



# Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93<sup>rd</sup> Session  
Agenda for Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

**In-Person:** Rita Laden Senate Chambers located in the Joe Crowley Student Union, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**Zoom Link:**

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

## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

## **2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW**

- a. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 am, not including the meeting date? [<https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/>]
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
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If the answer to any of these questions is no, this meeting must be ENDED IMMEDIATELY unless NOML covers a legitimate correction.

## **3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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## **4. ROLL CALL**

Roll call must be listed by the Secretary.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

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## **6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. 05/28
- b. 07/09
- c. 07/30
- d. 09/12

## **7. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- a. Report from the Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor
- b. Committee member reports
  - i. Chair Issa
  - ii. Senator Castro – President’s Office of Government and Community Engagement
  - iii. Senator Evans – Department of Campus and Public Relations
  - iv. Senator Radtke – Department of Government Affairs
  - v. Senator Saporito – Office of Service Learning & Civic Engagement; Veterans Services

## **8. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

There is no old business at this time.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. Presentation from the President’s Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement
- b. Election of a Vice Chair
- c. Veterans Day Luncheon Discussion
- d. Liaison adoptions
  - i. Associate Director of Student Engagement
  - ii. Coordinator of Student Engagement Outreach

## **10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. Liaison changes and additions

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## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

## **NOTES**

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# Committee on Democratic and Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session  
Agenda for Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 at 12 P.M.

**In-Person:** Frankie Sue Del Papa Presidents Conference Room located in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement

**Zoom Link:**

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/89228120721?pwd=yvI9DJMYgYAUPLyxcTbqTRas5BgXtL.1>

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## **3. ROLL CALL**

Roll Call must be listed by Secretaries.

- a. Chair Issa – Present
- b. Vice Chair Moore – Present on Zoom
- c. Senator Castro – Present on Zoom
- d. Senator Evans – Present on Zoom
- e. Senator Moss – Present
- f. Senator Packard – Present
- g. Senator Saporito – Present on Zoom

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- Sandra Rodriguez, Director of the Center for Student Engagement – Gave congratulations to the Committee and its members for the meeting and requested to deliver a presentation to the Committee on its history in ASUN.

## **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

## **6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor
- Director Taylor was not present at the meeting and did not submit a report.

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

- Liaison adoptions
    - Nevada Political Officers
- Senator Moss is added to the liaison position of Nevada Political Officers

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

There is no new business to be discussed.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- Liaison changes and additions
- Chair Issa removes himself from the liaison position of the Office of Service Learning and Engagement
  - Senator Saporito adds himself to the liaison position of the Office of Service Learning and Engagement
- Committee member reports
    - Chair Issa – Goes over Committee expectations, including a tardiness policy and one-on-one check-ins with each Committee member, as well as an expectation to meet with members' liaison contacts as soon as possible.

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- No comments or announcements.



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- Luis Aguilar-Herrera, Associate Director for Student Government – Apologies on behalf of Director Taylor; she was busy with the end of the Nevada legislative session.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

- Chair Issa adjourns the meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:07PM in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Presidents Conference Room and on Zoom.

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# Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session  
Agenda for Wednesday, July 9th, 2025 at 12 P.M.

**In-Person:** Frankie Sue Del Papa Presidents Conference Room located in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement

## **Zoom Link:**

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## **3. ROLL CALL**

- Chair Issa – Present
- Vice Chair Moore – Present on Zoom
- Senator Castro – Present
- Senator Evans – Present on Zoom
- Senator Packard – Present on Zoom
- Senator Radtke – Present on Zoom
- Senator Saporito – Present on Zoom

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- No public comment was submitted in person, on Zoom, or in writing.

## **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

## **6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- a. Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor
  - Director Taylor met with her Advocacy Director, Aiden Casey, to discuss his duties. She has plans to meet with Policy Director Atencio about the legislative digest, which is one of the Department of Government Affairs' short-term goals.

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

There is no old business to be discussed.

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

- a. Presentation from Coordinator for Student Engagement Outreach, Kathy Castro
  - Kathy Castro delivered a presentation on her duties within the Center for Student Engagement, outlining why she chose to be in the Center for Student Engagement, her duty to design programs that empower students to develop as leaders, serve their communities, and apply what they've learned in a transformative way. She also explains that the Center for Student Engagement provides an equitable and inclusive environment for student leaders to grow. She explains that her role in the Center for Student Engagement involves her connecting with local non-profit organizations, civic groups, and campus departments to create meaningful volunteer and civic engagement experiences. She highlights GivePulse as a platform for students to get engaged on and off campus, and highlights statistics showing the importance of volunteerism and beginning early in schooling. She ends the presentation by talking about the "Big Event," its history, the impact it has had across campuses, and her vision for it at the University.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. Liaison changes and additions
  - Senator Radtke adds herself to the liaison to Nevada Political Officers through unanimous consent.
- b. Committee member reports

- Senator Saporito – Reports that he is working on scheduling a Zoom meeting with Matthew Little, and he is interested in presenting
- Vice Chair Moore – Reported that she met with Kathy Castro and is working to plan the Veterans’ Day Luncheon.
- Senator Castro – Reported that she has had back-and-forths with Austin Daly and exchanging goals and ideas, such as voter registration increases, collaborating on upcoming events, and communicating political changes to students, both local and federal.
- Senator Evans – Reported that he got into contact with Director Sullivan and exchanged general information with each other. They plan to schedule a meeting in late July or early August.

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- Chair Issa – Met with Amy Koeckes and Kathy Castro to discuss general ideas to promote volunteerism; wants the Committee to focus on volunteerism this year seeing as this is not an election year. He also is working on planning the “Big Event,” which he hopes will be a standard every year if it is a success. He is meeting tomorrow with Vice Chair Moore, Kathy Castro, Director Tecson and Director Krentz to discuss planning for the event. He also contacted the Office of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto to request pocket constitutions for Constitution Day. He finally wishes all members of the Committee a happy Fourth of July.

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- Luis Aguilar-Herrera, Associate Director for Student Government – Thank you to Kathy Castro for presenting, and thank you to Chair Issa for focusing on volunteerism. Reminds Vice Chair Moore to plan the Veterans’ Day Luncheon as early as possible.

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# Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session  
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- No public comment was submitted in person, on Zoom, or in writing.

## **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

## **6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

### **a. Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor**

- Assistant Director Hatch delivered the report on behalf of Director Taylor. AD Hatch invited the Committee to attend upcoming events, and told the Committee that her, Jenna Atencio, and President Aglubat met with the Office of Government and Community Engagement to discuss future partnership opportunities and areas for growth. AD Hatch also met with President Aglubat to discuss a strategy regarding federal policy changes affecting students and the University.

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

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.



## **8. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- ### **a. Presentation from the Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Sandra Rodriguez**
- Director Rodriguez delivered a presentation covering the history of the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, including the data that the Center for Student Engagement collected prior to the Committee's establishment. Director Rodriguez then outlined the differences between civic engagement and democratic civic engagement, as well as the levels of civic learning and democratic engagement. Director Rodriguez outlined what the Committee accomplished during the 85<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup>, 88<sup>th</sup>, and 89<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Senate of the Associated Students.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- ### **a. Liaison changes and additions**
- There were no liaison changes or additions.
- ### **b. Committee member reports**

- Senator Castro – Reported that her and Austin Daly came to an agreement on the Committee’s priorities and the priorities of his office; that being an emphasis on volunteerism. She also reported that Austin Daly would like to continue the “Discussions of Democracy” event this year, and the idea of bringing local community groups on campus for civic events and engagement.
- Vice Chair Moore – Reported on her involvement with Kathy Castro on the planning of the “Big Event,” a day of service aimed at engaging first-year students on campus. She also reported on her planning of Constitution Day in collaboration with Kathy Castro.
- Senator Saporito – Reported that he met with Matthew Little to discuss the Service Learning Committee and over 800 contacts for service-learning initiatives. He also reported that he discussed some shared goals with the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement and that Matthew Little would like to present to the Committee.
- Chair Issa – Reported that he met with Amy Koeckes periodically to go over details for the “Big Event” alongside Kathy Castro. He also discussed making the ASUN website more accessible with Amy Koeckes and ways to make that happen.

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- Luis Aguilar-Herrera, Associate Director for Student Government – Thanked Director Rodriguez for her time and presentation, and shared an article with members of the Committee.
- Kathy Castro, Coordinator for Student Engagement Outreach – Shared an opportunity to volunteer to create ornaments for a Christmas tree coming from Washington, D.C. The organization is asking for 300 ornaments.

## **12.ADJOURNMENT**

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P.M.

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## **3. ROLL CALL**

- **Chair Issa** – Present
- **Vice Chair Moore** – Tardy excused
- **Senator Castro** – Present on Zoom
- **Senator Evans** – Present
- **Senator Packard** – Present
- **Senator Radtke** – Present
- **Senator Saporito** - Present

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- No public comment in-person, on Zoom, or submitted in writing.

## **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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  - Approved through unanimous consent
- b. 05/28/2025
  - Approved through unanimous consent
- c. 07/09/2025
  - Approved through unanimous consent
- d. 07/30/2025
  - Approved through unanimous consent

## **6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- a. Director of Government Affairs, Kennedy Taylor
  - Director Taylor was not present, so no report was delivered.

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

There is no old business to be discussed.

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

There is no new business to be discussed.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. Committee member reports
  - i. Chair Issa - Reported that he met with Amy Koeckes alongside Senator McAndrews to discuss the implementation of the ASUN "Senate to Student Forum" Canvas page and mentions that Senator Evans might have more to say on the topic in his report.
  - ii. Vice Chair Moore – Promoted the Constitution Day event on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15AM and asked Senators to sign up to volunteer on GivePulse; also asked if anyone was interested in helping to plan the Veterans' Day luncheon.
    - Chair Issa asks for a more detailed report on the Veterans' Day luncheon. Vice Chair Moore replies that she met with Veterans Services last Monday and discussed their shared vision for event, promotion, and merchandise.
  - iii. Senator Castro – Reported that she's figuring out the logistics of contacting Austin Daley for an in-person meeting and brought to the Committee's attention the "Discussions in Democracy Forum" event.
  - iv. Senator Evans – Reported that he is continuing to work on the ASUN "Senate to Student Forum" Canvas page and he is making sure all of the logistics are in order. He also mentions having trouble getting into contact with the Director of Campus and Public Relations, Juliauna Sullivan.
  - v. Senator Packard – No report.

- vi. Senator Radtke – Reports that Chair Issa, Director Taylor, and Assistant Director Hatch met to discuss how the Department of Government Affairs and the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement can collaborate. Also reported a possible collaboration for an initiative to encourage members of marginalized communities to be more civically involved in and outside of ASUN.
  - vii. Senator Saporito – Reports that he met with Matthew Little on July 15<sup>th</sup> on how the Committee can promote the Office of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement and service-learning classes on and off of campus. Also stated that Matthew Little is interested in presenting to the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement.
- b. Liaison changes and additions
- Chair Issa removed himself from Amy Koeckes’s liaison position
  - Senator Packard adds herself to Amy Koeckes’s liaison position

## **10.COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- Chair Issa announces that he will send out a Microsoft Bookings link for each member of the Committee to book their one-on-one check-ins and he will be emailing all of the Committee’s liaison contacts to invite them to present to the Committee periodically.
  - Senator Moore raised a point of information asking if Veterans Services will be presenting to the Committee even though they will be presenting to the Senate as well. Chair Issa says yes.

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- Luis Aguilar-Herrera, Associate Director of Student Government – Lets the Committee know that there is a voter registration day next week and requests that Vice Chair Moore provide the date, time and location for the Veterans’ Day Luncheon after the meeting.

## **12.ADJOURNMENT**

- Chair Issa adjourns the meeting at 5:24 PM on September 12<sup>th</sup> in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom



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