

93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Minutes for Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

In Person: Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Speaker Acklin called the Senate of the Associated Students to order on September 10th, 2025, at 5:33 PM in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom. Presiding Secretary: Speaker Pro Tempore Moss

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

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Present: Speaker Acklin, Speaker Acklin, Speaker Pro Tempore Moss, Parliamentarian Issa, Senators Atkinson, Barrus, Bhardwaj, Bolander, Castro, DeBarger, Evans, Hoang, Houghtelling, Kitch, Custer, Lawson, Levy, Lucchese, McAndrews, Miceli, Moore, Packard, Radtke, Saporito, Villa

Absent Excused:

Absent Unexcused: Senators Moore

A Quorum was present

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved of.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Jessie Simpson, Director of the De La Mare Library - thanked the Senate for approving tech fees last year, which supported additional computers, hotspots, and a new laser in the makerspace. She noted that a new website will soon launch to showcase expanded resources. Simpson invited members to a grant-funded Bike Lab kickoff event on September 25 from 4:30–6:00 p.m. and requested feedback for an upcoming October Sustainability Week. She also mentioned her service on the Provost's Sustainability Committee.

Juliana Barusso, a senior in the Colleges of Education and Human Development and Liberal Arts - raised concerns about the mandatory implementation of Pack-AI. She acknowledged potential positive uses of AI but argued that requiring its use poses academic and ethical risks. Barusso cited studies showing high rates of AI “hallucinations,” reduced cognitive engagement, and difficulties in regulating AI use. She also questioned the use of student tuition funds for additional AI tools when free options already exist and noted that students and ASUN were not consulted on Pack-AI's expansion. She urged that Pack-AI remain optional, that its scope be clarified, and that safeguards be developed to mitigate negative impacts.

Paul Finley, a student in the College of Education's Pack-Teach history program - voiced strong opposition to Pack-AI and generative AI in education. He argued that such tools undermine essential skills in writing, creativity, and critical thinking, ultimately making students less engaged and less efficient. Finley criticized the university for implementing Pack-AI without adequate student or faculty input, calling it a misuse of student funds and a violation of shared governance. He described the program as contradictory to UNR's mission and urged the university to discontinue it in order to uphold its educational values and commitment to student voices.

Angelo Wibber, a first-year student in political science and business - voiced concerns regarding the potential appointment of Joel Martin to the open ASUN Senate seat for the College of Liberal Arts. Wibber shared his personal experience working with Martin during high school student government, where Martin served as student body president. He stated that under Martin's leadership, meetings often lacked direction or purpose, and Martin frequently made unprofessional or dismissive remarks that gave the impression he did not take his role or the students he represented seriously. According to Wibber, the freshman council was unable to accomplish much during that time and many members felt undervalued. He characterized Martin's leadership as focusing more on personal popularity than student representation. Wibber concluded by asserting that Liberal Arts students deserve stronger representation and urged the Senate not to appoint Martin, stating that even a vacant seat would be preferable to his appointment.

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

- a. College of Engineering – **Kailani Alarcon**
- b. College of Engineering – **Annika Valdez**
- c. College of Liberal Arts – **Joel Martin**
- d. College of Liberal Arts – **Bella Peterson**
- e. College of Liberal Arts – **Peter Parelius**
- f. Department of Programming – **Josh Chaney**

Speaker Acklin sought a motion to approve agenda items 6A–F by unanimous consent. Motion by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss, seconded by Senator Barrus. Motion carried.

7. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Speaker Acklin opened agenda item 7a by acknowledging the tragic events that occurred earlier that day in Utah, expressing condolences to the victim's family, including his wife and two children. Acklin emphasized that the tragedy, taking place on a college campus, was especially painful given campuses should be centers of learning and community rather than violence. He urged members to remain vigilant, support one another, and remember that violence has no place in society or on campus. He concluded by encouraging the Senate to set aside outside turmoil and focus on serving students during the meeting.

- a. President of the Associated Students - **Carmina Aglubat**- reported preparation for the upcoming Board of Regents meeting, including a briefing with Director Taylor and her team to review agenda items related to the university. They also held a call with the Chancellor on strengthening communication and discussed potential collaborations with the Charitable Policy Senate. Updates were given on the upcoming parade, with registration open and outreach to businesses and nonprofits encouraged. The officer highlighted several public engagements during the first week of school, welcomed student-athletes back, and noted ongoing outreach to alumni. Additional work has included conversations with the Charitable Society on streamlining financial reviews, preparing for capital initiatives, and real estate considerations. President Aglubat thanked members for their dedication, flexibility in overcoming challenges such as weather disruptions, and enthusiasm in delivering successful outcomes.
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students - **Ethan McNamara**- reported attending the Board of Regents meeting in Elko with President Alba. They highlighted the recent “Running of the Wolves” event, where pizza, popsicles, and water were distributed, and are awaiting final attendance numbers from New Student Initiatives. The officer thanked Senator Miceli and Luchessi for serving as pace runners at the event. Upcoming events include Family Weekend, where ASUN will host a Nevada-focused trivia night. Work also continues on the Pack Friendly Business Program, with responses pending from local businesses to update the website.
- c. Chief Justice - **Rena Arneson**- Associate Justice Silveyra read Chief Justice Arneson's report - submitted their report in writing due to a class conflict. Updates included the pre-law cohort's planning of events for the year: the Law School Fair will be held Wednesday, October 30 from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., featuring a Center for Constitutional Law table to promote the new legal studies minor. A pre-law conference is also being organized for January, with programming on LSAT preparation, law school applications, networking with attorneys, and meeting current law students. Additionally, the Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee met to review charges including the student experience questionnaire, the faculty liaison role for academic standards, and the role of AI in teaching.
- d. Director of Executive Outreach - **Naomi Tecson**-The officer reported finalizing preparations for Make up Retreat on September 20, noting the schedule will be sent out by Friday once last-minute details are completed. They also announced Make up Headshot sessions scheduled for Monday and Thursday of the upcoming week from 4:00–6:00 p.m. in the @ONE, encouraging members who have not yet participated to do so and noting a reminder email will be sent out. In

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addition, the officer assisted with Welcome Week programming, commending the Programming Department and Clubs and Organizations for successfully hosting the Welcome Week despite weather-related challenges. They also supported First-Year School events by distributing materials. Looking ahead, the officer is collaborating with VP McNamara on Family Weekend planning and is working alongside President Aglubat on homecoming events, parade registration, and related logistics. Members with questions on these upcoming events were directed to reach out to either President Aglubat or herself.

- e. Director of Executive Affairs - **Gabriella Detrick**- DEA Detrick began by expressing excitement about returning to in-person Senate meetings, noting that they feel much more meaningful than those held on Zoom. She reported that the Internship Program currently has 105 applications, which is slightly behind last year's pace, a shortfall she attributed to Welcome Week being pushed back. Despite this, she noted that the program's increased capacity may allow for even more interns this year than in the past. Already, 18 Programming and Clubs & Orgs interns have been welcomed into the association. She thanked the Internship Coordination Committee for their hard work preparing for this next generation of student leaders and reminded everyone to reserve Saturday, October 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the mandatory internship orientation, which will feature professional training and team-building activities. Detrick also announced two new resource partnerships, with the Honors College and the First-Generation Center, which she described as an important step toward expanding leadership opportunities to more students. Moving to administrative updates, Detrick asked senators to reach out if they are experiencing issues with email aliases or missing listservs so she can coordinate solutions with IT. She then provided an update on the ASUN polos, explaining that while they have been ordered, they remain delayed in shipping, with neither ASUN nor the vendor knowing their current location. She assured senators that polos will be distributed to departments and branches once they arrive, and new senators who joined after the order was placed should contact her with their size so extras can be accounted for. Detrick also shared that she and DEO Tecson are working on an Executive Initiative Tracker, a live spreadsheet modeled after bill tracking, which will provide real-time updates on executive branch projects. She explained that this will improve transparency and allow the association to better celebrate its accomplishments. Finally, she reported that the two are collaborating to reinstate the ASUN Menstrual Hygiene Fund, which had been defunded in recent years. They are in discussions with several nonprofit partners, including Project Maryland, to establish a sustainable system ensuring students will not need to pay for menstrual hygiene products. Detrick closed her report by opening the floor for questions. Senator Houghtelling asked for more clarification on the Executive Initiative Tracker.
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations - **Madison Hess**- began by thanking all senators who supported and helped with the Fall Club Fair, emphasizing how meaningful their involvement was to her. She reported that the event was a great success, drawing over 1,200 students in attendance and featuring more than 150 clubs and organizations. She added that her department continues to provide club support funding to student groups and has already started planning the annual I-LEAD conference, scheduled for October 4th. Hess encouraged anyone interested in assisting with the event to reach out and reminded senators they can always contact her via email with any questions.
- g. Director of Programming - **Railyn Krentz**- greeted the Senate and noted that the programming team successfully completed Welcome Week as the semester entered its third week. She thanked all senators who volunteered during the events, emphasizing that their support was essential to making Welcome Week possible, especially for tasks such as flipping pancakes at Wilfrid Town. Krentz reported that the programming department has already shifted its focus toward planning Homecoming Week and several new October events. She expects to finalize dates and event details within the next two weeks, at which point she will release volunteer forms and a full schedule. She also shared that the department now has a full team of interns—many of whom assisted at Welcome Week events—and welcomed a new programmer who will soon be fully trained. Krentz closed by encouraging senators to reach out with any questions, concerns, or requests for event support.

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- h. Director of Government Affairs - **Kennedy Taylor**- The Project Director delivered the report on behalf of Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor. The department has remained busy with meetings surrounding upcoming projects, including bi-weekly sessions with the Office of Government and Community Engagement. Plans are underway for a Halloween-week event, coinciding with Nevada Day in Carson City, when many community members will be in Northern Nevada. ASUN has also been asked to increase its participation in the Nevada Day Parade, and members were encouraged to get involved. In addition, there are multiple opportunities for senators to sit on boards in surrounding city districts, with the Young Adult Reno City Council currently holding about five open seats for members aged 22 and under. Director Taylor has also been in communication with President Aglubat and others regarding the upcoming Board of Regents meeting in Elko at Great Basin Community College, noting that the agenda appears relatively moderate in terms of expected actions. The report concluded with an open invitation for senators to reach out with questions or to get involved in ongoing projects.
- i. Director of IDEA - **Zyna Navarte**- A recap of recent and upcoming initiatives. They highlighted the success of the Northern Nevada Pride Parade and Festival, thanking all who volunteered despite competing events the same day. The office has also confirmed an upcoming collaboration with the Multicultural Center for the API Night Market on October 3, as well as participation in the Lunar New Year celebration in the Fine Arts Building. Invitations will be shared broadly, and members were encouraged to attend. Director Navarrete emphasized the importance of collaboration across departments, noting that IDEA's goal this year is to foster unity, build shared experiences, and make ASUN feel like more than just a responsibility. In addition, the office is currently planning a grant fair to bring together all departments offering student grants, with more details to follow.
- j. Director of Sustainability - **Sephora Lee**- reported on recent and upcoming initiatives alongside Assistant Director Cook. Over the past few weeks, they have been preparing for several events, including the "I Am A Sucker for Sustainability" tabling event, where they educated students about the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund, internship opportunities, and upcoming projects such as the farmer's markets and community cleanups. Lee noted strong interest in the grant program and explained that they plan to meet personally with applicants over the coming weeks to support them through the process. She announced that the department has passed its budget for the first community cleanup of the year, scheduled for Saturday, September 20th, at Dick Taylor Park. This will be part of their new Adopt-A-Spot partnership with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, with monthly cleanups planned moving forward. Lee also shared that the first farmer's market will take place on Friday, September 26th, featuring vendors from the Riverside Farmer's Market and other local businesses. Senators were encouraged to send suggestions for additional local partners. During questions, Senator Hotelling asked for clarification on the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund application process. Director Lee responded that students can apply through the ASUN website but are encouraged to email the office directly. Cook explained that they prefer to meet with applicants to ensure they understand the process and feel supported. Applications will remain open until late October or November, with proposals reviewed over winter break by a committee that includes the sustainability manager and other professional staff. Successful proposals will then move forward for funding.
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations - **Juliauna Sullivan**- No report at this time
- l. Director of Campus Wellness - **Emily Hohman**- reported on recent and upcoming initiatives. She noted the success of their body positivity sticker campaign, which was well received, with leftovers to be distributed at future tabling events. She and Director Navarete also recently tabled for Suicide Prevention Week alongside Joe on Monday. Much of her recent work has focused on preparing for Safety Week, for which her budget was approved by the President's Cabinet. She stated that most of the events will be smaller in scale and will not require many volunteers, but she encouraged senators to stop by to show support. Hohman then provided a detailed schedule for Safety Week events:
Monday, September 15 (11 a.m.–2 p.m.) – *Protect the Pack Safety Resource Tabling* in the KC Breezeway with free donuts.

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Tuesday, September 16 (11 a.m.–2 p.m.) – *Boba and Boundaries* with Nevada Cares and the Student Health Center, featuring sexual safety education, games, and free boba.

Wednesday, September 17 (4:30–5:20 p.m.) – *Guard the Ground (Girls on Guard)*, promoting UNRPD's self-defense course at the fitness center. Students must register 24 hours in advance through the fitness portal, and course subs will be distributed afterward.

Thursday, September 18 (2–4 p.m.) – *Fuel the Pack* in the KC Breezeway with the College of Public Health providing snacks and resources.

She added that the Book Fair event has been postponed to October after coordination with the Center for Civil Rights and Equal Access, as more preparation time is needed. Looking ahead, Hellman highlighted two October events: the NRAP Mobilize Recovery event on October 17, tentatively on the Quad, and the Live Well event the same day at Ferrari Farms, which will include student resources, giveaways, and transportation. She closed by encouraging senators to reach out via email with questions about Safety Week.

- m. Director of Ethics and Compliance - **Caleb Oster**- reminded senators that all members of the Association are legally required to comply with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. He explained that agendas must be posted on the ASUN website and three prominent campus locations by 9 a.m. on the third working day prior to each meeting. Director Oster encouraged senators to consult the Nevada Open Meeting Law compliance checklist on the ASUN website under Legal Docs and offered to answer any questions regarding compliance. Parliamentary Issa asked about late agenda postings over the summer and why meetings were not canceled or enforced when they missed the 9 a.m. deadline. Director Oster acknowledged the delays as mistakes on his part but stated that he and the Association have since been improving compliance efforts. Senator Houghtelling asked whether Director Oster had received the required 30-day training on parliamentary procedures, statutes, and Senate rules mandated in the SAS. Director Oster responded that he had not received any such training. Director Rodriguez clarified that all incoming officers, including Director Oster, receive training during the ASUN and Senate onboarding sessions, and that legal counsel and the Vice President of Student Services are also involved in training. Rodriguez further explained that ongoing revisions to the SAS statutes will remove the responsibility for interpreting the Nevada Open Meeting Law from undergraduate officers. This authority will now fall under the General Counsel of the University of Nevada, Claudia Aguayo, in coordination with ASUN leadership. Rodriguez noted that Director Oster has been caught in the middle due to the current statutory language, but reassured the body that he has been performing his duties to the best of his ability under the unclear guidance.
- n. Speaker of the Senate - **Leaf Acklin**- began his report by acknowledging that Senate had not met in the past couple of weeks, noting that his update would be long due to accumulated items. He reviewed his promises made upon being elected Speaker and outlined expectations for the Senate, including phone etiquette, dress code, and general preparation. He explained that prior to each meeting, he uploads a timeline and agenda into the Box platform to help senators follow an organized schedule, emphasizing the importance of ending meetings on time while respecting everyone's schedules. Speaker Moss also reminded senators to use the Legislation Tracker, managed by Parliamentarian Issa, to record resolutions or legislation for public transparency and for fellow senators to monitor activity. He addressed outreach, noting that the first outreach period's submissions had been inconsistent due to technical difficulties with the form. He called out senators who had not submitted screenshots of their outreach, including Senators Barris, Castro, Evans, Bolander, Hotelling, Huang, and Moss himself, and requested they submit proof by the following morning. He clarified that the next outreach period would begin the following day and last two weeks, with forms to be made available by 9 a.m. Speaker Acklin reminded senators about the Makeup Retreat on September 20 from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., which is mandatory for those who missed the summer retreat. He instructed senators to coordinate with Director Tecson and cc him on any emails regarding scheduling conflicts. He then detailed workshop plans for the semester, including a Robert's Rules workshop immediately following reports and a legislation workshop next week with Speaker Pro Tempore Moss and Parliamentarian Issa to ensure senators understand the creation and process of legislation. He also

provided information about one-on-one office hours available through a Teams link to assist senators with legislation, committee duties, or liaison responsibilities. Regarding Senate operations, Speaker Moss noted that nameplates were expected to arrive within two to three weeks. He also announced a new procedure where he would call on three to four senators at the end of each meeting to provide brief reports on their recent activities, ensuring all senators actively fulfill their duties. He then reviewed rules and expectations for Fall 2025, emphasizing that work, school, or other non-emergencies would not excuse missed Senate meetings. Senators must communicate emergencies in advance, and points will be assigned for unexcused absences in accordance with Rule 2, Section F. Dress code expectations were outlined: senators should present in professional or business casual attire, such as wolf pack polos, and maintain professionalism for faculty or community presentations. Phones were to be used only for emergencies, and full attention during meetings was expected. Preparation was stressed as essential, with senators encouraged to read the agenda before meetings and actively participate. Speaker Moss reiterated that legislation sent after the 5 p.m. Thursday deadline would be considered for the following meeting to maintain orderly agenda management. He clarified outreach requirements per Rule 2, Section E, including four hours of outreach every two weeks, increasing to six hours once interns are onboard. Outreach activities include meetings with faculty or staff, writing legislation, volunteering, and attending student advisory or diversity board meetings, with hour limits per activity. Missed outreach accumulates points, and exceptions can be petitioned within one week. Committee chairs were instructed to hold meetings biweekly and report absences, with points assigned for failures. Finally, Speaker Moss presented the fall 2025 schedule of faculty and administrative presentations. Events included Government and Community Relations (September 17), UPDNC (October 1), Veteran Services (October 15), Counseling Services (October 22), and Student Health Center and Nevada CARES (December 3). Plans for additional presenters such as Director Ziva Edmondson, Administration of Finance (Mr. Klinger), Parking Services, Dean of Libraries, Res Life, Nevada Dining, Career Studio, Fitness Center, and the Office of Undergraduate Research were also mentioned. During questions, Senator Custer asked whether maximum outreach hours applied per meeting or per outreach period. Speaker Acklin clarified it applies per outreach period, with constraints on maximum hours per activity. Senator Castro asked whether the policy would be enforced for the current period; Speaker Acklin responded that senators would receive a free pass for this period, with full enforcement beginning with the next outreach period and oversight reviewed by the Committee of Oversight.

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**- ASA will meet tomorrow 5:30 in the Frankie sue del pappa presidents conference room.
- b. Committee on Budget and Finance - **Logan Miceli** – reported that the committee met today and conducted their first three financial reviews, covering programming, legal services, and Pack rides. The meeting generated productive discussions, and the committee introduced a standardized financial review form, which will continue to be refined over time. Chair Miceli invited any questions from senators regarding the financial reviews.
- c. Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement - **Jason Issa**- reported that the committee will meet Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers, starting Friday, September 12th. He apologized for the late meeting time, which was the only time all committee members were available. He highlighted the success of PACK in Action, with over 100 students participating, giving special thanks to Senator Moore, Kathy Castro, and the Center for Student Engagement, as well as Reno community partners. Parliamentarian Issa also noted a productive meeting with Director Taylor and A.D. Hatch, alongside Senator Ratke, to discuss future collaboration between the committee and the Department of Government Affairs. He and Senators Evans and McAndrews have been

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reviewing logistics for the ASUN Senate to Student Forum Canvas page, passed by Senator Terry last session, aiming to increase student engagement. Finally, he acknowledged Senator Moore for her work on the Constitution Day event on September 17th and announced that he will begin one-on-one check-ins with each committee member, sharing a booking link soon.

- d. Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - **Viviana Castro**- met on August 29th to discuss several initiatives and ongoing projects. One key topic was potential collaboration with the Committee on Safety and Sustainability for accessibility walks, which involve surveying campus to identify areas that may be difficult to navigate for students with disabilities or mobility challenges. The committee also reviewed their involvement with Nevada Pride, describing the event as very successful, and discussed drafting legislation aimed at improving accessibility on campus, including updates to the ASUN website and the new John Tulloch Business Building. Director Navarrete encouraged new members to join the committee, emphasizing its mission to promote inclusion for all students, regardless of identity. The committee works closely with various campus offices and organizations, including the Disability Resource Center (DRC), Path to Independence Program, Undocumented Path, Office of International Students, Multicultural Center, First Generation Student Services, and the Office of DEI.
- e. Committee on Government Operations –**Nicholas Bohlander**- met on August 15th and will convene again this Friday in the PCR at 4:30 p.m. Moving forward, regular meetings are scheduled for Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Senator Bohlander expressed gratitude to committee members for their patience and cooperation during her first meeting as chair and welcomed the possibility of new senators joining the committee.
- f. Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness - **Camille Levy** – will hold its next meeting on Friday at 5:30 p.m., which is an exception to their regular schedule. During this meeting, the committee will focus on Student-Led Accessibility Walks in partnership with the ASA Committee and Facilities. Senator Levy encouraged anyone passionate about campus accessibility to attend, even if they are not formally part of SSW. The committee will also discuss upcoming events, including Talking Talks in early October, Public Advance Day, and Futures October's spooky-themed Safety UNRPD event, which is designed to train students on safely handling pepper spray. Senator Levy emphasized the committee's strong commitment to student safety and preparedness on campus.
- g. Special Committee on Food Insecurity - **Alexander Saporito**- On August 25th, they met with Dean Means to discuss strategies for lobbying assembly members and local politicians on issues of food insecurity. Dean Means had previously helped manage UNRRA's honors date with an elected legislator, which served as a model for civic engagement that the committee hopes to replicate. On September 5th, the senator met with Jordan Lex to continue planning and developed a contact list that currently includes 28 assembly members, 8 state senators, and 2 congressional senators. This list will be reviewed in upcoming committee meetings to adjust recipients as needed. Additionally, on September 12th, the senator plans to meet via Zoom with Michael Flores, Vice President of Government and Community Engagement, and Sheila Bray, Director of Government and Community Engagement, to further discuss the initiative. The committee is also coordinating with Friends in Service Helping (FISH) Northern Nevada and Executive Director Jim Beckham to plan a site tour. The Special Committee has tentatively scheduled this tour for September 26th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., with the tour itself beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting location will be Conference Room 317 at the Joe Crowley Student Union. The senator invited anyone interested in participating in the tour, whether part of the Special Committee or not, to join. The committee is also awaiting additional information from Bridget Devanon, Director of Pack Provisions and Justin Gregory, Directors of Packed Rides, to aid in planning.
- h. Parliamentarian - **Jason Issa**- provided an update on Agenda Item 18C, the Robert's Rules Workshop scheduled for the current meeting. The workshop is designed primarily for new senators, as well as returning members from last session, to familiarize them with Robert's Rules of Order, maintaining decorum at the table, and general meeting procedures. The session will include a brief scenario followed by an activity, lasting approximately 15 minutes. A Robert's Rules

cheat sheet will be added to the shared Box folder so senators can download and print it if needed. He also emphasized that all resources to support senators—including guidance on writing legislation, committee scripts, and other helpful materials—can be found under the **Senate Session Resources** folder in Box. Senators are encouraged to check the folder first before reaching out via email or Teams. If the resources are not available there, senators can still contact the Speaker, Parliamentarian Issa, or Speaker Pro Tempore Moss for assistance.

i. Speaker Pro Tempore - **Dillon Moss**- Speaker Pro Tempore Moss provided an update on the Legislative Internship program, noting that the internship applications are progressing well, with 105 submissions received so far. He reminded senators to review the ASUN Legislative Internship Mentor Handbook, which is now available in the Box under Mentor and Syllabus Resources. The handbook outlines mentor expectations required mentor hours, internship pairings, required events, and the Senate in Action Project, a major hands-on educational project for interns.

Moss emphasized the importance of attending social events on October 3rd and October 7th as an opportunity to connect with interns before pairings, and he stressed that the internship orientation on October 18th is mandatory for all officers. He also highlighted the internship pillars, curriculum, and assignments, encouraging senators to familiarize themselves with both the handbook and the tentative syllabus included in the same folder. Finally, Mas urged senators to continue advocating for the internship by sharing the post and using the marketing guide provided, noting that there is still time to increase applications. He mentioned that the Internship Coordination Committee will meet next week to finalize details, although the exact time is not yet confirmed. Senators were advised to tentatively block out their afternoon schedules to accommodate this planning.

j. Committee on Oversight - **Leaf Acklin**- Reported that the Committee on Oversight met on August 21st at 12 p.m. to discuss the censure of Senator Packard. The committee determined that the appropriate action was to censure Senator Packard. As part of this censure, she is required to complete five additional hours of outreach during the month of September, split as two and a half hours of regular outreach and two and a half hours related to business, such as visiting the new John Tulloch Business Building or meeting with someone in the College of Business. The committee also requested that Senator Packard provide a public apology to the Senate, as her previous statement regarding the sagebrush was deemed too harsh. Additionally, due to prior scheduling conflicts, Senator Packard will be stepping down from the Committee on Budget and Finance for the time being.

Regarding points accumulation, the committee discussed how to handle existing points for censured senators. Since Senator Packard had previously accumulated six or seven points, it was decided that her points would be reset to zero following this censure. However, if she is censured again in the future, previous points will be taken into account, and repeated infractions could result in the Oversight Committee recommending a letter of resignation or initiating the expulsion process, as outlined in Senate rules. Oversight will be meeting again on Monday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. to review the first outreach period and confirm all senators' points. Speaker Acklin then read the points memo to ensure transparency: Senator Atkinson has two points, Senator Hotelling has two points, Senator Hoang has three points, Senator Lucchesi has two points, Senator McAndrews has one point, Senator Miscellany has one point, and both Senators Moore and Packard had their points reset, with Moore previously holding six points and Packard seven points. Acklin opened the floor for questions regarding Oversight procedures, censure, and points.

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, **VACANT**- No report at the time
- b. Legislative Clerk, **Jasveen Kaur**- No report at the time

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

- a. Department of Event Programming – **Josh Chaney**

Speaker Acklin sought a motion to fast-track agenda items 10A by unanimous consent. Motion by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss, seconded by Senator Castro. Motion carried.

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 Engineering – **Kailani Alarcon**
- b. College of Engineering – **Annika Valdez**
- c. College of Liberal Arts – **Joel Martin**
- d. College of Liberal Arts – **Bella Peterson**
- e. College of Liberal Arts – **Peter Parelus**

Joel Martin was the only candidate present. The Engineering seat will remain open as no candidates appeared for the seat.

Joel Martin, a candidate for the College of Liberal Arts Senate seat, began his presentation with a personal introduction and overview of his background. He described himself as a political science and national affairs double major and emphasized his deep familial connection to the university, noting that both of his parents and his grandmother attended UNR. He highlighted his long-standing commitment to civic engagement, beginning with his leadership role as president of his high school leadership class, where he managed a group of over 40 students. Martin detailed his prior Senate experience, having been appointed as a senator for the College of Liberal Arts during the 90th session and continuing his service through the 91st and 97th sessions. During this time, he served as chair of the Government Operations Committee, gaining substantial experience in legislative processes, committee management, and parliamentary procedure. Off-campus, Martin noted his professional experience as a branch office administrator at Jones Investments for four years, and his recent appointment to the West Truckee Meadows Community Advising Board, recognizing his leadership skills and dedication to civic engagement. He also emphasized his familiarity with Robert's Rules of Order, having actively participated in 98 prior Senate meetings and numerous committee and departmental sessions.

Martin articulated his priorities as a Senate candidate, starting with affordability and accessibility. He stressed the importance of reducing unnecessary student fees while

acknowledging that some fees are essential. He addressed campus food accessibility challenges, noting that some resources are underutilized due to inadequate facilities and distribution processes. Martin proposed practical solutions to expand student access to food resources, including creating an on-campus food outlet in partnership with local vendors like Raley's and Smith's, aiming to alleviate the campus food desert. His approach focused on tangible improvements that directly impact student life.

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Inclusivity and campus life were another focus of Martin's platform. He stressed the importance of creating a welcoming environment for all students by reviewing and revitalizing campus traditions, ensuring oversight and effective execution of events, and supporting student organizations. He proposed proactive assistance for clubs and organizations, including workshops on funding access and guidance on organizational management, aiming to foster student engagement and a sense of belonging. Martin reiterated the importance of equity and inclusivity in all aspects of campus governance and programming, emphasizing that these efforts would make the campus more inviting and supportive for everyone.

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During the questioning period, Senator Kitch began by asking Joel Martin to explain his previous votes on student fees, specifically regarding resolutions tied to the Inward Video project. Martin responded that while he initially opposed the measures, he ultimately voted in favor after assessing the broader implications. He emphasized that the decision was made with student benefit in mind, particularly addressing food surplus issues, and explained that he coordinated with administration to ensure refrigerators would be included in the new fieldhouse to store donated food. Martin reflected that, in hindsight, he would be more actively engaged with the College of Liberal Arts and its leadership to ensure collaborative, student-focused decisions in the future.

Senator Castro then inquired about Martin's experience collaborating with administrative offices during the questioning period, referencing a previous incident in which he was allegedly targeted by the parliamentarian for violating quorum. Martin clarified that he was not formally reprimanded; instead, the situation was a misunderstanding in which he was asked to stop

questioning but was ultimately allowed to continue by the Senate. He emphasized that he acted in good faith and sought to maintain proper decorum while ensuring student concerns were addressed.

Parliamentarian Issa followed with questions about Martin's involvement in college events over the past two years. Martin described his engagement in various College of Liberal Arts activities, including New Year's and Minors Day events, as well as smaller student-focused initiatives like distributing tote bags and coffee. He acknowledged that some efforts were limited by procedural inefficiencies but expressed a commitment to re-establishing effective communication and collaboration with college administration to streamline future events. When asked about revitalizing campus traditions such as Local Week, Martin stated that he aimed to enhance student engagement by asking relevant questions and ensuring transparency, rather than criticizing past administrations. He emphasized that the Senate's role includes being a conduit between student feedback and executive implementation.

Senator Saperito's questions focused on Martin's policy initiatives, particularly his advocacy for food accessibility and on-campus food programs. Martin detailed his ongoing efforts to advocate for improved facilities and resources, noting that he had been in communication with administrators and community partners to expand available food storage and access. He expressed willingness to support new initiatives, such as a university free market, provided they aligned with student needs and executive branch cooperation.

Senator Lawson asked about Martin's plans for revitalizing campus traditions independently of executive branch initiatives. Martin reiterated that his approach involved active engagement with leadership and students, collecting feedback on desired improvements, and facilitating dialogue to ensure student voices were heard.

Martin was also questioned about his stance on unnecessary student fee increases. He identified specific fees he opposed, including the Nevada FIT fee, and explained his reasoning, citing student dissatisfaction and a lack of necessity. At the same time, he acknowledged the need for certain fee increases, such as the Academic Success Fee, and described how he successfully advocated for equitable implementation.

Senators Barrus and Hotelling questioned Martin on conflict resolution during debates. Martin explained that he approaches conflicts with patience, taking a step back to allow discussion while maintaining respect and decorum, ensuring disagreements do not escalate.

Finally, questions from Speaker Pro Tempore Moss and other senators addressed Martin's goals and engagement strategies within the College of Liberal Arts. Martin emphasized direct communication with constituents through classroom visits and in-person outreach, coordinated efforts with fellow senators, and the importance of creating engaging activities to maintain student interest. He highlighted his commitment to ensuring that all College of Liberal Arts students feel represented and have their concerns addressed effectively, reinforcing his hands-on approach to student advocacy.

Due to a technology issue, the beginning of deliberation was cut off.

During deliberation, senators expressed a mix of concern and caution regarding Joel Martin's candidacy. One senator began by acknowledging their own limited experience in office compared to other members, emphasizing that their perspective was naturally different. They noted that Martin's impressive dossier and accomplishments initially appeared highly appealing, but they and several colleagues had raised concerns about his interpersonal style and potential impact on the Senate's collaborative environment. Specifically, they described Martin as someone who

could be difficult to work with, potentially condescending, and inclined to make decisions or statements that might create discomfort among colleagues. While they recognized Martin's articulate presentation and extensive qualifications, the senator emphasized the importance of considering team dynamics and the Senate's ability to function cohesively, suggesting that a candidate's charm and eloquence alone should not outweigh these concerns. The senator concluded by stating that these reasons would guide their vote to reject the nomination and encouraged peers to consider similar caution.

Following deliberation, the Senate moved into a procedural motion for the previous question to end debate, seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss. Parliamentarian Issa confirmed the process, and the motion passed with a majority vote, signaling that senators were ready to proceed directly to the final vote on the candidate.

The roll call vote commenced, with each senator individually stating their position. The final tally revealed overwhelming opposition: 19 senators voted "nay," 2 voted "oy," and 0 voted "yes."

This resulted in the formal rejection of Joel Martin's nomination, leaving the seat vacant for future consideration.

The roll call vote results were as follows:

- Senator Atkinson – Nay
- Senator Barrus – Nay
- Senator Bhardwaj – Nay
- Senator Bolander – Nay
- Senator Castro – Nay
- Senator DeBarger – Nay
- Senator Evans – Nay
- Senator Huang – Nay
- Senator Hotelling – Nay
- Senator Kitch – Nay
- Senator Custer – Nay
- Senator Lawson – Nay
- Senator Levy – Oy
- Senator Lucchese – Nay
- Senator McAndrews – Oy
- Senator Micelli – Nay
- Senator Moore – Nay
- Senator Packard – Nay
- Senator Radke – Nay
- Senator Saporito – Nay
- Senator Villa – Nay
- Speaker Pro Tempore Moss – Nay
- Parliamentarian Issa – Nay

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)

- a. Department of Event Programming – Josh Chaney

Speaker Acklin sought a motion to approve agenda item 13 am through unanimous consent. Motion by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss, seconded by Senator Barrus. Motion Carried.

Josh Chaney was sworn in by Associate Justice Emma Silveyra.

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 Request Clarity on the Rollout of PACK AI into Academic Curriculum

b. S.B. 93 – An Act to use Capital Funds for Technology Replacement

The Speaker requested a motion to approve agenda items 14a through 14b by unanimous consent. Parliamentarian Issa moved to approve, seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss. With no dissent or abstentions, the motion passed, and the bills were approved for first reading.

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. No items were 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 Request Clarity on the Rollout of PACK AI into Academic Curriculum

Parliamentarian Issa motioned to refer SR 93, a resolution requesting clarity on the rollout of PAC AI in the academic curriculum, to the Committee on Academic Student Affairs by unanimous consent, seconded by Senator Kitch. With no dissent or abstentions, the motion passed, and the resolution will be reviewed by the Committee on Academic Student Affairs.

b. S.B. 93 – An Act to use Capital Funds for Technology Replacement

Speaker Pro Tempore Moss motioned to refer SB 93, an act to use capital funds for technology replacement, to the Committee on Budget and Finance by unanimous consent, seconded by Senator Lawson. With no dissent or abstentions, the motion passed, and SB 93 will be considered at the next available meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

- a. There are no items submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.**

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions**

Senator Bhardwaj - Senator Bhardwaj moved to place themselves on the Committee on Academic Student Affairs and the Committee on Budget and Finance through unanimous consent. The motion was seconded by Senator Lucchese. With no dissent or abstentions, the motion passed, and Senator Bhardwaj was officially placed on both committees.

Senator DeBarger - Senator DeBarger moved to place themselves on the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on IDEA through unanimous consent. The motion was seconded by Senator Castro. With no dissent or abstentions, Senator DeBarger was officially placed on both committees.

Speaker Pro Tempore Moss - Speaker Pro Tempore Moss moved to remove themselves from the Special Committee on Food and Security due to a schedule conflict. The motion was seconded by Senator Saparito. With no dissent or abstentions, Speaker Pro Tempore Moss was officially removed from that committee.

Senator McAndrews - Senator McAndrews moved to remove themselves from the Committee on IDEA, citing prior discussions with the committee chair. The motion was seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Moss. With no dissent or abstentions, Senator McAndrews was officially removed from the committee.

Senator Packard - Senator Packard moved to remove themselves from the Committee on Budget and Finance and to place themselves on the Committee on Sustainability, Safety, and Wellness. The motion was approved, and Senator Packard was officially reassigned to the new committee.

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b. Senator Reports

Senator Packard - offered a formal apology for absences over the summer and for poor communication with Speaker Ackland and the chairs of the committees they served on, specifically DCE and Budget and Finance. They committed to being present and active in the upcoming semester and expressed excitement for upcoming legislation.

Senator Barrus - updated the Senate on their recent selection as the undergraduate student representative for the Northern Nevada board of the Nevada Public Health Association and expressed excitement to continue advocating for public health initiatives. They highlighted collaborative planning with Senators Houghtelling and Villa for an upcoming event during Safety Week and Intro to Public Health Week, encouraging attendance. The event will take place on the 18th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the KC Breezeway and will feature healthy drink recipes, resources from the Student Health Center, and snacks from Sam's Club. Senator Barris also apologized for taking up space in the Senate office and promised to return items to their car after next week. They invited anyone with questions to reach out via text.

Senator McAndrews - shared updates on several recent and upcoming activities. They attended the closing ceremony of Catheter Fit on August 21st, which allowed them to meet incoming freshmen and experience the energetic atmosphere. They also volunteered at the Wolf It Down club fair, highlighting the importance of acknowledging students who help set up events, as this fosters stronger relationships. McAndrews reported a meeting with Kennedy Taylor regarding the new science building for UNR, emphasizing the long-term nature of the project and the goal of involving both faculty and students in the planning process. They also mentioned an upcoming meeting with Aaron Adams and the co-director of AMY to explore improvements to the Canvas page and address unanswered questions. On September 15th, they will review club funding documents to assess spending, and on September 16th, they invited fellow senators to attend an Agriculture, Veterinary, and Range Sciences barbecue on the Quad, encouraging participation from anyone interested in science or the field.

Senator Moore - focused on the upcoming Constitution Day on Wednesday, September 17th. He highlighted events being coordinated with the CSC, the Center for Constitutional Law, and the University Libraries. Activities include a walk from the Mackey Statue in the Quad to the KC front steps at 11:15 a.m., which will feature a discussion of constitutional history and progress. The Center for Constitutional Law will resume the tradition of reading the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence until about 1:00 p.m. Various organizations will have tables in the KC Breezeway, and the library will distribute 500 pocket constitutions provided by Parliamentarian Issa. Senator Moore encouraged senators to attend and support the event, emphasizing the importance of recognizing hopeful progress amid current political divisions.

Senator Houghtelling - focused on tabling activities with the Student Health Center. He mentioned that the nutritionist from the Health Center will be present to provide resources and answer questions for students. He also plans to continue a tradition started by Florida, involving a “tool of the City Health Center” for the Senate, though he did not elaborate further on the specifics.

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c. Robert Rules Workshop

The Speaker and Parliamentarian will host a Workshop to make sure the 93rd Senate is up to date on the rules of Robert's Rules.

Speaker Pro Tempore Moss moved to recess the Senate for three minutes by unanimous consent. The motion was seconded by Senator Custer. With no dissent from the body, the Senate recessed and was scheduled to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

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The Senate moved on to Agenda Item 18C, the Robert's Rules of Order Workshop. Senator Hotelling motioned for the "call of the day," seeking to adhere to the agenda items. Speaker Acklin clarified that this motion would ensure that Senate presentations, referrals to committees, and first readings would proceed in accordance with the agenda while ensuring senators were knowledgeable on Robert's Rules. Parliamentarian Issa confirmed that the motion could pass with a two-thirds majority vote. The Senate voted, with those in favor agreeing to adhere to the agenda and hear Agenda 18C at the end of the meeting, and those opposed favoring immediate presentation to ensure understanding of Robert's Rules. The motion did not carry, and it was decided that the Robert's Rules Workshop would take place immediately to ensure all senators were familiar with the procedures.

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20. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Sandra Rodriguez, Director of ASUN & CSE - Delivered an extensive public comment emphasizing both procedural guidance and broader reflections on student leadership and responsibility. She reminded senators that ASUN, past, present, and future, remains subject to Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS statute) and clarified that no student, including the Attorney General, has the authority to alter or interpret this law. Acklin highlighted prior compliance issues, noting that complaints during the last administration led to a meeting with UNR General Counsel, which resulted in guidance about proper legislative procedures and limits of student positions. She introduced a forthcoming step-by-step “cheat sheet” to ensure all senators adhere to meeting and agenda requirements and stressed the importance of learning from mistakes rather than being overly self-critical, reassuring senators that minor procedural oversights do not constitute harm to students.

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Shifting to broader reflections, Acklin shared a poignant message about campus and civic engagement, referencing the passing of Mr. Charlie Kirk and the Nevada Student Chapter of Turning Point USA. She read an email she sent to the organization and faculty advisor, expressing condolences while emphasizing the importance of prioritizing humanity over politics. She encouraged senators to engage respectfully across differing viewpoints, underscoring that their role at the ASUN table is both a privilege and a responsibility to serve thousands of undergraduate students. Throughout, Rodriguez combined practical procedural guidance with a larger message about leadership, accountability, and the ethical and human dimensions of student governance.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Acklin adjourned the Senate of the Associated Students meeting on September 10th, 2025, at 9:34 pm in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union and on zoom

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