



Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session
Agenda for Friday, September 26th, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

In-Person: Rita Laden Senate Chambers located in the Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd floor

Zoom Link:

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/84899948085?pwd=jWlNQmB3DrxEq5NLiyMgUSqBuVnEKW.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Issa called the meeting to order at 5:31PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homelands of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous peoples and we recognize the deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call must be listed by the Secretary.

Chair Issa – Present

Vice Chair Moore – Absence excused

Senator Castro – Present

Senator Evans – Absence Excused

Senator Packard – Absence Unexcused

Senator Radtke – Present on Zoom

Senator Saporito – Present

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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No public comment.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

There are no reports at this time.

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

There is no old business at this time.

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

a. Presentation from the Department of Government Affairs

Assistant Director Hatch, Policy Director Atencio, Projects Director Zotchi and Advocacy Director Casey provided an overview of the ASUN Department of Government Affairs. The discussion highlighted the department's ongoing efforts to foster civic engagement and strengthen connections between students and local and state government entities. The department was noted for its collaboration with other areas of ASUN and student leaders to organize voter registration drives, civic education programs, and community involvement initiatives. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that student voices are represented in governmental processes and that opportunities for active participation in civic life continue to expand.

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Committee member reports

- i. Chair Issa – The Chair thanked the Department of Government Affairs for their presentation and noted appreciation for the insightful questions raised

by committee members. He shared that he had completed most of his one-on-one check-ins with members, observing a common desire for greater collaboration among ongoing projects. Moving forward, the Chair stated that discussion items will be added to the agenda for each project to encourage broader input from senators. Members were reminded that they may collaborate with others even outside of their liaison appointments—for example, assisting with the planning of the Veterans Day Luncheon. The Chair also announced that at the next Senate meeting, the Office of Government and Community Engagement will present on ways ASUN can better collaborate with their office.

- ii. Vice Chair Moore – Absent
 - iii. Senator Castro – Senator Castro reported on a recent meeting with Austin Daly from the Office of Government and Community Engagement. Topics included reviving last year’s *Discussions in Democracy* event, with potential participation from Nevada legislative leaders, and launching an initiative to help students join local boards or neighborhood councils through an interest-based form that matches them with civic opportunities in their area.
 - iv. Senator Evans – Absent
 - v. Senator Packard – Absent
 - vi. Senator Radtke – Senator Radtke shared that she and the Chair met with the Director of Government Affairs to plan an event focused on voter registration and education. She added that they will meet with the Director of IDEA to continue planning and invited other members to participate in organizing the event.
 - vii. Senator Saporito – Senator Saporito noted plans to meet with the Office of Service Learning and Community Engagement to discuss ongoing collaborations, though a prior meeting had to be rescheduled due to an exam.
- b. Liaison changes and additions
- Senator Saporito moved to place himself on the liaison for Veterans Services through unanimous consent, seconded by Senator Castro. Motion carried.

10.COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair will recognize Committee members requesting the floor for the purpose of miscellaneous reports and requests. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members the Committee may speak.

No comments or announcements.

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No public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Issa adjourns the meeting at 6:09PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom.

NOTES

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