issa — highly recommended attending the upcoming tour of FISH's facilities, highlighting the organization's dedication and impressive work. Despite the location being in Carson City, Isa believes the experience is valuable and encourages everyone to participate when the tour is scheduled.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting for the Special Committee on Food Insecurity was adjourned by Chair Saporito on July 30, 2025, at 2:50 PM in the Frankie Sue Del Papas Presidents Conference Room.

## **12. NOTES.**

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