

93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, August 6th, 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 August 6th, 2025, at 5:31 PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers 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 Acklin, Atkinson, Barrus, Castro, Evans, Hoang, Issa, Kitch, Kuster, Lawson, McAndrews, Miceli, Miller, Moore, Moss, Packard, Radke, Saporito, Villa

Absent Excused: Senators Houghttelling, Levy

Absent Unexcused: Senators Bohlander, Luchessi

A Quorum was present

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. 7/23

Speaker Acklin sought a motion to approve Agenda Item 4A.

Motion by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss, Seconded by Senator Barrus, Motion carried by unanimous consent

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

No public comment was submitted in person or via Zoom.

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

a. Club Commissioner - **Bianka Patel**

b. Club Commissioner - **Danielle Coleman**

Speaker Acklin sought a Motion to approve item 6a-b by unanimous consent. Motion by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss, Seconded by Senator Barrus, Motion carried.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)

a. President of the Associated Students - **Carmina Aglubat**- Reported on announcing the postponement of the Welcome Week concert to the spring semester. She explained that this

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decision was made to allow for more strategic planning and collaboration with the Athletics Department. She followed with a passionate address to the Senate, emphasizing the importance of leadership, transparency, and legacy within ASUN. Her remarks encouraged senators to reflect on their roles and the impact they can make during their term.

- b. Vice President of the Associated Students - **Ethan McNamara**- reported that orientation sessions had concluded successfully and that the Block Party volunteer form had been distributed. He also shared that the Pack friendly business program is expanding, aiming to connect students with local businesses offering student discounts and benefits.
- c. Chief Justice - **Rena Arneson**- No report at this time.
- d. Director of Executive Outreach - **Naomi Tecson**- provided updates on Block Party planning and logistics. She announced a makeup retreat scheduled for September 20th for those who missed the original date and mentioned an upcoming meeting with the City of Reno to explore partnerships that support student engagement with local businesses.
- e. Director of Executive Affairs - **Gabriella Detrick**- reported a significant increase in internship applications and student interest. She announced a new collaboration with the First Gen Center to support first-generation college students and shared that ASUN-branded polos and name tags had been ordered for internal use.
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations - **Madison Hess**- discussed ongoing preparations for Club Renewal and the Fall Club Fair. She confirmed that commissioner training had been completed and noted that funding changes had been communicated to clubs to ensure transparency and compliance.
- g. Director of Programming - **Railyn Krentz**- reiterated the concert postponement and emphasized the importance of strategic timing. She announced that the final event programmer had been nominated and shared that Welcome Week planning was nearly finalized, with events scheduled and logistics in place.
- h. Director of Government Affairs - **Kennedy Taylor**- reported that her team is planning a week of civic engagement events for the second week of the semester. She is collaborating with the Office of Government & Community Engagement on student advocacy and monitoring federal policy changes that may impact students.
- i. Director of IDEA - **Zyna Navarte**- shared that preparations are underway for ASUN's presence at Northern Nevada Pride and invited senators to participate and represent ASUN at the event.
- j. Director of Sustainability - **Sephora Lee**- reported ongoing outreach for the Farmer's Market and shared that she is collaborating with IDEA and other departments to integrate sustainability into campus programming.
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations - **Juliauna Sullivan**- announced that Welcome Week marketing materials had been finalized. She is preparing an Instagram post to promote open Senate seats and has drafted a public statement regarding the ASUN concert postponement.
- l. Director of Campus Wellness - **Emily Hohman**- submitted a written report outlining plans for Safety Week, which will include partnerships with UNRPD, NV Cares, and Counseling Services. She also confirmed her participation in the Mental Health Task Force, which focuses on student well-being initiatives.
- m. Director of Ethics and Compliance - **Caleb Oster**- No report at the time.
- n. Speaker of the Senate - **Leaf Acklin**- announced that the Oversight Committee will meet on August 11th. He shared that Senate candidate presentations are scheduled for August 20, 27, and September 3, and that workshops on Robert's Rules and legislation will be held on August 27 and September 10. He also confirmed that the Senate will not meet on August 13th.

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** – discussed efforts to standardize budget forms to improve clarity and consistency across funding requests.
- c. Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement - **Jason Issa**- reported that planning is underway for Constitution Day and a major civic engagement event. The committee is working on logistics and outreach to ensure strong student participation.
- d. Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - **Viviana Castro**- shared that the committee met to discuss upcoming diversity and inclusion initiatives and is coordinating with other departments to support Pride and cultural programming.
- e. Committee on Government Operations –**Nicholas Bohlander**- 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 that liaison roles have been assigned to committee members and that preparations are underway for fall programming focused on student food access and support.
- h. Parliamentary - **Jason Issa**- shared that he is developing an outline for a Robert's Rules workshop, aiming to improve legislative fluency and procedural confidence among senators.
 - i. Speaker Pro-Tempore - **Dillon Moss**- reported that the internship syllabus for Senate interns is nearly finalized and that materials for training and onboarding are being prepared and reiterated to help with block party.
 - j. Committee on Oversight - **Leaf Acklin**- announced that a meeting has been scheduled on Aug. 11th at 1:30 pm to review potential censures of 2 senators and accountability measures. The committee will address Senate attendance and conduct concerns.

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. No items were 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'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. **S.B. 93 – An Act to Establish ASUN Standard Meeting Procedures**

Agenda item 17A concerned Senate Bill 93, titled “An Act to Establish ASUN Standard Meeting Procedures.” Speaker Pro Tempore Moss opened the presentation by explaining the bill’s intent: to formalize a set of procedures and protocols that would guide chairs, department directors, and others responsible for scheduling and organizing meetings within ASUN. The bill aims to improve accessibility, consistency, and transparency in how meetings are conducted, serving as a resource within the Statutes of the Associated Students (SASS) rather than a binding obligation. Moss emphasized that the bill is designed to help ensure meetings are well-structured and inclusive, offering a framework for best practices rather than strict mandates.

Following a recent meeting with Director Rodriguez, Moss noted that several key points had been raised that warranted clarification within the bill. Rather than making amendments directly at the table, Moss proposed that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Government Operations to allow for a more thorough review and refinement of the language. This would ensure that all committee members could weigh in and help shape the necessary amendments.

During the question period, Senator Miceli sought clarification on whether the bill’s protocols would apply to informal gatherings of senators. Specifically, he asked if a meeting between himself and two other senators would be considered an “official body” under the bill’s definitions. Moss responded that the proposed amendments would clarify that a public governing body is defined as a group of more than three individuals. Therefore, a meeting involving only three senators would not fall under the bill’s procedural requirements. After the discussion, Parliamentarian Issa formally motioned to recommit SB93 to the Committee on Government Operations. The motion was seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss and passed by unanimous consent, with no dissent or abstentions. The bill was officially sent back to committee for further revision.

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions**

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There were no Senate Committee Changes or additions.

b. Senator Reports

Senator Barrus- reported on collaborative event planning with Senators Houghtelling and Villa for the upcoming semester. He reached out to Mel Flores regarding public health materials to be distributed at the Health Fit event on August 19th from 5–6 PM. Additionally, he is coordinating with the Department of Nutrition for a September 18th event focused on healthy beverage choices, specifically through the “Rethink Your Drink” initiative. Barras also volunteered with the School of Public Health’s heat prevention pilot program, distributing water, fans, and candy to participants. He concluded his report with heat safety tips, advising attendees to reapply sunscreen every two hours, drink water regularly, wear light and loose clothing, and take breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas.

Senator McAndrews- shared her excitement for the upcoming semester and outlined several legislative initiatives she’s been developing over the summer. She is working on a Clubs and Organizations bill, which continues to evolve through ongoing research and discussion. He also introduced a Budget and Finance Data Collection proposal, which has gained traction through collaborative conversations. McAndrews is brainstorming improvements to ASUN’s Canvas page with Parliamentarian Issa and Senator Evans. Her focus is on creating sustainable legislation that won’t require rewriting each session. She expressed appreciation for ASUN leadership, highlighting productive meetings with Speaker Acklin and President Aglubat, who engaged her on student-impacting legislation.

Speaker Pro Tempore Moss- reported on initiatives within the College of Education. He is working with the college’s communications director to launch a monthly newsletter aimed at connecting constituents with ASUN updates. Moss also discussed his legislative piece advocating for student-teacher pay, which he hopes to bring to the table early in the fall semester. His goal is to collaborate with the Education Association to push for compensation reform during the current academic year.

Senator Moore- provided a brief report focused on civic engagement initiatives. She is working with Parliamentarian Issa, the Center for Student Engagement, and university libraries to plan a robust Constitution Day event. Evans expressed optimism that this year’s celebration will be more impactful than last year’s. She also announced that the Student Media Advisory Board successfully appointed a general manager for Wolfpack Radio, completing the leadership roster for student media heading into the semester.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Speaker Acklin- Senate will not meet on Aug 13, Groundbreaking ceremony for Fieldhouse on Aug 19 at 5 PM

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

There was no public comment for this period.

21. ADJOURNMENT

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



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