

Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session
Agenda for Wednesday, July 30th, 2025 at 12 P.M.

In-Person: Frankie Sue Del Papa Presidents Conference Room located in the
ASUN Center for Student Engagement

For Zoom meeting link please contact senatorIssa@asun.unr.edu

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Secretaries.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

- Chair Issa – Present
- Vice Chair Moore – Present on Zoom
- Senator Castro – Present on Zoom
- Senator Evans – Present on Zoom
- Senator Packard – Present on Zoom
- Senator Radtke – Present on Zoom
- Senator Saporito – Present on Zoom

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 actions on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

- No public comment was submitted in person, on Zoom, or in writing.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

a. Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor

- Assistant Director Hatch delivered the report on behalf of Director Taylor. AD Hatch invited the Committee to attend upcoming events, and told the Committee that her, Jenna Atencio, and President Aglubat met with the Office of Government and Community Engagement to discuss future partnership opportunities and areas for growth. AD Hatch also met with President Aglubat to discuss a strategy regarding federal policy changes affecting students and the University.

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

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.



8. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- ### **a. Presentation from the Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez**
- Director Rodriguez delivered a presentation covering the history of the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, including the data that the Center for Student Engagement collected prior to the Committee's establishment. Director Rodriguez then outlined the differences between civic engagement and democratic civic engagement, as well as the levels of civic learning and democratic engagement. Director Rodriguez outlined what the Committee accomplished during the 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, and 89th sessions of the Senate of the Associated Students.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- ### **a. Liaison changes and additions**
- There were no liaison changes or additions.
- ### **b. Committee member reports**

- Senator Castro – Reported that her and Austin Daly came to an agreement on the Committee’s priorities and the priorities of his office; that being an emphasis on volunteerism. She also reported that Austin Daly would like to continue the “Discussions of Democracy” event this year, and the idea of bringing local community groups on campus for civic events and engagement.
- Vice Chair Moore – Reported on her involvement with Kathy Castro on the planning of the “Big Event,” a day of service aimed at engaging first-year students on campus. She also reported on her planning of Constitution Day in collaboration with Kathy Castro.
- Senator Saporito – Reported that he met with Matthew Little to discuss the Service Learning Committee and over 800 contacts for service-learning initiatives. He also reported that he discussed some shared goals with the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement and that Matthew Little would like to present to the Committee.
- Chair Issa – Reported that he met with Amy Koeckes periodically to go over details for the “Big Event” alongside Kathy Castro. He also discussed making the ASUN website more accessible with Amy Koeckes and ways to make that happen.

10.COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair will recognize Committee members requesting the floor for the purpose of miscellaneous reports and requests. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members the Committee may speak.

11.PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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- Luis Aguilar-Herrera, Associate Director for Student Government – Thanked Director Rodriguez for her time and presentation, and shared an article with members of the Committee.
- Kathy Castro, Coordinator for Student Engagement Outreach – Shared an opportunity to volunteer to create ornaments for a Christmas tree coming from Washington, D.C. The organization is asking for 300 ornaments.

12.ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Issa adjourned the meeting on July 30th, 2025, at 12:37PM in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Presidents Conference Room and on Zoom.

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13.NOTES

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