

93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

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

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

Zoom: <https://unr.zoom.us/j/85031212520>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Acklin called the Senate of the associated students to order on July 30th, 2025, at 5:32 PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union and on Zoom.

Presiding Secretary: Speaker Pro Tempore Moss

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, Senators Atkinson, Barrus, Bohlander, Castro, Evans, Hoang, Houghtelling, Issa, Kuster, Lawson, Levy, Lucchesi, Miller, McAndrews, Miceli, Moss, Radtke, Saporito, Villa

Absent Excused: Kitch

Absent Unexcused: Moore, Packard

A Quorum was present

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. 5/21

b. 5/28

c. 6/25

d. 7/9

Speaker Acklin sought a Motion to approve agenda item 4a-d by unanimous consent. Motion by Parliamentarian Issa, seconded by Senator Barrus. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

- Madison Kitch submitted written public comment in support of Senator Bolander for Chair of Government Operations.
- Travis Terry submitted written public comment endorsing Senator Bolander for Chair of Government Operations.

6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

a. Chair of the Committee on Government Operations

Speaker Acklin sought a Motion to approve item 6A by unanimous consent. Motion by Parliamentarian Issa, seconded by Senator Barrus. Motion carried.

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7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. President of the Associated Students - **Carmina Aglubat**- No report at this time.
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students - **Ethan McNamara**- reported on the pack friendly business program and reaching out to returning and new businesses participating in the program, planning for block party and sending out the volunteer form, and reported on orientation sessions going well.
- c. Chief Justice - **Rena Arneson**- Working on internship materials, thanked the Senate for being well behaved and having no issues during the summer.
- d. Director of Executive Outreach - **Naomi Tecson**- No report at this time.
- e. Director of Executive Affairs - **Gabriella Detrick**- No report at this time.
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations - **Madison Hess**- No report at this time.
- g. Director of Programming - **Railyn Krentz**- No report at this time.
- h. Director of Government Affairs - **Kennedy Taylor**- No report at this time.
- i. Director of IDEA - **Zyna Navarte**- No report at this time.
- j. Director of Sustainability - **Sephora Lee**- No report at this time.
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations - **Juliauna Sullivan**- No report at this time.
- l. Director of Campus Wellness - **Emily Hohman**- No report at this time.
- m. Director of Ethics and Compliance - **Caleb Oster**- No report at the time.
- n. Speaker of the Senate - **Leaf Acklin**- No report at this time.

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. Committee on Academics and Student Affairs - **Madison Kitch**- No Report at this time.
- b. Committee on Budget and Finance - **Logan Miceli** – Reported on meeting the July 31st, 2025 and discussing the standardized budget form and the financial review process.
- c. Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement - **Jason Issa**- Reported on Meeting on July 30th, 2025 hearing a presentation from Director Rodriguez, sending out when2meet to find time for the committee to meet regularly in te fall.
- d. Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - **Viviana Castro**- Reported on Meeting on July 31st, 2025 and hearing a report from Director Navarte
- e. Committee on Government Operations –**Vacant**- No report at this time.
- f. Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness - **Camille Levy** – Reported on working on committee specific event during SSW week and encouraged committee members to fill out when2meet for committee.
- g. Special Committee on Food Insecurity - **Alexander Saporito**- Reported on Meeting earlier that day and assigning liaison positions.
- h. Parliamentarian - **Jason Issa**- Still going over senate rules to see if anything needs to be amended, no irregularities seen so far, working closely with Speaker Acklin on the Roberts Rules workshop.

- i. Speaker Pro-Tempore - **Dillon Moss**- Internship application is open, there are 33 applicants so far have applied, met with the Internship Coordination Committee and the Legislative Internship post will go up this Friday, Aug. 1st, working with the Internship advising group to create the mentor/mentee matching survey.
- j. Committee on Oversight - **Leaf Acklin**- Oversight committee met earlier that day, did a check in with all senate committee chairs, quorum has been an issue for the ASA and IDEA committees and this issue should be rectified before the fall semester, then he encouraged chairs to determine their fall meeting times, he then read out the points memo.

Senator Atkinson – 2 points

Senator Houghtelling – 2 points

Senator Hoang – 3 points

Senator Lucchesi – 1 point

Senator McAndrews – 1 point

Senator Miller – 1 point

Senator Miceli – 1 point

Senator Moore – 6 points

Senator Packard – 6 points

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**- No report at the time
- b. Legislative Clerk, **Jasveen Kaur**- No report at the time

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There were no motions to fast track at this meeting.

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. Chair of the committee on Government Operations.

Senator Houghtelling of the School of Public Health was nominated by Senator Levy and Senator Nicholas Bohlander of the College of Business was nominated by Parliamentarian Issa. Each accepted their nomination.

Senator Houghtelling presented first. Senator Houghtelling emphasized his previous experience and the need for clear procedures, expectations and accountability within the committee and the goal of executing the ASUN SAS Audit.

Senator Barrus asked Senator Houghtelling about his experience and how it prepared him to be chair.

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Senator Bohlander presented next. Senator Bolander presented a detailed timeline for completing the SAS audit, discussed his leadership style, and stressed the importance of committee engagement and transparency during the session.

Senator Barrus asked Senator Bohlander about his experience and how it prepared him to be chair.

During the Senate debate, multiple senators weighed the strengths of both candidates—Senator Houghtelling and Senator Bolander—but ultimately favored Bolander for his committee-specific focus, structured planning, and collaborative leadership style. Senator Houghtelling was acknowledged for his prior experience as a chair and vice chair, and for his intent to continue former Chair Terry’s initiatives. However, concerns were raised about the generality of his goals, which some felt were more appropriate for broader ASUN reform than for the Government Operations Committee. Senator Castro pointed out that Houghtelling’s presentation echoed ideas from his previous campaign for Speaker and lacked specificity tied to the committee’s unique functions. Senator Lucchesi expressed disappointment in Houghtelling’s comment that committee chairs often fail to follow through, arguing that such remarks unfairly diminished the work of past chairs. In contrast, Bolander was praised for his detailed SAS audit timeline, active involvement in committee work, and zero attendance points—compared to Houghtelling’s two points for unexcused absences. Senator Miceli voiced concern that Houghtelling’s desire to standardize committee operations could suppress creativity, while Bolander’s authenticity and openness to feedback were seen as key leadership traits. Senator Lawson highlighted Bolander’s contributions to reviewing Title 4 and 5, particularly his ideas for reforming ASUN compensation structures. Several senators, including those who worked with Bolander in WIFC and on the audit, endorsed him for his reliability, humility, and readiness to lead. Parliamentary dissent reinforced the view that Houghtelling’s goals could be pursued as a senator without needing the chair position, while Bolander’s inclusive leadership style was described as a model for ASUN and beyond. The debate concluded with a roll call vote, where Bolander was elected Chair of Government Operations.

Senator Bolander was elected Chair of Government Operations by a unanimous roll call vote of 17–0.

Motion to approve the appointment by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss, seconded by Parliamentarian Issa. Motion carried.

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)

There were no items placed on consent agenda for this meeting.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

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

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

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)

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

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

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

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

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions

Senator Atkinson requested removal from the Committee on IDEA. Motion passed by unanimous consent, seconded by Senator Lucchesi.

b. Senator Reports

No reports at this time.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Speaker Pro Tempore Moss recognized the birthdays of Senators Villa and Barrus. Speaker Acklin reminded Senators to schedule one-on-one meetings and previewed the fall meeting schedule. She also noted that some legislation had been postponed to future sessions.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Luis Aguilar Herrera, Assistant Director of Student Government, shared updates on tabling opportunities, NevadaFIT logistics, and extended birthday wishes to Senators.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Acklin adjourned the Senate of the Associated Students meeting on July 30th, 2025 at 6:29 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union and on zoom.

