

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students 93rd Session

Agenda for Thursday, November 13th 2025 at 12:00 PM

Frankie Sue Del Papa President's Conference Room, Joe
Crowley Student Union, 3rd Floor, 1664 N. Virginia St., Reno,
NV 89557

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/8194353742?omn=89587345426> Meeting
ID: 819 435 3742

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 12:06PM in the PCR and on Zoom

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

- a. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 am, not including the meeting date?
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 - b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
 - c. Is the Zoom link working and available to the public?
 - d. If the answer to any of these questions is no, this meeting must be ENDED IMMEDIATELY unless NOML covers a legitimate correction.
- The meeting had complied with NOML

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

4. ROLL CALL

The Secretary must list roll call.

- Chair Saporito: Present
- Senator Atkinson: Present
- Senator Barrus: Present
- Senator Debarger: Present
- Senator Issa: Absence Excused
- Senator Villa: Present on Zoom
- Senator Radke: Present on Zoom
 - A quorum was present

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- Troy Barrera, ASUN Event Programmer
 - Gave public comment to support Senator Atkinson for Vice Chair Candidacy

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. 10/21/25

- These minutes were adopted unanimously; Senator Barrus moved the motion to adopt the minutes, while Senator Debarger seconded.

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

Minutes or audio file for previous meetings that are missing must be listed here with the date of each meeting.

There are no minutes to be corrected at this time.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- There were no reports at this time

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

a. Distribution of Assembly Members and State Senators for Committee Members:

- i. Assembly Member Steve Yeager
- *(Senator Barrus is Interested)*
- ii. Assembly Member Jill Dickman
- *(Senator Barrus is Interested)*
- iii. Assembly Member Gregory Hafen
- *(Senator Barrus is Interested)*
- iv. Assembly Member Alexis Hansen — *UNR Alumni*
- *(Chair Saporito is Interested)*
- v. Assembly Member Sandra Jauregui — *Running for Lieutenant Governor*
- *(Vice Chair Atkinson is Interested)*
- vi. Assembly Member Daniele Monroe Moreno — *Running for LV Mayor*
- *(Chair Saporito is Interested)*
- vii. Assembly Member Natha Anderson — *UNR Alumni*
- *(Senator Debarger is Interested)*
- viii. Assembly Member Heather Goulding — *UNR Alumni*
- *(Chair Saporito is Interested)*
- ix. Assembly Member Serena La Rue Hatch — *UNR Alumni*
- *(Senator Issa is Interested)*
- x. Assembly Member Erica Roth
- *(Vice Chair Atkinson is Interested)*

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- xi. Assembly Member Reuben D'Silva
-(Senator Debarger is Interested)
- xii. Assembly Member Tanya Flanagan
-(Senator Debarger is Interested)
- xiii. Assembly Member Jovanotti Jackson
- xiv. Assembly Member Heidi Kasama
- xv. Assembly Member Duy Nguyen
- (Vice Chair Atkinson is Interested)
- xvi. Assembly Member Erica Mosca
- xvii. Assembly Member Rebecca Edgeworth — UNR Alumni
- (Vice Chair Atkinson is Interested)
- xviii. Assembly Member P.K. O'Neil — UNR Alumni
- xix. Assembly Member Joe Dalia — Running for State Treasurer
- xx. Assembly Member Rich Delong
- xxi. State Senator Nicole Cannizzaro — Pos. Attorney General (UNR Alumni)
- (Vice Chair Atkinson is Interested)
- xxii. State Senator Ira Hansen
-(Senator Radke is Interested)
- xxiii. State Senator Roberta Lange
-(Senator Radke is Interested)
- xxiv. State Senator Edgar Flores
-(Senator Radke is Interested)
- xxv. State Senator Angela Taylor — UNR Alumni
- (Chair Saporito is Interested)

- Highlighted in Yellow are the new motions that were placed during the meeting. Blue Highlights regard Assembly Members or State Senators that have not been allocated to a Committee Member:
 - Senator Barrus was interested in reaching out to Assembly Member Yeager, Dickman, and Hafen
 - Senator Debarger was interested in reaching out to Assembly Member Anderson, Flanagan, and D'Silva
 - Senator Radke was interested in reaching out to State Senator Roberta Lange, Edgar Flores, and Ira Hansen
 - Senator Villa stated he can work with anyone assigned to him
 - Senator Issa sent a memo in regards of his absence; he is free to work with anyone, but he has interest in specifically reaching out to Assembly Member Serena La Rue Hatch

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

- a. Election of Vice Chairs
- Senator Barrus nominated Senator Atkinson; Atkinson accepted and offered a presentation on why she would be a good fit for Vice Chair. Senator Atkinson was elected for Vice Chair unanimously.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Committee member reports
 - i. Chair Saporito
 - ii. Senator Atkinson
 - iii. Senator Levy
 - iv. Senator Issa
 - v. Senator Villa

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- The list for committee member reports is out of date, as new Senators had joined the Special Committee the day before the committee meeting was scheduled; Chair Saporito was the only Senator with a report.
 - Chair Saporito reported on initiatives to support students in need and expand food access; Amy Koeckes is working with Pack Provisions, FBNN, and Safeway to distribute grocery cards, with details on amounts pending. FBNN will provide 12 truckloads of food, and additional donations will come from DFI. The Dining Hall swipe drive (11/18–12/9) will allow students to donate up to 10 swipes per week, with a new donation bank system helping eligible students automatically receive extra swipes. Volunteers are needed for FBNN and Pack Provisions throughout December. The Food & Coat Drive runs Nov 10–Dec 10, with Pack Rides vans collecting donations on campus and at local event sites. In partnership with Programming, Sustainability, and SCFI, the farmers market initiative will expand to monthly dispersed markets next semester.
- b. Liaison changes and additions
 - Senator Barrus placed herself on the liaison position for Pack Rides.\
 - Senator Debarger placed herself on the liaison position for Wolf Pack Meats
 - Senator Radke placed herself on the liaison position for Desert Farming Initiatives
 - Current Liaison List
 - Chair Saporito: Pack Provisions
 - Vice Chair Atkinson: Reslife
 - Senator Barrus: Pack Rides
 - Senator Debarger: Wolf Pack Meats
 - Senator Issa: FISH (Friends in Service Helping)
 - Senator Villa: Nevada Dining (Chartwells Org.)
 - Senator Radke: Desert Farming Initiatives

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- No public comment was given at this time online, in person, or through written documentation

13. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Saporito adjourned this meeting at 12:34PM within the PCR in-person and on zoom.

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 of an item at any time.

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