

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada 93rd Session

Minutes for Thursday, October 30th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

Zoom Link:

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/88071588939?pwd=wBF68uO8g6TZBYeKSec9w0hXMwWQi.1>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Kitch called the Committee of Academic and Student Affairs meeting to order on Thursday, October 30th, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union and on Zoom. Presiding Secretary, Doga Akyurek.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

- a. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 am, not including the meeting date?
 - Yes.
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
 - Yes.
- c. Is the Zoom link working and available to the public?
 - Yes.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

“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

Present: Chair Kitch, Vice Chair Hoang, Senator Bhardwaj, Senator Bohlander, Senator Custard (joined on Zoom)

Absence Excused: Senator Issa, Senator Calderon

Absence Unexcused: Senator Lucchesi

A quorum was present.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

7. AUDIO OR MINUTES MISSING FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS BODY THAT DO NOT MEET 30 DAY POSTING OF NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

There are no minutes to be approved at thus times.

8. OLD BUSINESS(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION OR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

There is no old business at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION OR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

a. S.B. 93- A Binding Resolution Addition of the Office of Digital Learning Liaison to the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

- Authored by Parliamentarian Issa and Mc. Andrews and Senator Evans
- Senator Isa “Hello chair of the committee. I hope you are all doing well. My apology for my absence today. I’m currently on a flight back to the U.S as you all on meeting.”

Senator Kuster entered the room at 5:07 pm.

- The measure, now titled S.B 93-A, recently passed through the Comedic Government Operation Committee with only a title change and will move to its second reading before the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs. Minor grammatical edits will be handled by the clerk. The resolution’s purpose is to begin revitalizing the ASUN Canvas page through collaboration with the Office of Digital Learning (ODL). Establishing this partnership is important because the ODL manages digital course content, academic technology, and accessibility resources. A formal connection between ASUN and ODL will help ensure that ASUN will stay informed about system updates, accessibility initiatives, and changes that directly impact students’ learning experiences.
- Chair Kitch explained that establishing this connection could allow ASUN to conduct outreach or collect data through Canvas, similar to how Counseling Services uses banner announcements to promote surveys. Chair Kitch also noted ongoing collaboration with the Faculty Senate on a student survey that could use this same method.
- Senator Issa expressed willingness to serve as the liaison for this initiative. To conclude, Senator Issa thanked the committee for their time and consideration.
- Senator Mc . Andrews statement explains that the resolution aims to establish a consistent line of communication between ASUN and Office of Digital Learning (ODL), commonly known to faculty as the “Canvas Office.” After meeting with the faculty and staff, Senator Mc. Andrews emphasized that this connection is an

important first step toward building a stable plan of contact between ASUN and ODL. He added that creating a liaison position will ensure ASUN has access to relevant information, resources, and collaboration opportunities with the office.

- Senator Mc. Andrews clarified that the resolution does not require either senators or departments to create or support Canvas pages; it ensures that ASUN has a reliable contact and ability to use Canvas tools more effectively.
- The resolution has already been approved by the Government Operations Committee, and Senator Mc. Andrews encouraged the committee to recognize its significance in strengthening academic outreach, collaboration, and support. Senator Mc. Andrews finished up by welcoming any questions and noting that university representatives for further discussion in the following Senate meeting.

Senator Bohlander entered the zoom meeting at 5.08 pm.

- During the discussion, Chair Kitch noted that Senator Bohlander had joined the Zoom waiting room, meaning he could potentially answer any questions regarding the Government Operations Committee.
- Vice Chair Hoang asked if Senator Bohlander could answer a question about the resolution, expressing curiosity about what kind of outreach was done prior to this piece.
- Senator Bohlander replied saying that they were very involved with the Office of Digital Learning, and they did the appropriate outreach.
- Chair Kitch moved the meeting into the discussion period, and the discussion continued with Vice Chair Hoang saying that the discussion was somewhat redundant since the group hasn't added much new information yet and there may not be much more say about the digital aspect. If the main goal is to establish Webcampus page for the "why"; It is a good step toward that goal. Therefore, Hoang supported moving forward by passing it.
- Senator Kuster expressed concern about adding another position since the Senate already struggles to fill its current roles and manage existing responsibilities. He felt uncertain about the value of adding this new role, especially given limited communication through those channels and their lack of familiarity with the Department of Digital Learning.
- Chair Kitch explained that she had spoken with Senator Issa, who was willing to take on the new position at this time. Chair Kitch planned to make a motion soon to also place Senator Issa on a second, more traditional committee. Kitch acknowledged concerns about workload and future assignments, suggesting that that discussion could take place later at the Main Senate Meeting when Senator Issa is present.
- Senator Bohlander shared a note from the author to align with the committee's previous discussion, and Chair Kitch expressed her appreciation towards Bohlander for sharing the information.
- Vice Chair Hoang motioned favorably recommend Senate Bill 93, A Binding Resolution Addition of the Office of Digital Learning Liaison to the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.
- Chair Kitch seek motion approve
- Seconded by Senator Lucchesi
- Descended by Senator Bhardwaj, and he asked for the title.
- Chair Kitch proposed motioned to favorably recommend the Senate the new title S.B.93 A Binding Resolution to add a Liaison to the Office of Digital Learning to the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

- So moved by Lucchesi.
- Seconded by Bhardwaj.
- No descent at this time.
- Motion passes.

b. Liaison Adoptions and Changes

• Open Liaison Positions:

- Chair Kitch seeks motion on Senator Issa's behalf, to appoint him as a liaison.
- So moved by Senator Lucchesi,
- Seconded by Senator Bhardwaj.
- There is three consent.
- Motion passes.
- Chair Kitch asked if there is any liaison changes.
- Vice Chair Hoang asked if there were any other liaison changes.

• University Libraries

-No change at this time.

• Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal

- Chair Kitch explained that Mc Andrew left after departing from the Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal. They added that, as of today, the emailed Office and all other open liaison positions to update them on the current short-staffed situation and to let them know to reach out if they have any urgent needs. Kitch added that the Director Zizer responded and mentioned they have some upcoming projects that Kitch will help with and share. In short, the journal is aware that the liaison seat is open, but since most liaison roles aren't urgently needed at the moment, it's acceptable that the position remains unfilled for now.

- Vice Chair Hoang seeks for motion to resign from the RHA liaison position.

- So moved by Lucchesi.

-No descent made.

-Motion passes.

• Academic Advising

-No change at this time.

• Student Life Services

-No change at this time.

10. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- Senator Lucchesi shared that he met with their liaison for Admissions and Records last Thursday but didn't have many major updates. Most of the discussion focused on course operations and ensuring that course evaluations were being handled properly, with no reported issues. The department is still working on integrating multiple systems such as scholarship forms and admissions records into one unified platform, which remains a work in progress.

-Chair Kitch asked if Senator Lucchesi could share what they learned from the Provost's Office about this topic.

- Senator Lucchesi explained that last semester, a pilot version of a new course evaluation system was introduced to reduce bias, which is a positive goal, but many students found it confusing. One problematic question asked if students had additional comments about the class, and the wording instructed them to not include anything personal about the instructor. This was meant to prevent irrelevant or biased comments, but it was confusing because it also seemed to exclude valid feedback about things like availability or support. The Provost's Office acknowledged the issue and plans to revise the wording to clarify that students should avoid irrelevant personal comments but can still provide meaningful feedback. Overall, evaluation is slightly longer than the old version but helps provide more useful insights for course improvement, and no new legislation is needed to address these issues. Lucchesi added that it was tested for the College of Engineering, College of Journalism and College of Public Health.

- Senator Lucchesi shared that he met with the president McClure of one of fraternity councils to discuss questions about access and changes affecting fraternities and sororities. He also connected with other club representatives. Additionally, the speaker helped out at a fraternity philanthropy event, using the opportunity to explain ASUN to participants, many of whom were unfamiliar with it.

-Chair Kitch acknowledged this as a valuable outreach encouraged more of it.

-Vice Chair Hoang reported that he met with his supervisor last week, but the conversation was casual and there wasn't much that ASUN or supervisor needed from each other. He felt the effort spent on arranging the meeting didn't yield much impact, as the main concern was just avoiding overlap with events. As a result, Hoang decided to shift to a different position where he feels he could contribute more effectively, while staying informed about relevant matters.

-Lastly, Chair Kitch reported that she met with Provost last week to discuss the UndocuPack and PAC AI bill, which has now passed. The provost indicated they would present to the Senate about PAC AI next semester. They also discussed Dr. Packville's proposal, which the Provost supported pending a few final steps. Provost mentioned that they are considering renaming the office or documentary to make it less easily targeted, though the final name has not been decided.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kitch adjourned the meeting at 5:07 pm. On Thursday, October 30th in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room.

13. NOTES

Agenda items may be considered out of order at the discretion of the Chair. The Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
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S.B. 93 -

**A BINDING RESOLUTION ADDITION OF
THE OFFICE OF DIGITAL LEARNING
LIAISON TO THE COMMITTEE ON
ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OCTOBER 15TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR MCANDREWS &
PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
COSPONSORED BY SENATOR EVENS

Whereas, the majority of undergraduate and graduate students rely on Canvas as an academic platform on a frequent and daily basis;

Whereas, WebCampus serves as an effective platform for distributing announcements, course content, and academic resources;

Whereas, updates, technical issues, and accessibility challenges within WebCampus directly affect the academic success and daily learning experience of students;

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada recognize the efficiency and effectiveness of WebCampus in supporting student learning and communication;

Whereas, establishing an ongoing and consistent relationship with the Office of Digital Learning will provide transparency, accountability, and a stronger understanding of this essential tool on campus;

Be it resolved, the changes outlined in Addendum A be adopted into the rules of the 93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

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

- Executive Director of the Office of Digital Learning, Ed Huffman
- Senior Instructional Technologist, Bowen Drewes
- Chair of the Committee on Academic & Student Affairs, Madsion Kitch;
- Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez;
- Associate Director of Student Government, Luis Aguilar-Herrera;
- 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;

Addendum A

Rule X: STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES

a) COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academics and Student Affairs shall be responsible for policies regarding academic reform and University academic policy. The Committee on Academics and Student Affairs shall act as liaison to the Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal, the Faculty Senate committee with similar jurisdiction, the office of the Provost, the office of Admissions and Records, the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services, the Vice President of Student Services, University Libraries, the Resident Hall Association, the Nevada Career Studio, Greek Life, and all academic advising and tutoring centers and the Office of Digital Learning. The Committee on Academics and Student Affairs shall also be responsible for the selection of recipients for the ASUN Transfer Student Book Fund as well as for the creation and distribution of nomination forms to students for the ASUN Faculty of the Year Award.