

93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

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

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

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3. 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."

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call must be listed by Senate Secretary

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There are no minutes to be approved of at this time.

6. 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.

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7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION

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. College of Engineering – **Royce Roque**
- b. College of Engineering – **Mia Ramos Saenz**
- c. College of Engineering – **Khyler Timmerman**
- d. College of Engineering – **Brian Price**

8. 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. Chief of Staff - **Gabriella Detrick**
- e. Director of Executive Outreach - **Naomi Tecson**
- 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 - **VACANT**
- l. Director of Campus Wellness - **Emily Hohman**
- m. Director of Ethics and Compliance - **Caleb Oster**
- n. Speaker of the Senate - **Leaf Acklin**

9. 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**

10. 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, **Shea Finau**
- b. Legislative Clerk, **Daphne Gutierrez**

11. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

- a. College of Engineering – **Royce Roque**
- b. College of Engineering – **Mia Ramos Saenz**
- c. College of Engineering – **Khyler Timmerman**
- d. College of Engineering – **Brian Price**

12. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE 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 – **Royce Roque**
- b. College of Engineering – **Mia Ramos Saenz**
- c. College of Engineering – **Khyler Timmerman**
- d. College of Engineering – **Brian Price**

13. 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.

14. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE 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 items submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16

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

16. 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.**

17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

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

18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

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

- 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 the UofNEA's Advocacy for Student Teacher Compensation**
- c. **S.R. 93 – A Resolution to Request Clarity on the Rollout of PACK AI into Academic Curriculum**

19. 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 Veteran Services Department**

The Senate will hear a presentation from the Department of Veteran Services.

- d. **Counseling Services**

The Senate will hear a presentation from Counseling Services.

- e. **The Department of Government Affairs**

The Senate will hear a presentation from the ASUN Department of Government Affairs for a legislative digest update from the 83rd Nevada Legislative session

20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

21. 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.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda 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.

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93rd SESSION
2024-2025

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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

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 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;
- Associate Dean, College of Science, Sean Casey;
- President of the Associated Students, Carmina Aglubat;
- Vice President of the Associated Students, Ethan McNamara;
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate of the Associated Students, Leaf Acklin.

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S. R. 93-
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
UofNEA's ADVOCACY FOR STUDENT
TEACHER COMPENSATION

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MONTH DAY, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR DILLON MOSS

Whereas, Nevada is facing a growing teacher shortage due to a lack of qualified individuals pursuing careers in education;

Whereas, completing a student teaching placement at an accredited school in the Reno/Sparks area is a requirement for earning an education degree at the University of Nevada, Reno;

Whereas, student teaching is considered a seminar course and incurs the same tuition and fees as other university courses;

Whereas, education students, both elementary and secondary, are strongly discouraged from seeking paid employment or teaching placements while student teaching, creating a financial burden;

Whereas, the University of Nevada Education Association (UofNEA) has prioritized advocating for paid student teaching positions at UNR;

Whereas, UofNEA is a chapter of the Nevada State Education Association (NSEA), a union representing teachers and aspiring educators statewide;

Whereas, UofNEA is actively collaborating with NSEA to promote policy initiatives that secure compensation for student teachers across Nevada;

*THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, ARE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:*

Be it resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) formally supports the efforts of the UofNEA to secure paid student teaching opportunities;

Be it further resolved, that ASUN urges the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to explore and implement mechanisms for compensating student teachers, including state funding, stipends, or school district partnerships;

Be it further resolved, that ASUN commits to raising awareness about the financial barriers faced by student teachers and to collaborating with UofNEA and other stakeholders to advocate for sustainable, long-term solutions;

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to:

- Director of ASUN, Sandra Rodriguez
- Associate Director of ASUN, Luis Aguliar-Herrera
- Vice President of Government and Community Engagement, Michael Flores
- Dean of the College of Education & Human Development, Donald Easton-Brooks
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat
- Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor
- President of the University of Nevada Education Association, Miles Shanor
- Chair of Democratic and Civic Engagement, Jason Issa

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93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.R. 93 -
A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST CLARITY ON
THE ROLLOUT OF PACK AI

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 20TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
CO-SPONSORED BY SENATOR BARRUS & SENATOR McANDREWS

Whereas, Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) represents the voice of the undergraduate student body in matters affecting student academic and campus life;

Whereas, much of the student body has expressed questions and concerns regarding the scope, purpose, and impacts of PACK AI's implementation;

Whereas, it is essential that students are fully informed about changes that directly affect their educational tools, data, and academic experiences;

Whereas, a select group of Senators met with Provost Jeff Thompson and Vice President Heather Speed, who shared their vision of expanding opportunities for University of Nevada students in the area of artificial intelligence;

Whereas, many of the concerns raised by the undergraduate student body and the Senate of the Associated Students regarding PACK AI were addressed by Provost Thompson at the aforementioned meeting;

Whereas, University leadership values students' inputs and concerns regarding academic wellbeing, opportunity and future;

Whereas, PACK AI is not a mandatory implementation to the student body, rather a means to provide opportunities for undergraduate students within the University and for students' future;

Whereas, the personal data of students using PACK AI services will not be collected by third-party companies and will not be used to train any artificial intelligence model;

Whereas, there is no fiscal implication for students or the broader University to implement PACK AI;

Whereas, the University is using staff and faculty that are already researching and contributing to the development of artificial intelligence to implement PACK AI, and have not hired any additional faculty for the purpose of integrating PACK AI;

Whereas, the implementation of PACK AI provides students with the opportunity to explore artificial intelligence and its potential applications to their academic and professional careers;

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the University's mission to provide opportunities for students to succeed in achieving their academic and professional goals;

Whereas, this resolution does not take a position on the use of artificial intelligence, but instead seeks to highlight the academic and professional opportunities made available by the University;

Whereas, the ASUN Senate wishes to be informed on the implications of PACK AI in order to provide full awareness to the student body; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada continues to foster the relationship with University Administration, in order to best serve the students of the University of Nevada, Reno;

Be it resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada formally request that University Administration provide a presentation to the Senate of the Associated Students regarding the implementation of PACK AI, including but not limited to its intended functions, impacts on academic platforms and curriculum, data usage policies, data protection and privacy, student support resources and effects on students fees;

Be it further resolved, that the Associated Student of the University of Nevada formally request University Administration to inform students of available opportunities, address potential concerns, and communicate their vision for how PACK AI may support students and their future endeavors;

Be it further resolved, that ASUN urges University Administration to provide continued updates to student leadership throughout PACK AI's rollout; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following individuals:

- University President, *Brian Sandoval*;
- Executive Vice President and Provost, *Jeffrey Thompson*;
- Vice President of Student Life Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Executive Director, Office of Digital Learning, *Ed Huffman*;
- Co-Chair, University Technology Council, *Sasi Pillay*;
- Co-Chair, University Technology Council, *Markus Kemmelmeier*;
- Director, NevadaFIT, *Brianne Chambers*;
- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Sandra Rodriguez*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President of the Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President of the Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*; and
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate of the Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*