

[WRITTEN MINUTES]

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students 93rd Session

Agenda for Wednesday, February 4th 2026 at 4:00 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

- Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm 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?
<https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/special-committee-on-food-insecurity-2/>
 - 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.
- Meeting was compliant with Nevada Open Meeting Law

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.

- i. Chair Saporito — Present
- ii. Vice Chair Atkinson — Present
- iii. Senator Barrus — Tardy Excused
- iv. Senator Bhardwaj — Absence Excused
- v. Senator Dayton — Present
- vi. Senator Issa — Present
- vii. Senator Nubel — Present
- viii. Senator Radtke — Present

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ix. Senator Villa — Present

- A quorum was present. For unexcused absences, no points given

(see S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules for Winter Break)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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- No public given in-person, on Zoom, or through written letter

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. 12/11/25

- Minutes were approved unanimously

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 are 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) – Taken by Senator Dayton*
- 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

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- (Vice Chair Atkinson is Interested)
- xi. Assembly Member Reuben D'Silva
-(Senator Debarger is Interested) – Taken by Senator Dayton
- xii. Assembly Member Tanya Flanagan
-(Senator Debarger is Interested) – Taken by Senator Dayton
- xiii. Assembly Member Jovanotti Jackson – Taken by Senator Nubel
- xiv. Assembly Member Heidi Kasama – Taken by Senator Nubel
- xv. Assembly Member Duy Nguyen
- (Vice Chair Atkinson is Interested)
- xvi. Assembly Member Erica Mosca – Taken by Senator Nubel
- 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 members are not included.

Senator Dayton- Anderson, D'Silva, Flanagan

Senator Nubel- Kasama, Jackson, Mosca

Senators will send out emails to assigned assembly members/senators this week 2/4-2/8

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

a. Discussion on Farmer's Market Locations — Chair Saporito (Information Only)

b. Discussion on Meal Swipe "Donation Center" — Brian Price (Information Only)

Motion to recess for 2 minutes at 4:23PM, meeting called to order at 4:25 pm.

- The "donation center" was designed for students to donate and take meal swipes, this would act as another thing to help students but not designed to solve food insecurity in the dining halls and created for Pack Place only. Price met with Chair Saporito and director of Pack Provisions to discuss adding this into the dining hall, needed to change the layout due to concerns with adding more work onto the dining hall. The donation center would be one kiosk that students could use if they needed extra swipes. Could use ASUN budget to ensure that there would be a minimum of swipes available. Planning on using excel sheet that would be coded to check the balance, and have someone already working at the register of Pack Place to track the excel spread sheet. Price has done outreach through asking those around him if they thought this would benefit students. Managing who can and cannot take, decided that anyone with zero swipes could take swipes. Silver plan would not fall under the zero swipes since they get 50 meal swipes/week, but all meal plans could donate. This would be separate from the semester drives that Pack Place holds every semester. Price would like more input on this idea, what would make this more efficient and effective for students and Pack Place.

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11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- Committee member reports
 - i. Chair Saporito
 - New Coordinator of Pack Provisions, Toni Ortega; scheduling future meetings with new Leadership for goals, aspirations, and plans for the future of Pack Provisions
 - ii. Vice Chair Atkinson
 - No report at this time
 - iii. Senator Barrus
 - No report at this time
 - iv. Senator Bhardwaj
 - Unavailable at the meeting; does not currently have liaison position
 - v. Senator Dayton
 - No report at this time; does not currently have liaison position
 - vi. Senator Issa
 - Meet w/ Jim Peckham from FISH; interested in working with ASUN/Pack Provisions long term.
 - vii. Senator Nubel
 - No report at this time; does not currently have liaison position
 - viii. Senator Radtke
 - Planning potential DFI tour for Special Committee; will get Committee proper times for upcoming touring session
 - ix. Senator Villa
 - No report at this time
- Current Liaison List
 - Chair Saporito: Pack Provisions
 - Vice Chair Atkinson: Reslife
 - Senator Barrus: Pack Rides
 - Senator Bhardwaj: Vacant
 - Senator Dayton: Vacant
 - Senator Nubel: Vacant
 - Senator Issa: FISH (Friends in Service Helping)
 - Senator Villa: Nevada Dining (Chartwells Org.)
 - Senator Radke: Desert Farming Initiatives
 - No Liaisons assigned during this meeting;
 - Open Liaisons: Wolf Pack Meats
- Discussion on Farmer's markets Locations
 - Senator Villa gave presentation to committee about the location's students requested the farmers market. 1 request for tailgate parking lot, 13 requests for the quad, 2 requests for the Nye Hall circle/outside area, 1 request for the PSAC (Pennington Student Achievement Center) area, 1 request for DMSC (Davidson Math and Science Center) area, 13 requests for the KC lawn/breezeway (Knowledge Center). Discussion about possible locations. Agreement on having locations on the north and south side of campuses, having the farmers market at

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a later time for students. Potential three locations for the farmers markets, the KC, Nye Hall area and DMSC. Could coordinate with pack rides for them to bring rides for students who are getting food from DMSC area. Three locations decided on the KC, Nye Hall, DMSC.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Saporito adjourned the Special Committee at 4:51pm in the Presidents Conference Room 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.