

Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session
Agenda for Wednesday, July 9th, 2025 at 12 P.M.

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

Zoom Link:

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/83936714079?pwd=kpENZ9JP5GzD3cQHhkD7aOFbOa4s5D.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

- Chair Issa – Present
- Vice Chair Moore – Present on Zoom
- Senator Castro – Present
- 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)

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Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to senatorIssa@asun.unr.edu or via Zoom conference call.

- 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
 - Director Taylor met with her Advocacy Director, Aiden Casey, to discuss his duties. She has plans to meet with Policy Director Atencio about the legislative digest, which is one of the Department of Government Affairs' short-term goals.

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

There is no old business to be discussed.

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

- a. Presentation from Coordinator for Student Engagement Outreach, Kathy Castro
 - Kathy Castro delivered a presentation on her duties within the Center for Student Engagement, outlining why she chose to be in the Center for Student Engagement, her duty to design programs that empower students to develop as leaders, serve their communities, and apply what they've learned in a transformative way. She also explains that the Center for Student Engagement provides an equitable and inclusive environment for student leaders to grow. She explains that her role in the Center for Student Engagement involves her connecting with local non-profit organizations, civic groups, and campus departments to create meaningful volunteer and civic engagement experiences. She highlights GivePulse as a platform for students to get engaged on and off campus, and highlights statistics showing the importance of volunteerism and beginning early in schooling. She ends the presentation by talking about the "Big Event," its history, the impact it has had across campuses, and her vision for it at the University.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions
 - Senator Radtke adds herself to the liaison to Nevada Political Officers through unanimous consent.
- b. Committee member reports

- Senator Saporito – Reports that he is working on scheduling a Zoom meeting with Matthew Little, and he is interested in presenting
- Vice Chair Moore – Reported that she met with Kathy Castro and is working to plan the Veterans’ Day Luncheon.
- Senator Castro – Reported that she has had back-and-forths with Austin Daly and exchanging goals and ideas, such as voter registration increases, collaborating on upcoming events, and communicating political changes to students, both local and federal.
- Senator Evans – Reported that he got into contact with Director Sullivan and exchanged general information with each other. They plan to schedule a meeting in late July or early August.

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.

- Chair Issa – Met with Amy Koeckes and Kathy Castro to discuss general ideas to promote volunteerism; wants the Committee to focus on volunteerism this year seeing as this is not an election year. He also is working on planning the “Big Event,” which he hopes will be a standard every year if it is a success. He is meeting tomorrow with Vice Chair Moore, Kathy Castro, Director Tecson and Director Krentz to discuss planning for the event. He also contacted the Office of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto to request pocket constitutions for Constitution Day. He finally wishes all members of the Committee a happy Fourth of July.

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- Luis Aguilar-Herrera, Associate Director for Student Government – Thank you to Kathy Castro for presenting, and thank you to Chair Issa for focusing on volunteerism. Reminds Vice Chair Moore to plan the Veterans’ Day Luncheon as early as possible.

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12.ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Issa adjourns the meeting on July 9th, 2025, at 12:42PM in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Presidents Conference Room and on Zoom.

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13.NOTES

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