

Committee on Budget & Finance  
Senate of the Associated Students – 93rd Session

Minutes for Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 4:00 PM

In-Person: Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room, 3rd Floor JCSU

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Logan Miceli called the meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance to order at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 24th, 2025.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The committee acknowledged that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homelands of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Newe (Western Shoshone), and Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to serve as a gathering place for Indigenous peoples, and appreciation was expressed for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.

3. ROLL CALL

Chair Miceli took attendance, and a quorum was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

No members of the public came forward to offer comment at this time.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There were no minutes to be adopted at this time.

6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no reports presented during this meeting.

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

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

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

a. Financial Reviews of ASUN Accounts PG05566 (New Student Initiatives), PG03996 (ASUN Executive Board), and PG22568 (Passion Project)

PG05566 – New Student Initiatives (NSI)

Vice President Ethan McNamara presented the account's financial review. He noted that NSI is a transitional account spanning two sessions, with \$10,000 allotted for operations and \$4,500 for swag. A significant portion of expenditures went toward events such as the Block Party, Paws & Play, and Running of the Wolves, with Kona Ice vendor issues delaying one charge into the current fiscal year. NSI's spending focused on connecting new students to campus through engagement events.

Event Attendance: Block Party (~2,000 total, 1,112 checked in), Running of the Wolves (333), and Paws & Play (~600–700).

Operational Notes: Expenditures have been steady, with minimal issues aside from vendor delays. Remaining Funds: Approximately \$6,000 remain, which McNamara recommended reserving for the next Vice President for orientation swag purchases.

Committee Discussion: Senators discussed swag strategies, budgeting efficiency, and coordination with Programming. McNamara noted \$3,200 spent on keychains and chargers instead of shirts, allowing flexibility for the next administration.

#### PG03996 – ASUN Executive Board

Representatives from the Executive Board reviewed expenditures totaling approximately \$16,400 of the \$113,000 allocated budget. Primary expenses included officer salaries (~\$11,000), sustainability events, the Pride Parade sponsorship (\$1,000), and outreach materials. Future expected expenses included Wellness Week, Retreat Travel, Sustainability Cleanup Supplies, and Athletics collaborations.

Discussion: Senators asked about retreat funding, future allocations, and budget comparisons to previous sessions. Director Rodriguez noted overall ASUN budget cuts due to reduced available funds but said allocations could be revisited if enrollment and revenue rise. Committee members also discussed venue options for next year's retreat (potentially at UNR Lake Tahoe's 4H Camp).

Vendor Policy Clarifications: Director Rodriguez explained challenges with campus vendor registration and insurance requirements for external food and merchandise vendors. The process requires vendors to register through the Nevada System of Higher Education and provide certificates of insurance, which limits large-scale campus markets.

#### PG22568 – Passion Project

The committee heard from representatives on the status of the Passion Fund, noting no expenditures to date. The prior administration's removal of key digital infrastructure delayed implementation, including web forms and coordination with the Office of Financial Aid. The application process requires cross-referencing financial need before ASUN can approve funding.

Discussion: Senators asked about timelines and differences between Passion Fund procedures and traditional club funding. The presenters indicated that applications are expected to open within two months. The fund awards grants based on individual student applications rather than club-level requests, with disbursement dependent on Financial Aid verification.

#### 9. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

No further public comment was made.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Miceli adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

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#### 11. NOTES

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