

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

Agenda for Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

In Person: Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Joe Crowley Student Union

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

There are no minutes to be approved of

## 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. There are no nominees submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.



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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 - **Nicholas 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. Interim Senate Secretary, **Shea Finau**
- b. Legislative Clerk, **VACANT**

## **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. There are no nominees submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

**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. There are no nominees 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)**

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. There are no nominees submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

**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.R. 93 – A Resolution to Ensure Transparency in the Use of Laboratory Course Fees
- b. S.R. 93 – A Resolution in Support of Extending Course Evaluation Windows
- c. S.B. 93 – An Act to Establish the Furthering Educators Fee Waiver Program

**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. There are no items 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. S.R. 93 – A Resolution to Ensure Transparency in the Use of Laboratory Course Fees
- b. S.R. 93 – A Resolution in Support of Extending Course Evaluation Windows
- c. S.B. 93 – An Act to Establish the Furthering Educators Fee Waiver Program

**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 – 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 B Resolution to Amend the Duties of Procedures for Special Committees**

## **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.

### **c. The Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal**

The 93<sup>rd</sup> Senate will hear a presentation from the affiliated department.

### **d. Government Affairs**

The Senate will hear a presentation from the Department of Government Affairs.

## **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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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION  
2024-2025

**S. R. 93 -  
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
TRANSPARENCY IN THE USE OF  
LABORATORY COURSE FEES**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR BHARDWAJ  
CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR BARRUS, SENATOR DeBARGER, SENATOR EVANS, SENATOR LEVY

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1       *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) represents the voice of  
2 undergraduate students in matters affecting academic and campus life;

3       *Whereas*, laboratory courses within the College of Science are essential to preparing students for  
4 professional success, offering hands-on experience in chemistry, biology, physics, and related  
5 disciplines;

6       *Whereas*, laboratory courses often require additional fees to sustain the high-quality learning  
7 environment necessary for student success, including consumable materials, equipment maintenance,  
8 safety measures, and instructional technology;

9       *Whereas*, peer institutions maintain lab fee policies that emphasize clarity and appropriate use:  
10 e.g., the University of Michigan’s lab fee guidelines explicitly state that fee assessments should be  
11 transparent and clearly communicated to the public, and limit fees to allowable, course-specific costs;

12       *Whereas*, the University of Texas System provides system-wide guidance on when to assess  
13 course and lab fees and how to ensure compliance with statutes, underscoring the importance of  
14 consistent, transparent practices across departments and campuses;

15       *Whereas*, the University of Utah’s policy on special course fees specifies allowable uses (e.g.,  
16 consumables, use of specialized facilities) and bars fees from supplementing general departmental  
17 budgets, clarifying for students what fees can and cannot fund;

18       *Whereas*, students have expressed a desire for greater clarity on how these fees directly support  
19 their education, with the goal of fostering a stronger sense of confidence and appreciation for the  
20 resources provided;

21       *Whereas*, transparent communication between departments and students builds trust, enhances  
22 the academic experience, and strengthens the College’s reputation as a leader that attracts and retains  
23 top students;

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*Be it resolved*, that the ASUN Senate formally requests each department in the College of Science offering laboratory courses to prepare a concise and accessible statement, affirming the ways in which laboratory course fees are reinvested to sustain and enrich the student learning experience;

*Be it further resolved*, that these statements highlight the many categories of investment: such as consumables, equipment upkeep, technology, safety and compliance, and other critical instructional expenditures;

*Be it further resolved*, that these statements be made readily available to students through course platforms (e.g., WebCampus) or departmental websites;

*Be it further resolved*, that departments be encouraged to present an overview of these allocations in a College-wide student forum or similar venue, thereby strengthening a culture of transparency, celebrating the College's ongoing investment in student success, and reinforcing the partnership between faculty, administration, and students;

*Be it further resolved*, that this resolution **does not seek to alter fee levels**, but to celebrate the College's investments in experiential science education by making the connection between fees and learning resources more visible to students;

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

- Dean, College of Science, Louisa Hope-Weeks;
- Chair of the Department of Biology, Anne Leonard;
- Chair of the Department of Chemistry, Ana de Bettencourt-Dias;
- Chair of the Department of Geography, Adam Csank;
- Chair of the Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering, Paula Noble;
- Chair of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Tin-Yau Tam;
- Chair of the Department of Physics, Joshua Williams;
- Chair of the Department of Psychology, Fang Jiang;
- President of the Associated Students, Carmina Aglubat;

- 50 • Vice President of the Associated Students, Ethan McNamara;
- 51 • Speaker of the 93rd Senate of the Associated Students, Leaf Acklin;



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION  
2024-2025

**S. R. 93 -  
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
EXTENDING COURSE EVALUATION  
WINDOWS**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR BHARDWAJ  
CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR BARRUS

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1       *Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) currently opens student course evaluations for  
2 a period of 10 days, closing them at 11:59 p.m. on Prep Day (the Wednesday before finals), with  
3 short and dynamically dated courses generally receiving 5–7 days;

4       *Whereas*, this schedule can present conflicts for students balancing exams, projects, and  
5 deadlines in the final weeks of the semester, leading to missed opportunities to provide feedback and  
6 lower completion rates, especially for students who may be off-campus or otherwise unable to  
7 complete evaluations on Prep Day;

8       *Whereas*, peer institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education, including the  
9 University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), provide longer evaluation windows of up to three weeks,  
10 open prior to finals week, which has demonstrated success in maintaining or improving response  
11 rates; and institutions beyond Nevada, such as the University of Minnesota Duluth, George Mason  
12 University, the University of New Hampshire, and Arizona State University, provide windows of two  
13 or more weeks leading up to the end of the term, with results generally released only after grades are  
14 finalized to preserve fairness;

15       *Whereas*, higher-ranked universities across the country demonstrate that robust evaluation  
16 policies are possible and effective, like Harvard University, through its Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
17 “Q Guide,” requires students to complete evaluations before they can access final grades, and allows  
18 evaluations to remain open into and even after finals, ensuring comprehensive participation;

19       *Whereas*, research consistently indicates that course evaluations opened before finals week  
20 achieve higher completion rates and more representative responses than evaluations extended into or  
21 beyond finals week, with studies showing response drops of up to thirty percent when evaluations  
22 are moved after finals;

23       *Whereas*, response rates are influenced not only by the length of the evaluation period but also  
24 by complementary practices such as providing in-class completion time, integrating evaluations  
25 within the learning management system, sending targeted reminders, and including bias-mitigation  
26 statements, which together improve both participation and fairness in responses;

*Whereas*, extending evaluation windows and adopting complementary practices would better align UNR with peer and aspirational institutions, improve opportunities for student voices to be heard, and ultimately support faculty development, curriculum planning, and overall institutional improvement;

*Be it resolved*, that ASUN expresses its strong support for the University to extend the standard course evaluation window for regular fifteen-week courses from ten days to fourteen days by opening evaluations earlier in the term while maintaining the current closing time of 11:59 p.m. on Prep Day;

*Be it further resolved*, that ASUN encourages the University to consider scaling evaluation windows for short and dynamically dated courses to seven to ten days, proportional to course length, so as not to disadvantage students in accelerated formats;

*Be it further resolved*, that ASUN urges the University to review and, where feasible, implement additional practices proven to increase response rates and evaluation quality, including but not limited to providing targeted reminder messages during the open period, offering a visible opt-out mechanism that preserves student agency while maintaining the current grade-view hold incentive, and including brief bias-awareness reminders in evaluation forms to encourage fair and constructive feedback;

*Be it further resolved*, that ASUN recommends the Office of the Provost explore piloting the extended evaluation window and complementary measures in select colleges during a future semester, with results reported publicly to Faculty Senate and ASUN;

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

- Executive Vice President & Provost, Jeffrey S. Thompson;
- Senior Vice Provost, University Projects and Strategic Initiatives, Vincent J. Catalano;
- Associate Vice Provost for Curriculum and Assessment, Jane Detweiler;
- Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education, David Shintani;
- Faculty Senate Chair, Jennifer McClendon;

- 53 • President of the Associated Students, Carmina Aglubat;
- 54 • Vice President of the Associated Students, Ethan McNamara;
- 55 • Speaker of the 93rd Senate of the Associated Students, Leaf Acklin.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION  
2025-2026

**S. B. 93 -**  
**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FURTHERING**  
**EDUCATORS FEE WAIVER PROGRAM**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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

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

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*Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) is committed to supporting students pursuing careers in education and addressing the statewide teacher shortage; and

*Whereas*, the PackTeach and NevadaTeach programs require students to complete the C-BEST or Praxis examinations as a prerequisite to enrollment in each program; and

*Whereas*, the cost of these examinations can create a barrier for students from low-income or underrepresented backgrounds, discouraging them from entering the teaching profession; and

*Whereas*, ASUN currently administers a financial assistance framework (the Passion Fund Program) that uses an established formula to determine financial need and equitable allocation of funds; and

*Whereas*, dedicating a portion of ASUN's budget to subsidize these critical fees will enhance access to education programs and remove barriers to teacher preparation pathways; and

*Whereas*, The C-Best Exam costs 30 dollars per subtest; and

*Whereas*, the Praxis Core Exam costs 90 dollars per subtest and \$150 for the combined test; and

*Whereas*, the Event Programming Budget has available funds suitable for reallocation toward programs that foster student success and professional development; and

*THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE  
SENATE, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:*

*Be it enacted*, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada shall establish the Furthering Educators Fee Waiver Program, hereinafter referred to as the “FEFW,” to provide financial support to students taking the C-BEST or Praxis exams for admission to PackTeach/NevadaTeach; and

*Be it further enacted*, that an amount not to exceed \$3,000 shall be reallocated from the Senate Operating and Travel Budget to fund the FEFW on an annual basis; and

*Be it further enacted*, that after the first year of the program, it shall be allocated funds on a needed basis each fiscal year; and

*Be it further enacted*, that the FEFW must be marketed and made accessible to all students upon establishment; and

*Be it further enacted*, that the Fee Waiver shall be awarded based on financial need using the same formula as the Passion Fund Program, and that each student may only receive the Fee Waiver no more than two (2) times during their academic career; and

*Be it further enacted*, that the administration of the FEFW shall follow the same application, review, and disbursement processes currently in place for the Passion Fund, with necessary modifications to accommodate testing fee payments; and

*Be it further enacted*, that the Committee on Government Operations, the Committee on Budget & Finance, the Director of ASUN, President of ASUN, and Senator for the College of Education & Human Development shall ensure the establishment, oversight, and reporting of the FEFW, including an annual report to the Senate detailing total applications, awards granted, funds utilized, and recommendations for continuation or adjustment; and

*Be it enacted that the language of Addendum A be adopted in full upon passage and approval by the President of the Associated Students;*

*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
- Director of Event Programming, Rilyn Krentz
- Dean of the College of Education & Human Development, Donald Easton-Brooks
- Associate Dean of the College of Education & Human Development, Lindsay Diamond.
- Assistant Dean of the College of Education & Human Development, Diana ElAlami
- Chair of the Committee of Government Operations, Nick Bohlander
- Chair of the Committee on Budget & Finance, Logan Miceli



# **Addendum A**

## **TITLE XXXI: The Furthering Educators Fee Waiver Program**

### **CHAPTER 3101: THE FURTHERING EDUCATORS FEE WAIVER PROGRAM**

#### **SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT**

There is hereby a service offered within the Association called the Further Educators Fee Waiver Program.

#### **SECTION 02: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this program is to help ease the financial burden that comes with pursuing a career in education or human development and family sciences.

#### **SECTION 03: ADMINISTRATION**

The Program shall be administered by the Center for Student Engagement and the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

- a. The program shall be administered in the same fashion as the ASUN Passion Fund.
- b. Applications shall be routed to the Office of Financial Aid to review applications and measure if an applicant is financially eligible.

#### **SECTION 04: OVERSIGHT**

The program will be overseen by a number of officers to ensure that it is administered properly.

- a. The program will be overseen by the following officers
  - i. The Director of ASUN
  - ii. The Associate Director for Student Government of ASUN
  - iii. The President of ASUN
  - iv. The Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance
  - v. The Senator for the College of Education and Human Development

#### **SECTION 05: REPORTING**

The Director of ASUN shall draft and deliver a report of the program to the ASUN Senate at the end of each session.

- a. The report shall include the following total applications, awards granted, funds utilized, and recommendations for continuation or adjustment
  - i. Total applications

- ii. Awards granted
- iii. Funds utilized
- iv. Recommendations for continuation or adjustment

#### **SECTION 06: ELIGIBILITY**

A student must adhere to the following to be eligible for the fee waiver

- a. Have shown a reasonable need for financial aid as determined for by the Office of Financial Aid.
- b. Will be taking the CBest or Praxis exam to qualify for a pre-education program at the University of Nevada, Reno.
- c. Maintain at least a 2.00 GPA.

#### **SECTION 07: REGULATION**

Students that seek to use funds within the fee waiver program may only qualify for the program no more than two times.

- a. Students that must take the CBest of Praxis exam more than twice must use their own funds to take the exams after using the fee waiver two times.

#### **SECTION 08: ADVERTISEMENT**

The Director of Campus and Public Relations shall work in partnership with the Senator of the College of Education and Human Development to advertise this program every Fall Semester

- a. Marketing shall be posted within the first two months of the semester.

# Addendum B

| Account Number | Furthering Educators Fee Waiver |          |              |                   |
|----------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|
|                | Operating                       |          |              |                   |
|                | Student Support                 |          |              | -                 |
|                | Program Support                 |          |              | 3,000.00          |
|                |                                 |          |              |                   |
|                | Balance Forward                 | 3,000.00 |              |                   |
|                | Total Future Program            |          | \$3,000.00   | \$3,000           |
|                |                                 |          | T. Allocated | T. Actual Dollars |

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  
2025-2026

**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 Saporito;
- 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.