

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 93rd Session
Agenda for WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Frankie Sue Del Papa, Presidents Conference Room
ASUN Center for Student Engagement 3rd Floor
Joe Crowley Student Union
1664 N. Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada 89557
<https://unr.zoom.us/j/2669104490>

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?
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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.

3. ROLL CALL

Chair Bohlander
Vice Chair Moss
Senator Saporito
Senator Issa
Senator Villa
Senator McAndrews

4. 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 Chair may elect to take public comment on actions on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length of time members of the public may speak.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

**6. 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.

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

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

- S.B. 93 – A Bill to Clarify the Appointment Process of the Speaker’s Replacement
- S.B. 93 – An Act to Publicize the Senate Outreach Form
- S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution to Publicize the Senate Outreach Form
- S.B. 93 – An Act to Prohibit Self-Promotional Naming Practices
- S.B.R. 93 – A binding Resolution to Revise the Discharge Procedure for Legislation in Committees
- S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution to Protect Minority Speech Rights in Debate

9. 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 Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length of time members of the public may speak.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.B. 93 -

**A BILL TO CLARIFY THE APPOINTMENT
PROCESS OF THE SPEAKER'S
REPLACEMENT**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JULY 5TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
ORIGINALLY AUTHORED BY SENATOR TERRY

Whereas, after the election of Speaker Acklin in the 93rd session, the leadership of the Senate found confusion in the process of appointing a replacement; and

Whereas, the current language of the SAS currently states “the first runner-up from the college or school of which the newly elected Speaker were elected...”¹; and

Whereas, the leadership of the Association at this time deemed it right to exhaust all runners-up in order of most to least votes as a replacement for the Speaker before moving on to appointment processes determined elsewhere; and

Whereas, clarifying this process will allow for smooth transitions of sessions in the future by removing any delay in appointing the replacement of the Speaker; and

Whereas, the current statutory language does not explicitly define whether runner-up candidates must be considered in strict descending vote-count order, resulting in differing interpretations among Senate leadership teams; and

Whereas, this ambiguity created practical uncertainty for both elected officials and administrative staff during the transition into the 93rd Session, demonstrating the need for greater clarity; and

Whereas, establishing a clear, uniform appointment procedure supports smooth transitions and avoids procedural disputes at the start of future sessions; and

Whereas, clarifying the sequence in which runner-ups must be considered ensures that future appointments are based on transparent, objective criteria rather than subjective or arbitrary decision-making; and

Whereas, prioritizing candidates based on the number of votes they received preserves the democratic legitimacy of the Senate by giving preference to individuals who earned the greatest support from their constituents; and

¹ SAS 102.05f

Whereas, such clarity strengthens continuity of representation for the students within the Speaker's college, who may otherwise face prolonged vacancies or inconsistent representation; and

Whereas, maintaining well-articulated statutes fulfills the Senate's obligation to uphold good governance, transparency, and consistent application of its internal rules; and

Whereas, updating the SAS to resolve this ambiguity will allow the Senate to function more efficiently and more effectively serve the students of the University of Nevada, Reno;

***THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, Do ENACT AS FOLLOWS:***

Be it enacted, that the changes outlined in Addendum A be adopted into the Statutes of the Associated Students; and

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

- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *VACANT*;
- Senior Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Amy Koeckes*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President, Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*;
- Speaker, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*;
- Speaker Pro Tempore, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Dillon Moss*;
- Parliamentarian, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Jason Issa*; and
- Chair, Committee on Government Operations, *Nicholas Bohlander*;

Addendum A

TITLE I: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CHAPTER 102: TRANSITION OF SESSIONS

SECTION 05: ELECTION OF SPEAKER

- a) Immediately following the ascertainment of a quorum, the Senate shall proceed to the election of the Speaker. Only newly elected Senators are eligible to be nominated and elected to the position of Speaker of the Senate. No other business shall be in order except to recess or adjourn until a Speaker, or a Speaker Pro-Tempore, has been selected.
- b) When no further nominations have been received, the Secretary shall recognize each nominee to deliver a 10-minute presentation to the Senate.
- c) The Senate shall be able to question and debate the nominees. At no time during the election of the Speaker shall the Secretary recognize any person not entitled to the floor of the Senate unless the Senate orders otherwise.
- d) At the conclusion of debate, the Secretary shall put the question of the election of the Speaker by roll call vote. The Secretary shall call the roll and each Senator shall indicate by surname the nominee of the individual Senators choice. A majority is required for the election of the Speaker.
- e) In the event that a single candidate does not receive a majority of votes, the Secretary of the Senate shall call for rounds of voting, eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes, each round until a single candidate receives a majority of the votes. In the event two or more candidates are tied with the least amount of votes, a runoff vote will occur between those candidates to identify which candidate to remove from voting.
- f) After the election of the Speaker, the first runner-up from the college or school of which the newly elected Speaker were elected shall be appointed to the Senate at the meeting following the election of the Speaker. Should the first runner-up be unwilling or unable to take this appointment for any reason, the next runner-up shall be appointed. This process shall continue until either a runner-up has accepted the appointment or all runners-up have denied the appointment.
 - 1) Such appointments do not need approval from the Senate.
 - 2) If there was no runner-up from the college of which the Speaker was elected, the Senate shall fill the vacancy as the Senate by law provides to fill any other vacancy of the Senate.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.B. 93 -
AN ACT TO PUBLICIZE THE SENATE
OUTREACH FORM

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 17TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA, SENATOR SAPORITO &
SENATOR RADTKE

Whereas, this piece accompanies the binding resolution of the same name; and *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada strives to promote and maintain transparency and accountability with the student body; and

Whereas, documentation of Senate Outreach provides valuable insight on the actions of Senators throughout their session; and

Whereas, documentation of Senate Outreach is used within the Senate to determine if Senators are adhering to their duties to the best of their ability; and

Whereas, the Senate Outreach Form is currently used internally for evaluation but is not publicly accessible to the student body, limiting the ability of students to understand the work their elected representatives perform outside Senate chambers; and

Whereas, other documentation in the Association, such as the sessional Legislation Tracker, SAS, and Rules of the Senate are publicized on the ASUN website¹ to maintain transparency for the student body; and

Whereas, previous Senator and current President Carmina Aglubat had passed *S.B. 91 - An Act to Publicize the Senate Legislation Tracker* at the April 3rd, 2024 meeting of the Senate², to continue the promotion of transparency of the Senate of the Associated Student's legislative affairs to the student body; and

Whereas, publicization of the Senate Outreach Form would allow student media, such as the Nevada Sagebrush, to have better access to what individual Senators have been involved in outside of Senate meetings and legislative affairs; and

¹ ASUN Website, “Documents” page: <https://nevadaasun.com/documents/>

² April 3rd, 2024 Agenda of the Senate of the Associated Students:
<https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Senate-4-3-UD.pdf>

Whereas, the Senate Parliamentarian shall be responsible for corresponding with the Center for Student Engagement's IT Technician to ensure that the Senate Outreach Form is publicized and accessible to the student body;

***THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, Do ENACT AS FOLLOWS:***

Be it enacted, that the changes outlined in Addendum A be adopted in the Statutes of the Associated Students; and

Be it further enacted, that the Senate Outreach Form be published onto the ASUN Website, under the “Senate” page; and

Be it further enacted, that the publicization for the Outreach Form is formatted as a hyperlink in a similar manner to the publicized Senate Legislation Tracker link; and

Be it further enacted, that the Senate Parliamentarian shall be in charge of corresponding with the IT Technician for the Center for Student Engagement to ensure that the link to the Senate Outreach Form is accessible and updated; and

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

- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Senior Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Amy Koeckes*;
- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *VACANT*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President, Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*;
- Speaker, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*;
- Speaker Pro Tempore, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Dillon Moss*;
- Parliamentarian, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Jason Issa*;
- Chair, Committee on Government Operations, *Nicholas Bohlander*;
- IT Technician, Center for Student Engagement, *Aaron Adams*; and

- Executive Editor, Nevada Sagebrush, *Kelsea Frobis*

Addendum A

TITLE I: THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CHAPTER 101: COMPOSITION

SECTION 08: PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Speaker shall appoint from the membership of the Senate a Parliamentarian, subject to the majority approval of the Senate, who shall advise the Speaker and individual Senators on matters of Senate procedure, the law, and the Constitution of the Associated Students. The Parliamentarian shall be informally trained along with or by the Director of Ethics and Compliance of the Association within 14 days of assuming office and shall informally train officers and department directors on parliamentarian procedures. The Parliamentarian shall correspond with the Center for Student Engagement's IT Technician to publish and maintain public accessibility of the Senate Outreach Form on the ASUN website, and such correspondence shall occur no later than one week following the conclusion of the previous outreach period. The Parliamentarian shall assume a voting position within the Committee of Oversight and the Committee on Government Operations.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.B.R. 93 -
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO PUBLICIZE THE
SENATE OUTREACH FORM

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 17TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA, SENATOR SAPORITO &
SENATOR RADTKE

Whereas, this piece accompanies the bill of the same name; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada strives to promote and maintain transparency and accountability with the student body; and

Whereas, documentation of Senate Outreach provides valuable insight on the actions of Senators throughout their session; and

Whereas, documentation of Senate Outreach is used within the Senate to determine if Senators are adhering to their duties to the best of their ability; and

Whereas, the Senate Outreach Form is currently used internally for evaluation but is not publicly accessible to the student body, limiting the ability of students to understand the work their elected representatives perform outside Senate chambers; and

Whereas, other documentation in the Association, such as the sessional Legislation Tracker, SAS, and Rules of the Senate are publicized on the ASUN website¹ to maintain transparency for the student body; and

Whereas, previous Senator and current President Carmina Aglubat had passed *S.B.R. 91 - A Binding Resolution to Publicize the Senate Legislation Tracker* at the April 3rd, 2024 meeting of the Senate², to continue the promotion of transparency of the Senate of the Associated Student's legislative affairs to the student body; and

Whereas, publicization of the Senate Outreach Form would allow student media, such as the Nevada Sagebrush, to have better access to what individual Senators have been involved in outside of Senate meetings and legislative affairs; and

¹ ASUN Website, “Documents” page: <https://nevadaasun.com/documents/>

² April 3rd, 2024 Agenda of the Senate of the Associated Students:
<https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Senate-4-3-UD.pdf>

Whereas, the Senate Parliamentarian shall be responsible for corresponding with the Center for Student Engagement's IT Technician to ensure that the Senate Outreach Form is publicized and accessible to the student body;

***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 affirms its commitment to transparency and accountability with the student body; and

Be it further resolved, that the changes outlined in Addendum A be adopted into the Senate Rules; and

Be it further resolved, that the Senate of the Associated Students support the publicization of the Outreach Form on the ASUN website, particularly under the Senate page; and

Be it further resolved, that the publicization for the Outreach Form is formatted as a hyperlink in a similar manner to the publicized Senate Legislation Tracker link; and

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

- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Senior Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Amy Koeckes*;
- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *VACANT*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President, Associated Students, *Carmina Aghubat*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*;
- Speaker, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*;
- Speaker Pro Tempore, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Dillon Moss*;
- Parliamentarian, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Jason Issa*;
- Chair, Committee on Government Operations, *Nicholas Bohlander*;
- IT Technician, Center for Student Engagement, *Aaron Adams*; and
- Executive Editor, Nevada Sagebrush, *Kelsea Frobes*

Addendum A

Rule XX: SENATE OFFICERS

c) PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Speaker shall appoint from the membership of the Senate a Parliamentarian, subject to the majority approval of the Senate, who shall advise the Speaker and individual Senators on matters of Senate Procedure, the law, and the Constitution. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for ensuring that the Senate Outreach Form is published to the ASUN website no later than one (1) week following the conclusion of the previous outreach period, and remains accessible to the public. In addition, they shall be responsible for advising the Speaker when Senators fail to match their outreach form to the legislative tracker.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.B. 93 -

**AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SELF-PROMOTIONAL
NAMING PRACTICES**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) serves as the representative body for over 18,000 undergraduate students, and its programs, services, and funding exist for the collective benefit of students rather than for the personal recognition of individual officers; and

Whereas, the Association's programs carry a long institutional lifespan, often extending well beyond the terms of the elected officials who create them, and should therefore uphold principles of neutrality, professionalism, and continuity; and

Whereas, naming programs after sitting ASUN officers risks conveying a perception of self-promotion, self-aggrandizement, or legacy-building, which undermines the Association's credibility, introduces subjective political considerations, and shifts attention away from the students and communities these programs are intended to serve; and

Whereas, the practice of naming ASUN programs after officers may inadvertently pressure future administrations to continue this precedent or feel compelled to create similarly named initiatives to maintain political relevance, contrary to the broader mission of serving students and advancing institutional equity; and

Whereas, two current examples include the "Guerra-Alquiza Passion Fund," named after former ASUN President Boris Carpio Guerra and former ASUN Vice President Hannah Alquiza, and the "Deal-Kemmelmeier ASUN Pack Grad School Fund," named after former ASUN President Dawson Deal and former ASUN Vice President Liesel Kemmelmeier; and

Whereas, it is in the long-term interest of the Association to establish expectations that guide future conduct without creating division, eroding trust, or retroactively altering the historical record of ASUN;

Whereas, ASUN has numerous opportunities to recognize and honor outstanding student leadership through awards, certificates, or historical documentation, which do not compromise program objectivity or the professional neutrality expected of a governing body; and

Whereas, it is in the long-term interest of the Association to ensure programs are known for their purpose and impact rather than for their association with individual officeholders;

***THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, Do ENACT AS FOLLOWS:***

Be it enacted, that the changes outlined in Addendum A be adopted into the Statutes of the Associated Students; and

Be it further enacted, that the changes outlined in Addendum B be adopted into the Code of Ethics; and

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

- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *VACANT*;
- Senior Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Amy Koeckes*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luís Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President, Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*;
- Speaker, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*;
- Chief Justice, Judicial Council, *Rena Arneson*; and
- Director, Ethics and Compliance, *Caleb Oster*

Addendum A

INTRODUCTION

CHAPTER 002: CODE OF CONDUCT

SECTION 05: SELF-PROMOTIONAL CONDUCT

- a) No officer of the Associated Students shall engage in self-promotional conduct that uses the authority or resources of their office for personal visibility, prestige, or legacy-building.
- b) No officer shall name, or cause to be named, any program, fund, service, initiative, award, or similar institutional resource after themselves or any other current officer of the Association, except as expressly permitted by law under extraordinary circumstances approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.
- c) Officers shall not solicit, request, or encourage the naming of any ASUN resource in their honor, nor shall they encourage others to do so on their behalf.
- d) Officers shall ensure that institutional programs and services remain student-centered and mission-driven, and shall not engage in conduct that associates such resources with their individual identity beyond the factual historical record.

SECTION 06: OFFICER BEHAVIOR

- a) Officers of the Associated Students shall behave in such a way as to uphold and advance the integrity of the Association's reputation while acting in an official capacity.
- b) ASUN officers shall hold their position in the highest regard.
- c) The reputation of the Associated Students is dependent on the trust and confidence the officers earn from the students at the University of Nevada. Officers gain credibility by adhering to their commitments, displaying honesty and integrity, and reaching Association and department goals solely through honorable conduct.
- d) Violations of these may result in judicial action.

SECTION 07: ENFORCEMENT

The Director of Ethics and Compliance of the Association shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this chapter. This may be done through advisory opinions or judicial charges.

Addendum B

CODE OF ETHICS

SECTION 9: SELF-PROMOTION

Officers shall:

- a) Ensure that programs, funds, services, and initiatives of the Associated Students remain institutionally neutral and free from personalization that implies individual ownership, authorship, or branding.
- b) Refrain from affixing their names or likenesses to any ASUN program, service, or initiative in a manner that suggests personal credit, legacy-building, or self-identification with institutional resources.
- c) Avoid conduct that creates the impression that ASUN programs or initiatives are tied to the identity or tenure of any individual officeholder rather than to the mission and continuity of the Association.
- d) Rely exclusively on established forms of recognition (e.g., awards, certificates, and official documentation) when acknowledging contributions, and shall not seek permanent or semi-permanent institutional naming in their honor.
- e) Preserve the distinction between personal achievement and institutional function by ensuring that no action taken in office results in a program or initiative being publicly associated with their name beyond the historical record.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.B.R. 93 -
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE
DISCHARGE PROCEDURE FOR LEGISLATION
IN COMMITTEES

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JULY 5TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
ORIGINALLY AUTHORED BY SENATOR TERRY

Whereas, the current procedure to discharge legislation from consideration in committees is unclear; and

Whereas, this lack of clarity creates unnecessary confusion and inconsistent application of Senate rules; and

Whereas, procedural ambiguity has the effect of delaying the approval or failure of legislation; and

Whereas, such delays may impede the Senate's ability to respond promptly to time-sensitive student needs and institutional matters; and

Whereas, unclear discharge procedures may discourage Senators from exercising their right to advance stalled legislation through appropriate parliamentary means; and

Whereas, clearly defined discharge procedures promote fairness, transparency, and accountability in the legislative process; and

Whereas, institutional trust in the Senate's governance depends on predictable and uniformly applied rules; and

Whereas, a revised discharge procedure will allow Senators to more easily and consistently move legislation from committee to the Senate table when necessary; and

Whereas, the revised procedure maintains the same general structure as the previous rule while clarifying its application; and

Whereas, the process for submitting a motion to discharge will remain unchanged to preserve continuity of practice; and

Whereas, the order of consideration for discharged legislation will remain unchanged to preserve Senate precedent; and

Whereas, the timeline by which legislation may be discharged will be clearly defined; and

Whereas, the voting threshold required to approve a motion to discharge will be clearly established; and

Whereas, the manner in which the Senate considers discharge motions and the affected legislation will be standardized; and

Whereas, these revisions are necessary to ensure that the Senate's committee procedures function efficiently, equitably, and in accordance with principles of good and effective governance;

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

Be it resolved, that the changes outlined in Addendum A be adopted in the rules of the Senate of the Associated Students; and

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

- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Senior Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Amy Koeckes*;
- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *VACANT*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President, Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*;
- Chair, Committee on Oversight; Speaker, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*;
- Speaker Pro Tempore, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Dillon Moss*;
- Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement; Parliamentarian, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Jason Issa*;
- Chair, Committee on Academics & Student Affairs, *Madison Kitch*;
- Chair, Committee on Budget & Finance, *Logan Miceli*;
- Chair, Committee on IDEA, *Viviana Castro*;
- Chair, Committee on Government Operations, *Nicholas Bohlander*;
- Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability & Wellness, *Anna Barrus*; and
- Chair, Special Committee on Food Insecurity, *Alexander Saporito*

Addendum A

Rule XII: COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

c) DISCHARGE FROM CONSIDERATION

- 1) A senator may present to the Speaker of the Senate a motion in writing to discharge a committee from consideration of legislation that has been referred to it for 14 days, with the first day being the day of referral of that legislation to the committee. Only one motion may be presented for a single piece of legislation.
- 2) The Speaker shall cause the motion to be placed on the agenda at the next scheduled Senate meeting. The affected legislation shall be placed preliminarily under the same agenda item as all other legislation being considered at the Senate table.
- 3) When a motion to discharge is on the agenda, the Senate shall proceed to its consideration under this paragraph without intervening motion except one motion to adjourn. Motions to discharge shall have precedence in the order of submission to the Speaker.
- 4) When a motion to discharge is considered, the legislation to which it relates shall be read by title only. The motion is debatable for 20 minutes, one-half in favor of the motion and one-half in opposition thereto.
- 5) If a motion prevails to discharge a committee from consideration of legislation, the Senate shall immediately consider the legislation under the general rules of the Senate. A motion to discharge requires a majority of the membership to adopt.
- 6) When a motion to discharge originated under this clause has once been acted on by the Senate, it shall not be in order to entertain during the same session of the Senate a motion to discharge a committee from consideration of that legislation or of any other legislation that, by relating in substance to or dealing with the same subject matter, is substantially the same.
- 7) A motion to discharge on the agenda that is rendered out of order under paragraph (6) shall be stricken.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S. B. R. 93 -
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO
PROTECT MINORITY SPEECH
RIGHTS IN DEBATE

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 13TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR BHARDWAJ

1 *Whereas*, the ASUN Senate conducts legislative debate under the Senate Rules of the 93rd
2 Session;

3 *Whereas*, Rule XXIII(b) states that all matters not expressly covered by the Senate Rules are
4 governed by Robert's Rules of Order;

5 *Whereas*, under Robert's Rules, a motion for the previous question (to close debate) may be
6 moved at any time, even if no speaker in opposition has been recognized;

7 *Whereas*, neither the Senate Rules nor the Statutes of the Associated Students provide any
8 guarantee that at least one Senator opposing a measure may speak before debate is prematurely
9 ended;

10 *Whereas*, the absence of such protection enables the majority to silence minority viewpoints by
11 calling the previous question before all perspectives are heard;

12 *Whereas*, procedural fairness and democratic deliberation require that debate not be closed
13 before at least one Senator seeking to speak in opposition has had the opportunity to do so;

14 *Whereas*, the Senate has a responsibility to maintain equitable participation within debate,
15 especially for Senators representing underrepresented viewpoints or constituencies;

16 *Whereas*, creating a clear rule ensuring that a Senator who has not yet spoken may claim the floor
17 before the Senate votes on a motion to close debate promotes transparency, fairness, and the
18 integrity of the legislative process;

19 *Be it resolved*, that the 93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students hereby adopts the
20 changes set forth in Addendum A into the Rules of the Senate;

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

22 • Parliamentarian of the 93rd Senate of the Associated Students, Jason Issa;

23 • Chair, Committee on Government on Operations, Nicholas Bohlander;

24 • President of the Associated Students, Carmina Aglubat;

25 • Speaker of the 93rd Senate of the Associated Students, Leaf Acklin.

ADDENDUM A

RULE VI: CONDUCT OF DEBATE

a) QUESTIONS IN DEBATE

Once debate has begun, a Senator speaking in debate shall be entitled to yield the floor to other Senators for questions. A Senator desiring to ask a question of the speaking Senator may interrupt him, her, or them to request that the speaking Senator yield. The speaking Senator's response to such questions shall be counted against his, her, their debate time.

b) PROTECTION OF DEBATE RIGHTS

- 1) Before a vote may be taken on any motion to move the previous question (to close debate), any Senator who has not yet spoken on the question before the body shall have the right to claim the floor.
- 2) Upon a Senator rising and stating, "I claim the floor as a Senator who has not yet spoken," the Speaker shall recognize the Senator prior to proceeding to a vote on the motion for the previous question.
- 3) This right may only be exercised once per Senator per item of legislation during its second reading.
- 4) This rule shall not apply if:
 - i. The Senator has already spoken on the legislation during second reading;
 - ii. The Senator was recognized but yielded the floor without speaking; or
 - iii. The Senator is not seeking the floor at the time the motion is made.
- 5) After the Senator has spoken or declines to utilize the opportunity, the Senate may immediately proceed to vote on the motion to move the previous question, subject to the required two-thirds threshold under Robert's Rules of Order.