

# 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

In Person: Ansari Business Building, Room 101

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

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

## 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

Roll Call must be listed by Legislative Clerk

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. 8-6-25

## 5. 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 Speaker may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Speaker 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 [senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu) or via Zoom conference call. Please email the Senate Secretary for the meeting details through the email listed above.

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

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda.

- a. College of Science— **Carrie DeBarger**
- b. College of Science— **Ken Bhardwaj**
- c. College of Science— **Baylee Pevehouse**
- d. College of Science— **April Murray**
- e. College of Science— **Vinay Konka**

f. Event Programmer— **Josh Chaney**

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## **7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students - **Carmina Aglubat**
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students - **Ethan McNamara**
- c. Chief Justice - **Rena Arneson**
- d. Director of Executive Outreach - **Naomi Tecson**
- e. Director of Executive Affairs - **Gabriella Detrick**
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations - **Madison Hess**
- g. Director of Programming - **Railyn Krentz**
- h. Director of Government Affairs - **Kennedy Taylor**
- i. Director of IDEA - **Zyna Navarte**
- j. Director of Sustainability - **Sephora Lee**
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations - **Juliauna Sullivan**
- l. Director of Campus Wellness - **Emily Hohman**
- m. Director of Ethics and Compliance - **Caleb Oster**
- n. Speaker of the Senate - **Leaf Acklin**

## **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**
- b. Committee on Budget and Finance - **Logan Miceli**
- c. Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement - **Jason Issa**
- d. Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - **Viviana Castro**
- e. Committee on Government Operations - **Nichloas Bohlander**
- f. Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness - **Camille Levy**
- g. Special Committee on Food Insecurity - **Alexander Saporito**
- h. Parliamentarian - **Jason Issa**
- i. Speaker Pro-Tempore - **Dillon Moss**
- j. Committee on Oversight - **Leaf Acklin**

## **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**
- b. Legislative Clerk, **Jasveen Kaur**

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

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

- a. Event Programmer – Josh Chaney

**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. College of Science– Carrie DeBarger
- b. College of Science– Ken Bhardwaj
- c. College of Science– Baylee Pevehouse
- d. College of Science– April Murray
- e. College of Science– Vinay Konka

**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)**

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

- a. Event Programmer – Josh Chaney

**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. S.B. 93 – A Bill to Establish the State of the Association Address
- b. S.B. 93 – An Act to Rename the Director of Executive Affairs
- c. S.B. 93 – A Bill to Amend the Compensation Structure for Chairs of Special Committees
- d. S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution to Amend the Duties of Procedures for Special Committees
- e. S.R. 93 – A Resolution to Oppose the Mandatory Intergration of PACK AI into Academic Curriculum

## **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. **S.R. 93 – A Resolution to Oppose the Mandatory Intergration of PACK AI into Academic Curriculum**

## **16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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

- a. **S.B. 93 – A Bill to Establish the State of the Association Address**
- b. **S.B. 93 – An Act to Rename the Director of Executive Affairs**
- c. **S.B. 93 – A Bill to Amend the Compensation Structure for Chairs of Special Committees**
- d. **S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution to Amend the Duties of Procedures for Special Committees**

## **17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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

- a. **S.R. 93 – A Resolution to Oppose the Mandatory Intergration of PACK AI into Academic Curriculum**

## **18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments

- b. **Senator Reports**

The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on

## **19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

## **20. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on items on or off this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

## **21. ADJOURNMENT**

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenized items are action items upon which the Senate may take action. Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Speaker. The Senate may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Senate may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Any inquiries or requests for supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Secretary of the Senate at [senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu).

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# MEMORANDUM



TO: Leaf Acklin, *Speaker of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Senate*  
FROM: Railyn Krentz, Director of Programming  
DATE: August 6th, 2025  
RE: Nominations to the Department of Programming

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Honorable Speaker Acklin and Esteemed Members of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Senate,

I am honored to present the nominations of the following individuals for their respective offices:

1. Nomination of **Mr. Josh Chaney** to the position of **Event Programmer**.

Additionally, **I am requesting that these nominations be fast-tracked through the Senate.** Should you require any additional information or clarification regarding these nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Railyn Krentz'.

Railyn Krentz  
*Director of Programming*



To: Leaf Acklin, Speaker of the 93rd Senate  
From: Jason Issa, College of Liberal Arts Senator  
Date: August 14, 2025  
RE: Fast-Track Request

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Speaker Acklin and esteemed Senators,

I am writing to formally request that *S.R. 93 – A Resolution to Oppose the Mandatory Integration of PACK AI into Academic Curriculum* be fast-tracked through committee and brought to the Senate floor at the earliest possible opportunity.

The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated. The University's implementation of PACK AI, including the mandatory NevadaFIT AI module for all incoming students and faculty training to integrate AI into coursework, is scheduled to begin this fall. This timeline means that without immediate Senate action, these curricular changes will take effect without any formal student input or safeguards in place.

The resolution contains specific conditions to ensure student choice, academic integrity, data privacy, and equity of access. These protections must be formally adopted and communicated to the University administration before the first cohort is subjected to PACK AI's mandatory requirements. Delaying consideration risks rendering the Senate's position moot and allowing unilateral curricular changes to proceed unchecked.

Given the imminent start of the academic year, I respectfully urge you to exercise your authority under the Senate Rules to expedite the resolution's referral and consideration. This will allow the

Senate to deliver a timely, unified, and impactful statement to University leadership on behalf of our constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jason Issa

Senator for the College of Liberal Arts

*Associated Students of the University of Nevada*

93rd SESSION  
2025-2026

**S. B. 93 -**  
**A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE STATE OF THE**  
**ASSOCIATION ADDRESS**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MOSS

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*Whereas*, the work of the Associated Students as the University of Nevada Reno's Student government is based in accountability and transparency;

*Whereas*, accountability and transparency in student government are essential to maintaining the trust and engagement of the student body;

*Whereas*, the President of the Associated Students serves as the chief representative and spokesperson of undergraduate students attending the University of Nevada, Reno;

*Whereas*, student and officers of the association would benefit from a clear and regular articulation of the priorities, achievements, progress, and challenges faced by the executive branch; and

*Whereas*, a regular a State of the Association Address would foster a sense of unity, collaboration, and civic engagement among the officers of the association and the students at large;

*Be it enacted*, that the President of the Associated Students shall deliver a State of the Association Address twice during each session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada:

*Be it further enacted*, The State of the Association Address shall be delivered to the Officers of the Association and shall be open to the public;

*Be it further enacted*, The Address shall outline the State of the Association, review the progress made on initiatives and goals, and articulate the vision and priorities of the current administration for the remainder of its term.

*Be it further enacted,* The first Address shall occur no later than one (1) week before Dead Day of the Fall Semester

*Be it further enacted,* The second Address shall occur no later than one (1) week before the Convening of the next session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

*Be it further enacted,* The President shall provide written notice of the time and location of each Address to the Senate and the Officers of the Association at least seven (7) days in advance.

*Be it further enacted,* that the changes outlined in Addendum A shall be adopted into the Statutes of the Associated Students immediately upon adoption;

*Be it further enacted,* that a copy of this bill will be sent to:

- Director of ASUN, Sandra Rodriguez
- Associate Director of ASUN, Luis Aguliar-Herrera
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat
- Vice President of ASUN, Ethan McNamara
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate, Leaf Acklin
- Chair of the Committee of Government Operations, Travis Terry

# Addendum A

## CHAPTER 201: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### SECTION 01: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The following shall be considered the duties of the President of the Associated Students:

- 1) To attend meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.
- 2) To make all appointments to University Committees.
- 3) To appoint and remove all inferior officers of the executive branch unless otherwise specified by law. Should a dire circumstance impede the functions and operations of an executive department, the President may temporarily withhold appointment of executive officer(s) with a majority vote approval from the Senate of the Associated Students.
  - a. If an executive position is not hired in a two-week period, the Speaker of the Senate must place the question of appointment for the position on the agenda where the Speaker sees fit. The senators will vote whether the President can delay the hiring of an officer or must hire an officer in the coming two weeks. The President will be allowed a presentation, followed by discussion of the senators, then a vote.
- 4) To attend meetings of the Foundation Board of Trustees.
- 5) To attend meetings of the Alumni Association Council.
- 6) To communicate regularly with the President of the University and members of the University Administration.
- 7) To expend funds from the Capital Account and any existing ASUN accounts comprising student fees, bookstore profits, grants, and revenues as allocated by the Senate.
- 8) Shall have the power to co-sponsor events through the Office of the President, subject to Senate funding.
- 9) To submit requests for positions necessary for the function of the Executive Branch at the time of presentation of the budget to the Senate for approval.
- 10) Shall have the power to issue proclamations, or opinions of the Office of the President.
- 11) To transmit to the Senate a statement showing the whole number of persons in each college and school, and the number of Representatives to which each college and school, and the number of the then existing number of Senators.
- 12) To set the guidelines for the executive training according to Title I.102.6.
- 13) To submit nominations to the Senate within two weeks of the President taking office for the following officers: Director of Executive Affairs, Director of Programming, Director of Clubs and Organizations, Director of Government Affairs, Director of Campus and Public Relations, Director of Sustainability, Director of Campus Wellness, Director of Ethics and Compliance, and Chief Justice.
- 14) To present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting if an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on Oversight or if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or in the

event that the President is unable to find a qualified candidate within those two weeks, the President must present to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.

15) To report changes of signature authority at the Senate meeting immediately following.

16) To report to the Senate Committee on Budget and Finance when a temporary transfer from the Capital Fund is to be made, its purpose, and its expected duration before reversion with guidance from the Director of the Associated Students.

17) To prepare the budget according to Title VI.605.5.

18) To develop programs to improve the compilation, analysis, publication, and dissemination of statistical information by agencies in order to enhance fiscal efficiency.

19) To make a study of each agency to decide, and may send the Senate

recommendations, on changes that should be made in:

a. The organization, activities, and business methods of agencies;

b. Agency appropriations;

c. The assignment of particular activities to particular services; and d. Regrouping of services.

20) To evaluate and develop improved plans for the organization, coordination, and management of the executive branch of the Government.

21) To determine the design for the seal of the President.

22) To notify the Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affairs if the President formulates and publishes additional regulations as may be necessary to administer the scholarships funded by the Associated Students.

23) To establish a selection committee or delegate the administration to the Office of Financial Aid for the purpose of awarding the scholarship, in accordance with the terms of the scholarship when a scholarship is awarded by the Associated Students but has not been provided for in statute.

24) To ensure that the Office of Financial Aid promotes ASUN funded scholarships.

25) To publish the names of the recipients of each scholarship awarded by the Associated Students in a medium that is suitable for the purpose of recognizing the recipients.

26) To review the ASUN Food Pantry Program prior to the approval of the budget for each fiscal year.

27) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.

28) To serve as a member of the University Leadership Alliance.

29) Responsible for attending all ASUN retreats, and training as decided by the Director of Executive Outreach.

30) To chair and oversee all meetings of the President's Cabinet, which must occur at least once per month, with an agenda posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

31) The President shall deliver a State of the Association Address twice during each session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

a. The first Address shall occur no later than one (1) week before Dead Day of the Fall Semester.

b. The second Address shall occur no later than one (1) week before the Convening of the next session of the Associated Students.

c. The President must provide written notice to the Senate and Officers of the Association at least seven (7) days in advance, specifying the time, date,

and location of each Address.

- d. The Address shall provide an overview of the current state of the Association, highlight accomplishments and progress made by the Executive Branch, and outline the administration's goals and vision for the remainder of the session.
- e. The Address shall be delivered to the Officers of the Association and made open to all members of the public.

93rd SESSION  
2025-2026

**S. B. 93 -**  
**AN ACT TO RENAME THE DIRECTOR OF**  
**EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MONTH DAY, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MOSS, IN  
PARTNERSHIP WITH DIRECTOR DETRICK

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*Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) maintains a Director of the Executive Affairs, which currently serves as the Chief Advisor to the President; and

*Whereas*, ASUN strives to maintain organizational clarity and operational efficiency within the Executive Branch; and

*Whereas*, The position currently titled Director of Executive Affairs was formerly known as Chief of Staff, a title commonly used and recognized in the student governments and our local, state, and federal governments across the country; and

*Whereas*, the title of Chief of Staff more accurately reflects the responsibilities of the position within the office of the president that includes, internal management of executive departments and projects and management and implementation of the ASUN Internship Program; and

*Whereas*, the current title of Director of Executive Affairs has led to ambiguity and confusion regarding the role's purpose and responsibilities within the Office of the President and the Association;

*Whereas*, the title is relatively uncommon and may be inaccessible or unclear to students, as it does not reflect a widely recognized or standardized position within student government or professional settings; and

*Whereas*, restoring the original title of Chief of Staff aligns with established naming conventions used across both policy-focused and professional organizations, thereby improving internal clarity and external recognition of the position's function; and

*Whereas*, the change in this title will align better with ASUN's values of transparency, tradition, professionalism and student engagement by ensuring clarity in the Executive Branch's structure.

*Be it enacted*, that the position of Director of Executive Affairs shall be officially restored to the title of Chief of Staff and that this change shall be reflected wherever the title may appear in the Statutes of the Associated Students; and

*Be it further enacted*, the Director of Ethics and Compliance, the Committee on Government Operations, ASUN Professional Staff and the Secretaries of the Senate shall ensure that the changes made in this legislation are reflected in the Statutes of the Students, other governing documents, and the ASUN Website.

*Be it further enacted*, that a copy of this bill will be sent to:

- Director of ASUN, Sandra Rodriguez
- Associate Director of ASUN, Luis Aguliar-Herrera
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat
- Vice President of ASUN, Ethan McNamara
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate, Leaf Acklin
- Chair of the Committee of Government Operations, Nick Bohlander
- Director of Ethics and Compliance, Caleb Oster
- Secretary of the Senate, Faith Johnson



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION  
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**S. B. 93 -**

**A BILL TO AMEND THE COMPENSATION  
STRUCTURE FOR CHAIRS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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AUGUST 15, 2025

SPONSORED BY SENATOR ALEXANDER SAPORITO  
ORIGINALLY AUTHORED BY SENATOR TRAVIS TERRY

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**A Binding Resolution  
To Amend the Compensation Structure for Chairs of Special  
Committees**

*Whereas*, the 92<sup>nd</sup> Session created the Special Committee on Food Insecurity;

*Whereas*, the creation of this committee resulted in much confusion regarding compensation of the Chair;

*Whereas*, due to the less formal nature of special committees, allocating an additional stipend for the Chair of said committee is inappropriate;

*Whereas*, the work of a special committee should be focused on resolving specific issues with its membership consisting of Senators passionate about or otherwise well-equipped for the work of the committee;

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that Addendums A be adopted;

*Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that this legislation take effect in the 94<sup>th</sup> Session;

*Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that a copy of this legislation be sent to:

- Speaker of the Senate and Chair of the Committee on Oversight, Leaf Acklin;
- Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate, Dillon Moss;
- Parliamentarian of the Senate, Jason Issa;
- Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Travis Terry;
- Chair of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity, Alexander Saparito;
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat;

## Addendum A

**CHAPTER 402: APPOINTED OFFICERS****SECTION 03: OFFICIALS COVERED BY PAY SCALE**

d) Level IV:

1) Associate Justice

2) Speaker Pro-Tempore

i) The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.

3) Parliamentarian

i) The Parliamentarian shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.

4) Senate Committee Chairs

i) Senators who are also Senate Committee Chairs shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.

ii) A Senator who serves as the chair of a special committee shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.

# [DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION  
2025-2026

S. B. R. 93 -

## A BINDING RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF AND PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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AUGUST 15, 2025

SPONSORED BY SENATOR ALEXANDER SAPORITO  
ORIGINALLY AUTHORED BY SENATOR TERRY

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### **A Binding Resolution To Amend the Duties of and Procedures for Special Committees**

*Whereas*, the 92<sup>nd</sup> Session created the Special Committee on Food Insecurity;

*Whereas*, the creation of this committee resulted in much confusion regarding the membership of the committee and compensation of the Chair;

*Whereas*, concerns over the effectiveness of a special committee, specifically in situations where the work on the committee to be created would be very specific, were also raised at this time;

*Whereas*, concerns over the effects the creation of a special committee would have on the work of the other standing committees were also raised at this time. With all committees requiring at least five senators and each Senator being required to sit on just two committees, standing or special, work would be diminished in all committees;

*Whereas*, due to the less formal nature of special committees, allocating an additional stipend for the Chair of said committee is inappropriate;

*Whereas*, the work of a special committee should be focused on resolving specific issues with its membership consisting of Senators passionate about or otherwise well-equipped for the work of the committee;

*Whereas*, amending the duties and procedures of special committees allows for the Senate to continue in the creation of Special Committees without the negative affects of the current structure.

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that Addendums A be adopted;

*Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that this legislation take effect in the 94<sup>th</sup> Session;

*Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that a copy of this legislation be sent to:

- Speaker of the Senate and Chair of the Committee on Oversight, Leaf Acklin;
- Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate, Dillon Moss;
- Parliamentarian of the Senate, Jason Issa;
- Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Travis Terry;
- Chair of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity, Alexander Saporito;
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat;

## Addendum A

**Rule XI: SPECIAL COMMITTEES****a) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The formation of a Special committee may occur at the discretion of the Speaker or by binding resolution of any Senator with the approval of the Senate. The Speaker shall appoint the chairperson and other members of the Special committee, unless the motion creating the committee specifies some other method of selection. The Chair of such a committee shall not receive additional compensation for this office. The Chair of a special committee may serve in any other leadership position within the Senate except that of Speaker. Special committees shall not count for a Senator's required membership on two committees, therefore any Senator sitting on a special committee must still sit on two other standing committees.

**b) MEETINGS AND GENERAL DUTIES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Special committees shall meet at the discretion of the Chair, subject to any conditions which may be stated in the committee's formation. Special committees shall be subject to all rules governing standing committees, unless otherwise provided by law. Special committees shall be responsible for the consideration of all questions referred to them by the Senate and the preparation of legislation as directed by the Senate in their formation or subsequent instructions, and the preparation of all reports required by these Rules or deemed necessary at the discretion of the Chair.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**S.R. 93 -**  
**A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE**  
**MANDATORY INTEGRATION OF PACK AI**  
**INTO ACADEMIC CURRICULUM**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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AUGUST 13TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA

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*Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno has announced the creation and implementation of “PACK AI,” a university-wide artificial intelligence initiative that will be integrated into academic, research, and administrative operations beginning in Fall 2025; and

*Whereas*, the initiative mandates that all incoming students complete an “Introduction to AI” module during NevadaFIT, including guidance on AI ethics, use in coursework, and university policy on academic integrity; and

*Whereas*, the mandated “Introduction to AI” module during NevadaFIT raises concerns over the lack of choice for students whose fields of study may not require AI integration and the increased workload during orientation; and

*Whereas*, the Nevada Teaching Excellence Program will train faculty to integrate AI into assignments, tutoring, and coursework, raising concerns that over-dependence on AI in the classroom may diminish traditional teaching methods and reduce direct human engagement in the learning process; and

*Whereas*, research indicates that over-reliance on AI tools can impair key cognitive abilities, undermining decision-making, critical thinking, and analytical reasoning due to issues like hallucination, bias, plagiarism, and lack of transparency<sup>1</sup>; and

*Whereas*, the mandated use of AI platforms, including Microsoft Copilot and Apple Intelligence, raises concerns about potential costs for software licensing, maintenance, and infrastructure being passed on to students directly or indirectly; data privacy and security risks associated with third-party AI platforms; and the risk of AI integration eroding critical thinking skills, academic independence, and the integrity of student work; and

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<sup>1</sup> Zhai, C., Wibowo, S. & Li, L.D. The effects of over-reliance on AI dialogue systems on students' cognitive abilities: a systematic review. *Smart Learn. Environ.* 11, 28 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40561-024-00316-7>



*Whereas*, the University’s announcement does not provide detailed assurances on how AI tools will protect student data privacy and security, nor does it indicate whether students will have the option to opt out of having their data processed by AI systems; and

*Whereas*, the introduction of AI into academic assignments could blur the line between original student work and AI-generated content, potentially eroding academic integrity and complicating enforcement of academic misconduct policies; and

*Whereas*, PACK AI was announced without substantial consultation with the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN), student organizations, or the broader student body prior to its rollout; and

*Whereas*, research has revealed that students using ChatGPT to compose SAT-style essays exhibited weaker neural engagement, poorer performance in executive function, memory, creativity, and a tendency toward formulaic, imitation-based writing, which raises serious concerns about erosion of critical thinking and original intellectual engagement<sup>2</sup>; and

*Whereas*, studies report that reliance on generative AI correlates with reduced academic self-esteem and performance and increased learned helplessness, particularly among students less inclined toward self-disciplined study habits<sup>3</sup>;

*Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada formally opposes the mandatory implementation of PACK AI until the following conditions are met:

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<sup>2</sup> Kos’myna, Nataliya, et al. “Your Brain on ChatGPT: Accumulation of Cognitive Debt When Using an AI Assistant for Essay Writing Task.” *arXiv*, 10 June 2025, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.08872>.

<sup>3</sup> Azeem, Sundas, and Muhammad Abbas. “Personality Correlates of Academic Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence and Its Outcomes: Does Fairness Matter?” *Education and Information Technologies*, vol. 30, 2025, pp. 1–25, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10639-025-13489-6>.

1. A student-led advisory committee on AI implementation is established, with representatives from the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, the Graduate Student Association, and diverse academic disciplines; and
2. The University delivers a presentation before the Senate of the Associated Students detailing the PACK AI initiative, including how the program will impact students with regard to coursework, data security, and finances; and
3. The University adopts clear policies ensuring that AI use in coursework is optional for students, not mandatory, and that alternative assignments are available; and
4. Detailed information on data privacy, security safeguards, and cost implications for students is publicly disclosed.

*Be it further resolved*, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following individuals:

- University President, *Brian Sandoval*;
- Executive Vice President and Provost, *Jeffrey Thompson*;
- Faculty Senate Chair, *Jennifer McClendon*;
- Director of NevadaFIT, *Brianne Chambers*;
- Director for the Center for Student Engagement, *Sandra Rodriguez*;
- Associate Director for Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President of the Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President of the Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*; and
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate, *Leaf Acklin*