

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

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

Agenda for Monday, March 2nd, 2026 at 4:30 pm

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

Zoom Link:

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/86571982903?pwd=ZV1gen6SViRRQqbDZsvaVz3TW7bHUB.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/committee-on-academic-affairs-22/>
- 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?

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*

Roll Call must be listed by the Secretary.

5. 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 members of the public may speak.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

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

- a. Discussion with Director Matthew Little from the Office of Community-Engaged Learning & Leadership regarding the Faculty Service Learning Award and the \$500 Award supported by ASUN
- b. Liaison Adoptions and Changes
 - Open Liaison Positions:
 - Admissions and Records- VACANT
 - Student Life Services- VACANT

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

- a. S.R. 93- A Resolution in Support of Including Steamers in Residence Halls
- b. S.R. 93- A Resolution to Support Increased Accessibility of Peer Academic Support Services
- c. S.R. 93- A Resolution to Publicize Student Data on Pell Eligible, Transfer, and First-Gen Students

9. SENATOR REPORTS

- a. Chair Kitch- Office of the Provost
- b. Vice Chair Hoang- Student Services, Residence Hall Association
- c. Senator Atkinson- Academic Advising
- d. Senator Bhardwaj- Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal
- e. Senator Dayton- Nevada Career Studio
- f. Senator DeBarger- University Libraries
- g. Senator Issa- Faculty Senate, Office of Digital Learning
- h. Senator Lawson- Greek Life

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11. 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.

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93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.R. 93 -
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCLUDING
STEAMERS IN RESIDENCE HALLS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY, 27TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR NUBEL
SPONSORED BY: SENATOR EVANS

Whereas, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN STEAMERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT USE; and

Whereas, including steamers inside the residence halls will be beneficial to students across the university; and

Whereas, including steamers within the residence halls will promote students attending career fairs; and

Whereas, including steamers within the residence halls will promote students attending internship fairs; and

Whereas, including steamers would be beneficial to professional students across campus; and

Whereas, steamers are essential to maintaining a professional look; and

Whereas, many students do not have access to their own steamers while living inside the residence halls; and

Whereas, the use of steamers increases confidence when students interview or present to professional businesses; and

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Reno states that students should bring steamers when living on campus; and

Whereas, in addition to physical appearance, properly steamed clothes can impact self-esteem and professionalism; and

Whereas, providing steamers for check out at residence halls for students (instead of urging them to bring it themselves) will benefit low-income and out-of-state students;

***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 urges Residential Life to include steamers within the residence halls; and

Be it further resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada encourages and supports career and internship readiness and the inclusion of steamers within residential halls would only promote that; and

Be it further resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada urges the University administration to implement the buying of steamers within the residential halls; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution 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*;
- ASUN Senator, College of Science, *Dominic Evans*;
- Director, Department of Campus Wellness, *Emily Hohman*;
- Executive Director, Residential Life, Housing & Food Services

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S. R. 93 -

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INCREASED
ACCESSIBILITY OF PEER ACADEMIC
SUPPORT SERVICES**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR BENUTO

COSPONSORED BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA, & SENATOR ATKINSON

Whereas, peer academic support services at the University of Nevada, Reno such as PASS and SI Sessions are proven to improve student academic success by half to one full letter grade; and

Whereas, many students report barriers with regards to receiving peer academic student support, due to limited awareness and scheduling conflicts; and

Whereas, students balancing employment, care-giving or full courseloads may face disproportionate difficulties accessing peer academic support offered primarily during regular business hours; and

Whereas, equitable access to peer support services is essential to assuring that all students regardless of background or circumstance have the opportunity to succeed academically; and

Whereas, first-generation, transfer, and Pell-eligible students often navigate higher education systems with less institutional familiarity and may benefit significantly from accessible peer academic support networks; and

Whereas, disparities in utilization of academic support services may contribute to broader achievement and retention gaps among student populations; and

Whereas, improving accessibility, visibility, and coordination of peer academic support services aligns with the University's commitment to student success and inclusive excellence; and

Whereas, centralized and user-friendly communication of academic support resources increases student engagement and utilization; and

Whereas, expanding modality options, including hybrid, virtual, and evening support services can better meet the needs of Nevada's diverse student body;

Be it resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Senate formally support efforts to increase accessibility, visibility, and coordination of peer academic support services, including PASS and Supplemental Instruction sessions; and

Be it further resolved, that ASUN Senate encourages the expansion of virtual peer academic support options, including live Zoom sessions with recorded versions made available to students upon request, when appropriate and in compliance with university privacy policies; and

Be it further resolved, that the ASUN Senate urges the University to assess and address disparities in utilization of peer academic support services among first-generation, transfer, and Pell-eligible students; and

Be it further resolved, that ASUN Senate supports targeted outreach initiatives to ensure historically underserved student populations are informed of and encouraged to utilize peer academic support services; and

Be it further resolved, that the ASUN Senate encourages collaboration between academic support offices and student leadership to regularly evaluate accessibility barriers and recommend improvements; and

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

- *University President, Brian Sandoval;*
- *Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Melanie Duckworth;*
- *Executive Director of Deans Future Scholars, Dr. Mariluz Garcia;*
- *Assistant Director of Deans Future Scholars, Manuel Ortiz;*
- *Associate Director First Generation Student Center, Dr. James Beattie;*
- *President, Associated Students, Carmina Aglubat;*
- *Vice President, Associated Students, Ethan McNamara;*

- *Director of Government Affairs, Associated Students, Isabelle Hatch; and*
- *Director of Latinx/Hispanic Community Relations, Ovaldo Jimenez-Estupinan*

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S. R. 93 -

**A RESOLUTION TO PUBLICIZE STUDENT DATA
ON PELL ELIGIBLE, TRANSFER, AND
FIRST-GEN STUDENTS**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY, 9TH, 2026

AUTHORED BY SENATOR BENUTO

CO-AUTHORS: SENATOR CASTRO

COSPONSORS SENATOR DAYTON

A Resolution

TO PUBLICIZE STUDENT DATA ON PELL ELIGIBLE, TRANSFER, AND FIRST GEN STUDENTS

Whereas, Data on topics relevant to Pell Eligible, Transfer and First-Gen student achievement is a) either not available publicly, or b) available on the website, but not found without excessive searching; and;

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Reno serves a significant population of Pell Grant–eligible, transfer, and first-generation students, many of whom face systemic financial, academic, and institutional barriers to persistence and graduation; and;

Whereas, the lack of widely publicized, disaggregated student data contributes to reduced visibility of these disparities within campus dialogue and decision-making spaces; and;

Whereas, acknowledging disparities is a necessary first step toward fostering transparency, awareness, and informed conversations around equity and student success; and;

Whereas, Pell Grant–eligible, transfer, and first-generation students are more likely to balance employment, family responsibilities, and financial insecurity while pursuing their education; and;

Whereas, ASUN Senate has a responsibility to represent and amplify the experiences of students whose challenges may otherwise be overlooked; and;

Whereas, recognizing and publicly acknowledging disparities faced by these student populations affirms their experiences and underscores the importance of equity-centered dialogue within the University of Nevada, Reno community;

Be it resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Senate formally acknowledges the existence of disparities in access, retention, and educational outcomes among Pell Grant–eligible, transfer, and first-generation students at the University of Nevada, Reno; and;

Be it further resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Senate affirms the importance of transparency and awareness in understanding the challenges faced by Pell Grant-Eligible, Transfer and First Generation students; and;

Be it further resolved, that this resolution serves as a statement of acknowledgment and awareness with the intent of informing future conversations and initiatives related to student equity and success;and;

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

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- *Executive Director of Deans Future Scholars, Dr. Mariluz Garcia*
- *Assistant Director of Deans Future Scholars, Manuel Ortiz*
- *Director of Financial Aid, Tim Wolfe;*
- *Associate Director First Generation Student Center, Dr. James Beattie*
- *Director of Transfer Recruitment, Stephani Price;*
- *President, Associated Students, Carmina Aglubat;*
- *Vice President, Associated Students, Ethan McNamara*
- *Director of Government Affairs, Associated Students, Isabelle Hatch;*
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