

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students 93rd Session

Agenda for The 16th of September 9/16/2025, at 12:00pm

In-Person: JCSU, Conference Room 317

Zoom: <https://unr.zoom.us/j/8194353742?omn=84275846267>

Meeting ID: 819 435 3742

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting for the Special Committee on Food Insecurity was called to order at 12:05 PM on September 16, 2025 in Conference Room 317 at the Joe Crowley Student Union and over Zoom.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno, sits 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.

- a. Chair Saporito — Present
 - b. Vice Chair Houghtelling — Absence Unexcused
 - c. Senator Atkinson — Present
 - d. Senator Levy — Present on Zoom
 - e. Senator Issa — Present
- Seeing neither the secretary or Vice Chair was present for the meeting, Senator Issa listed Roll Call.

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 action items on this agenda. The Chair 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 to senatorSaporito@asun.unr.edu or via Zoom conference call.

- No public comment was given in-person, on Zoom, or written letter.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. 5/13/25
 - b. 6/20/25
 - c. 7/30/25
- The following minutes were approved via Unanimous Consent.

6. **REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- a. Information on FISH Tour, Alexander Saporito

- Chair Saporito discussed the finalization of the Special Committee’s upcoming touring event of the FISH (Friends in Service Helping, Northern Nevada) facilities. Chair Saporito elaborated on transportation, the number of members currently going, and what hour the touring would take place. The event is reported to occur on Friday, September 26th, from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM in Carson City. The Chair emphasized the importance of arriving at the Joe Crowley Student Union by 2:00 PM. Transportation is being coordinated with Senators Villa and Barrus, who have offered to either pick up members or lead a small caravan to the tour site. The group must leave no later than 2:20 PM, with travel expected to take approximately 35 to 40 minutes, allowing for potential traffic.
 - Noted that business casual attire will be appropriate for the tour. The purpose of the visit will be to spread organizational presence and open discussion around food insecurity on campus. Topics include the removal of SNAP-Ed from UNR and the growing need for food storage infrastructure..
- Following the tour, Chair Saporito outlined plans to reach out to a number of state assembly members and senators in support of lobbying efforts tied to security-based student needs. This effort builds on the success from last semester, where UNR’s student presence at the Legislature helped influence Assembly Member Erica Roth’s approval of A.B. 345. This bill established a committee to gather data on food insecurity from all NSHE institutions.
 - Currently, there is a list of approximately 38 assembly members and 3 state senators being considered for outreach. The relevant committee will review the list during its next meeting to determine priority contacts and any additions.
- Chair Saporito also brought attention to liaison assignments. Members were asked to begin contacting their assigned liaisons and to report back on whether the contacts are responsive, unresponsive, or redirecting them to someone else.

b. Information on upcoming Pack Provisions’ “Giving Day” Event, Bridget Tevnan

- Bridget Tevnan announced that her last day in her current role will be Friday. Moving forward, Amy Koees will be the next point of contact for ongoing collaboration. Additionally, the table was informed about the upcoming event:

“Pack the Pantry” Donation Drive & Tailgate, scheduled for Friday, October 11.

- The event will be held in conjunction with a home football game tailgate, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Members will be responsible for collecting donations and tabling for Pack Provisions, with a focus on raising awareness about food insecurity and collecting monetary donations.
- A week-long donation drive will take place from Monday, October 6 to Friday, October 10. Donation bins will be placed outside Legacy Hall to encourage contributions from the inner UNR community.
- Collin Bernard (from Athletics) will assist with publicity efforts, including a press release for the Saturday tailgate event, coverage via the Nevada Sports Network, emails through listservs and social media promotion via the Nevada Athletics and CSE Instagram accounts.

c. Presentation on Pack Rides, Justin Berger

- Justin Berger was unable to come to the meeting, so there was no report available regarding Pack Rides.

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

There is no old business to consider at this time.

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

There is no new business to consider at this time.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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- No public comment was given in-person, on Zoom, or written letter.

10. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair will recognize Committee members requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes for the purpose of miscellaneous reports and requests.

- Chair Saporito offered to the committee and all public persons if they would like to stay after to continue discussion with Bridget Tevnan of Pack Provisions and their upcoming event.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Saporito adjourned the meeting for the Special Committee on Food Insecurity at 12:24 PM on September 16, 2025 in Conference Room 317 at the Joe Crowley Student Union and over Zoom.

12. NOTES.

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