

93rd Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, March 18th , 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

In Person: Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of Joe Crowley Student Union

Zoom: <https://unr.zoom.us/j/85031212520>

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/senate-of-the-associated-students-28/>
- 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & LAND ACKNOWLEDGE

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

"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 Senate Secretary.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

- a. There are no minutes to be approved of at this time.

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

Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email speaker@asun.unr.edu or via Zoom conference call. Please email the Senate Secretary for the meeting details through the email listed above.



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7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda.

- a. There are no nominees submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

8. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students - **Carmina Aglubat**
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students - **Ethan McNamara**
- c. Chief Justice - **Rena Arneson**
- d. Chief of Staff - **Gabriella Detrick**
- e. Director of Executive Outreach - **Naomi Tecson**
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations - **Madison Hess**
- g. Director of Programming - **Railyn Krentz**
- h. Director of Government Affairs - **Isabelle Hatch**
- i. Director of IDEA - **Zyna Navarte**
- j. Director of Sustainability - **Sephora Lee**
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations - **Keira Mendoza**
- l. Director of Campus Wellness – **Lauren Sosa**
- m. Director of Ethics and Compliance – **Trip Evans**
- n. Speaker of the Senate - **Leaf Acklin**

9. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting

- a. Committee on Academics and Student Affairs - **Madison Kitch**
- b. Committee on Budget and Finance - **Dillon Moss**
- c. Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement - **Jason Issa**
- d. Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - **Viviana Castro**
- e. Committee on Government Operations - **Nicholas Bohlander**
- f. Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness - **Anna Barrus**
- g. Special Committee on Food Insecurity - **Alexander Saporito**
- h. Parliamentarian - **Jason Issa**
- i. Speaker Pro-Tempore - **Dillon Moss**
- j. Committee on Oversight - **Leaf Acklin**

10. REPORTS OF SECRETARIES OFFICE (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements for no longer than five minutes.

- a. Senate Secretary, **Shea Finau**
- b. Legislative Clerk, **Daphne Gutierrez**

11. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

- a. There are no nominees submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

12. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

- a. There are no nominees submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his objections.

- a. There are no veto's submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

14. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

- a. There are no nominees submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16

- a. **S.B. 93 - A Bill to Amend the Statutes of the Associated Students to Codify the Annual College of Science Lab Coat Drive**

16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate, and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate.

- a. **S.B. 93 - A Bill to Amend the Statutes of the Associated Students to Codify the Annual College of Science Lab Coat Drive**

17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

- a. **There are no pieces of legislation to be referred to committee.**

18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AND FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. **S.R. 93 – A Resolution to Denounce Illegal Actions Taken by Immigration and Customs Enforcement**
- b. **S.B. 93 – An Act to Reform & Add to the Duties of the Senate Parliamentarian**
- c. **S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution to Reform & Add to the Duties of the Senate Parliamentarian**
- d. **S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution to Add a “Motion for New Information” in the Senate Rules**
- e. **S.B. 93 - A Bill to Amend the Statutes of the Associated Students to Codify the Annual College of Science Lab Coat Drive**
- f. **S.B.R. 93 – A Binding Resolution Codifying the Liaison Positions of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity**

19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions**
The Senate may make changes to committee assignments
- b. **Senator Reports**
The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on.
- c. **Parking Services**
The Senate will hear a presentation from Parking Services Director, Michelle Horton

20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on items on or off this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda items are action items upon which the Senate may take action. Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Speaker. The Senate may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Senate may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Any inquiries or requests for supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Secretary of the Senate at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu.

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FROM: Ken Bhardwaj, Senator for the College of Science

TO: Leaf Acklin, Speaker of the Senate

DATE: 3/5/2026

RE: Request to Fast-Track S.B. 93 - A Bill to Amend the Statutes of the Associated Students to Codify the Annual College of Science Lab Coat Drive

Dear Speaker Acklin and Esteemed Members of the Senate,

I am writing to request the fast tracking of *S.B. 93 — A Bill to Amend the Statutes of the Associated Students to Codify the Annual College of Science Lab Coat Drive* for immediate consideration.

During the Fall semester of the 93rd Session, the College of Science Senators organized a lab coat drive that collected and redistributed laboratory coats to students enrolled in laboratory courses. The initiative directly reduced out-of-pocket costs for students who are required to purchase laboratory safety equipment to participate in their coursework.

The legislation before the Senate codifies this initiative and creates a statutory framework for ***Senator Initiatives***, allowing successful, college-specific programs to be preserved across Senate sessions. Fast-tracking the bill would allow the Senate to consider the measure within the current legislative calendar and ensure that the program can be implemented with sufficient planning for future semesters.

This legislation is narrow in scope, carries no budgetary implications, and reflects a successful initiative already carried out by the Senate. Acting now allows the Senate to institutionalize the program before the close of the session, ensuring that the resources and institutional knowledge from the 93rd Session are preserved and that future Senators have the statutory authority and guidance needed to continue the initiative. For these reasons, my fellow College of Science Senators and I believe it is well suited for expedited consideration.

Respectfully,

Ken Bhardwaj

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S.R. 93-

A RESOLUTION TO DENOUNCE ILLEGAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR CASTRO
COAUTHORED BY SENATOR DAYTON & PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
COSPONSORED BY SENATOR RADTKE, SENATOR BARRUS, SENATOR EVANS, SENATOR ATKINSON,
SENATOR VILLA,

A Resolution to Reaffirm Student Safety on Campus

- 1 *Whereas*, the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada is the elected and
2 appointed student government of the University of Nevada, Reno, elected by the students for their
3 unique and diverse opinions including issues of national politics; and
4 *Whereas*, students of the University of Nevada-Reno have expressed fear and concern for their
5 safety due to continual and violent actions committed by U.S. Immigration and Customs
6 Enforcement (ICE); and

Whereas, the United States Department of Justice has named the University of Nevada Reno as subject to potential investigation regarding it's migrant student community¹; and

Whereas, in 2026, ICE has renounced former internal policies regulating entrance into "protected areas" such as churches, schools, and places of emergency relief ²,

Whereas, Current ICE operations have resulted in the illegal apprehension of university students at multiple universities across the U.S.³, and courts have ruled over 4,400 times that ICE has illegally jailed individuals⁴; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada is charged with the cause of advocating for students' safety and wellbeing; and

Whereas, this resolution serves as recognition of student discomfort in the face of ICE's presence in collegiate institutions across the country, and ASUN's further dedication to ensuring student safety and equal access to education;

***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 condemn the actions and threats by ICE that contribute to unsafe student experiences on campus and the infringement upon human dignity overall; and

Be it resolved that, the Senate urges the ASUN Department of Government Affairs to advocate for the defunding of Immigrations Customs Enforcement, and accountability for previous illegal actions taken by the federal administration

¹ <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/doj-seeks-investigation-into-unr-program-that-supports-undocumented-students>

² <https://www.npr.org/2025/01/21/nx-s1-5269899/trump-immigration-enforcement-schools-churches>

³ <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/blog/graduation-ice-targets-young-dreamers/>

⁴ <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/courts-have-ruled-4400-times-that-ice-jailed-people-illegally-it-hasnt-stopped-2026-02-14/>

Be it further resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada acknowledge the importance of migrant students to the overall success of our educational institution, and will uphold campus policies to ensure greater student wellbeing and safety across our campus; and

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

- U.S. Senator, Nevada, *Catherine Cortez Masto*;
- U.S. Senator, Nevada, *Jacky Rosen*;
- U.S. Representative, NV-01, *Dina Titus*;
- U.S. Representative, NV-03, *Susie Lee*;
- U.S. Representative, NV-04, *Steven Horsford*;
- Chancellor, NSHE Board of Regents, *Matt McNair*;
- President, University of Nevada, *Brian Sandoval*;
- Provost; Executive Vice President, University of Nevada, *Jeffrey Thompson*;
- Executive Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, *Melanie Duckworth*;
- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- 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*;
- Director, Department of Government Affairs, *Isabelle Hatch*;
- Director, Department of IDEA, *Zyna Navarte*;
- Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, *Anna Barrus*;
- Chair, Committee on IDEA, *Viviana Castro*;
- Club, UNR *Young Democrats*;
- Club, UNR *People Power*;

54 • Club, *UNR Young Democratic Socialists of America*

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S.B. 93 -
AN ACT TO REFORM & ADD TO THE
DUTIES OF THE SENATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
CO-AUTHORED BY SPEAKER ACKLIN

Whereas, this piece accompanies the binding resolution of the same name; and

Whereas, within the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN), the Parliamentarian is responsible for ensuring that the Speaker and the Senate body adhere to Robert's Rules of Order; and

Whereas, it would be in the best interest of the Senate to ensure that Senate leadership maintains a more balanced distribution of duties and responsibilities; and

Whereas, expanding the duties of the Parliamentarian would not only assist the Senate Secretaries but also support the Speaker of the Senate in maintaining proper procedure and legislative organization; and

Whereas, the Parliamentarian of the Senate serves as the primary advisor to the Senate body on parliamentary procedure, legislative drafting, and interpretation of the governing documents of the Associated Students; and

Whereas, providing structured training to Senators early in each session on parliamentary procedure, legislative drafting, and common motions promotes a more informed Senate body and ensures that meetings are conducted efficiently and in accordance with established parliamentary authority; and

Whereas, maintaining a comprehensive and regularly updated legislative tracker strengthens transparency and accountability within the legislative process by allowing Senators and members of the public to easily monitor the progress and status of legislation; and

Whereas, providing regular reports to the Committee on Oversight regarding the status of legislation ensures that the Senate maintains proper institutional awareness of both active and completed legislative initiatives; and

Whereas, close coordination between the Parliamentarian, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate promotes the proper maintenance, organization, and accessibility of legislative records for both current and future sessions of the Senate; and

Whereas, clear communication between the Senate and the Center for Student Engagement Information Technology staff is necessary to ensure that the Senate's webpage and public-facing materials remain accurate, accessible, and up to date; and

Whereas, ensuring the publication and maintenance of the Senate Outreach Form on the ASUN website strengthens the ability of students to communicate their concerns and ideas directly to their elected representatives; and

Whereas, establishing the Parliamentarian as a central resource for Senators seeking assistance with legislative drafting and procedural clarification encourages more effective participation by Senators in the legislative process; and

Whereas, providing for the Parliamentarian to preside over meetings in the absence of both the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore ensures continuity in the conduct of Senate meetings; and

Whereas, periodic review and auditing of the Senate Rules helps ensure that the rules remain clear, updated, and consistent with the governing documents and parliamentary authority of the Senate; now, therefore,

***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 and Addendum B 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*;
- 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*; and
- Chair, Committee on Government Operations, *Nicholas Bohlander*;

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 Attorney General of the Association within 14 days of assuming office and shall informally train officers and department directors on parliamentary procedures. The Parliamentarian shall assume a voting position within the Committee of Oversight and the Committee on Government Operations.

a) APPOINTMENT:

The Speaker of the Senate shall appoint from the membership of the Senate a Parliamentarian, subject to the majority approval of the Senate.

b) PURPOSE:

The Parliamentarian shall serve as the Senate's primary advisor on parliamentary procedure, legislative drafting, and the interpretation of the governing documents of the Associated Students.

c) DUTIES:

The duties of the Parliamentarian shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i) The Parliamentarian shall advise the Speaker of the Senate and individual Senators on matters relating to Senate procedure, the Statutes of the Associated Students, the Constitution of the Associated Students, and parliamentary authority.
- ii) The Parliamentarian shall assume a voting position on the Committee on Oversight and the Committee on Government Operations.
- iii) Within thirty (30) days of assuming office, the Parliamentarian shall prepare and deliver a presentation to the Senate body covering the following topics:
 - 1) Parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order;
 - 2) The structure and hierarchy of the ASUN governing documents;
 - 3) Legislative drafting and how to properly write legislation;
 - 4) The various types of legislation used by the Senate; and
 - 5) Common motions and procedural practices used during Senate meetings.

- iv) The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for maintaining and overseeing the ASUN Legislation Tracker, including:
 - 1) Updating the tracker at least once per week, and
 - 2) Providing a summary report to the Committee on Oversight regarding the status of all active and completed pieces of legislation.
- v) The Parliamentarian shall work collaboratively with the Speaker of the Senate and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate to ensure that all legislative records remain accurate, transparent, and properly organized.
- vi) The Parliamentarian shall serve as the liaison between the Senate and the Center for Student Engagement Information Technology Technician, and shall communicate updates necessary for maintaining the Senate page of the ASUN website.
- vii) The Parliamentarian shall coordinate with the Center for Student Engagement Information Technology Technician to ensure that the Senate Outreach Form is published and maintained on the ASUN website.
- viii) The Parliamentarian shall serve as the primary point of contact for Senators seeking assistance with:
 - 1) Drafting legislation;
 - 2) Understanding Senate procedures; and
 - 3) Clarification regarding parliamentary authority or Senate Rules.
- ix) In the absence of both the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Parliamentarian shall assume the role of Chair of the Senate for the duration of the meeting or until a presiding officer is available.
- x) The Parliamentarian shall conduct a comprehensive audit of the Senate Rules every two (2) years to ensure that the rules remain updated, internally consistent, and aligned with best practices in parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian may present recommendations for revision to the Senate as necessary.

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S.B.R. 93 -
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO REFORM &
ADD TO THE DUTIES OF THE SENATE
PARLIAMENTARIAN

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
CO-AUTHORED BY SPEAKER ACKLIN

Whereas, this piece accompanies the binding resolution of the same name; and

Whereas, within the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN), the Parliamentarian is responsible for ensuring that the Speaker and the Senate body adhere to Robert's Rules of Order; and

Whereas, it would be in the best interest of the Senate to ensure that Senate leadership maintains a more balanced distribution of duties and responsibilities; and

Whereas, expanding the duties of the Parliamentarian would not only assist the Senate Secretaries but also support the Speaker of the Senate in maintaining proper procedure and legislative organization; and

Whereas, the Parliamentarian of the Senate serves as the primary advisor to the Senate body on parliamentary procedure, legislative drafting, and interpretation of the governing documents of the Associated Students; and

Whereas, providing structured training to Senators early in each session on parliamentary procedure, legislative drafting, and common motions promotes a more informed Senate body and ensures that meetings are conducted efficiently and in accordance with established parliamentary authority; and

Whereas, maintaining a comprehensive and regularly updated legislative tracker strengthens transparency and accountability within the legislative process by allowing Senators and members of the public to easily monitor the progress and status of legislation; and

Whereas, providing regular reports to the Committee on Oversight regarding the status of legislation ensures that the Senate maintains proper institutional awareness of both active and completed legislative initiatives; and

Whereas, close coordination between the Parliamentarian, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate promotes the proper maintenance, organization, and accessibility of legislative records for both current and future sessions of the Senate; and

Whereas, clear communication between the Senate and the Center for Student Engagement Information Technology staff is necessary to ensure that the Senate's webpage and public-facing materials remain accurate, accessible, and up to date; and

Whereas, ensuring the publication and maintenance of the Senate Outreach Form on the ASUN website strengthens the ability of students to communicate their concerns and ideas directly to their elected representatives; and

Whereas, establishing the Parliamentarian as a central resource for Senators seeking assistance with legislative drafting and procedural clarification encourages more effective participation by Senators in the legislative process; and

Whereas, providing for the Parliamentarian to preside over meetings in the absence of both the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore ensures continuity in the conduct of Senate meetings; and

Whereas, periodic review and auditing of the Senate Rules helps ensure that the rules remain clear, updated, and consistent with the governing documents and parliamentary authority of the Senate; now, therefore,

***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 and Addendum B be adopted into the Statutes of the Associated Students; and

Be it further resolved, 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*;
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- 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

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 duties of the Parliamentarian shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) The Parliamentarian shall advise the Speaker of the Senate and individual Senators on matters relating to Senate procedure, the governing documents of the Associated Students, and parliamentary authority.
- b) Within thirty (30) days of assuming office, the Parliamentarian shall prepare and deliver a presentation to the Senate body covering the following topics:
 - i) Parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order;
 - ii) The structure of the ASUN governing documents;
 - iii) Legislative drafting and how to write legislation;
 - iv) The types of legislation used by the Senate; and
 - v) Common motions and procedures used during Senate meetings.
- c) The Parliamentarian shall oversee the ASUN Legislation Tracker, including:
 - i) Updating the tracker at least once per week, and
 - ii) Providing a summary report to the Committee on Oversight regarding the status of active and completed legislation.
- d) The Parliamentarian shall work collaboratively with the Speaker of the Senate and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate to ensure that legislative records remain accurate, transparent, and properly organized.
- e) The Parliamentarian shall serve as the liaison between the Senate and the Center for Student Engagement Information Technology Technician and communicate updates necessary for maintaining the Senate page of the ASUN website.
- f) 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.

- g) The Parliamentarian shall serve as the primary point of contact for Senators seeking assistance regarding legislative drafting and Senate procedure.
- h) In the absence of both the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Parliamentarian shall act as Chair of the Senate.
- i) The Parliamentarian shall conduct an audit of the Senate Rules every two years to ensure the rules remain updated and consistent with parliamentary authority and the governing documents of the Associated Students.

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S.B.R. 93 -
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO ADD A
“MOTION FOR NEW INFORMATION” IN THE
SENATE RULES

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MARCH 5TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA

Whereas, the Senate of the Associated Students conducts its meetings in accordance with its adopted Rules of the Senate and the parliamentary authority established therein; and

Whereas, the Rules of the Senate recognize certain procedural motions used to conduct the orderly business of the Senate, including motions such as the motion to adjourn; and

Whereas, efficient debate is essential to ensuring that Senate meetings remain accessible, productive, and respectful of the time of Senators, staff, and members of the public; and

Whereas, debate on legislation and other matters may at times become repetitive when multiple speakers reiterate the same points previously raised during deliberation; and

Whereas, repetitive debate may unnecessarily prolong meetings without contributing additional insight or information relevant to the question before the Senate; and

Whereas, establishing a procedural mechanism to limit repetitive remarks would encourage Senators to contribute substantive, new perspectives while still preserving the right of members to participate in debate; and

Whereas, creating a “Motion for New Information” would allow the Senate to continue debate while ensuring that speakers contribute new or materially different information to the discussion; and

Whereas, contrary to popular belief, there is no such thing as a “Motion for New Information” under Roberts Rules of Order; now, therefore,

***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 are adopted into 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*;
- 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

Rule IV: MOTIONS

a) MOTIONS TO ADJOURN

The following terms and conditions shall apply to motions listed below, the provisions of the Senate's parliamentary authority notwithstanding:

- 1) Motion to Adjourn: All motions to adjourn shall be understood to adjourn the Senate to the next date and time scheduled, whether already placed on the schedule or added later by any of the methods prescribed by these Rules. No other business shall intervene subsequent to an ordering for adjournment except the taking of public comment if not yet heard during the meeting.
- 2) Motion to Adjourn Sine Die: The Senate shall adjourn sine die only by resolution. Such a resolution shall set the date of adjournment sine die as the Wednesday immediately prior to the expected first meeting of the following session of the Senate.

b) MOTION FOR NEW INFORMATION

- 1) At any time during debate on a question before the Senate, a Senator may move for New Information.
- 2) The purpose of the Motion for New Information shall be to prevent repetitive debate and ensure that Senators contribute new or materially different information relevant to the matter under consideration.
- 3) Upon adoption of the Motion for New Information, Senators seeking recognition to speak shall only do so if they intend to present information, arguments, or perspectives that have not already been expressed during the current debate.
- 4) The Speaker of the Senate shall retain discretion to determine whether a Senator's remarks constitute new information and may rule a Senator out of order if their remarks substantially repeat points already made.
- 5) The Motion for New Information shall be decided without debate and shall require a simple majority vote of the Senate to adopt.
- 6) The Motion for New Information shall remain in effect for the duration of debate on the pending question unless rescinded by a subsequent motion of the Senate.



93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S. B. 93 -
A BILL TO AMEND THE STATUTES
OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS TO
CODIFY THE ANNUAL COLLEGE OF
SCIENCE LAB COAT DRIVE

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 20TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR BHARDWAJ
CO-AUTHORED BY SENATOR BENUTO, SENATOR DeBARGER, AND SENATOR EVANS

1 *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno (ASUN) is committed
2 to promoting student affordability and academic accessibility; and

3 *Whereas*, according to the University of Nevada, Reno Office of Financial Aid and
4 Scholarships, the cost of attendance for a full-time undergraduate student includes books and
5 supplies estimated at approximately \$1,200 per academic year, not including tuition, fees, housing,
6 and meals;¹ and

7 *Whereas*, this underscores that required educational materials contribute significantly to
8 students' financial burdens; and

9 *Whereas*, national analyses of science degree programs show that students enrolled in
10 laboratory-centric majors commonly pay additional lab or program fees ranging from approximately
11 \$200 to \$800 per semester to access essential laboratory equipment, consumables, and safety
12 compliance requirements;² and

13 *Whereas*, science majors frequently face hidden material costs; including the purchase of lab
14 coats, safety goggles, calculators, and other discipline-specific supplies, that are not typically captured
15 in basic tuition estimates but have been documented as a material burden in higher education cost
16 surveys; and

17 *Whereas*, laboratory safety equipment such as lab coats are typically required for participation
18 in chemistry and biology laboratory courses, and commercially available laboratory coats commonly
19 range from approximately \$10 to over \$50 depending on material and safety specifications,
20 representing an additional out-of-pocket expense for science students already paying laboratory and
21 course fees;³ and

¹ Research.com, "How Much Does a Science Degree Program Cost? Tuition, Fees & Total Expense Breakdown":
<https://research.com/advice/how-much-does-a-science-degree-program-cost-tuition-fees-total-expense-breakdown>

² University of Nevada, Reno, "Nevada Resident Tuition and Fees": <https://www.unr.edu/tuition-and-fees>

³ Fisher Scientific (Thermo Fisher Scientific), "Lab Coats": <https://www.fishersci.com/us/en/catalog/search/products?keyword=lab+coats>

22 *Whereas*, during the Fall semester of the 93rd Session, the College of Science Senators
23 organized a lab coat drive to collect and redistribute gently used lab coats to students enrolled in
24 College of Science laboratory courses, reducing the cost burden for those students; and

25 *Whereas*, the College of Science Senators of the 93rd Session intend to place planning
26 documents, contacts, and operational resources related to the College of Science Lab Coat Drive
27 within the Senate Legacy Box to assist future Senators in continuing the initiative; and

28 *Whereas*, the lab coat drive directly advanced affordability and sustainability by enabling the
29 reuse of required lab gear, helping students access essential safety equipment without additional
30 financial strain; and

31 *Whereas*, establishing the College of Science Lab Coat Drive as a recognized ASUN initiative
32 will preserve continuity across Senate sessions and ensure that future College of Science students
33 continue to benefit from predictable support for required academic materials; and

34 *Whereas*, creating a statutory framework for ASUN Senator initiatives allows Senators
35 representing individual colleges to institutionalize successful programs that address the specific needs
36 of their constituents while maintaining the general duties of Senators outlined in the Statutes of the
37 Associated Students; therefore,

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

Be it enacted, that Title XXXI of the Statutes of the Associated Students be established and known as College Senator Initiatives; and

Be it further enacted, that Title XXXI provide a statutory framework through which Senators representing specific colleges may establish initiatives addressing the needs of students within their respective colleges; and

Be it further enacted, that Chapter 3101 under Title XXXI be established and known as the College of Science Lab Coat Drive; and

Be it further enacted, that the provisions contained in Addendum A be inserted into the Statutes of the Associated Students as Chapter 3101 under Title XXXI; and

Be it further enacted, that the College of Science Senator(s) shall coordinate the implementation of the College of Science Lab Coat Drive in collaboration with the College of Science administration and relevant campus partners; and

Be it further enacted, that a copy of the legislation be sent to the following:

- Dean of the College of Science, Louisa Hope-Weeks;
- Assistant to the Dean of the College of Science, Sam DiMuzio;
- Associate Director of ASUN, Luis Aguliar-Herrera;
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat;
- Vice President of ASUN, Ethan McNamara; and
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate, Leaf Acklin

Addendum A

TITLE XXXI: SENATOR INITIATIVES

CHAPTER 3101: COLLEGE OF SCIENCE LAB COAT DRIVE

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established the College of Science Lab Coat Drive, an initiative of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada intended to support students enrolled in laboratory courses within the College of Science.

SECTION 02: PURPOSE

The purpose of the College of Science Lab Coat Drive is to promote student affordability and academic accessibility by facilitating the collection and redistribution of gently used laboratory coats to students enrolled in laboratory courses within the College of Science.

SECTION 03: ADMINISTRATION

The College of Science Senator(s) shall coordinate the initiative in collaboration with College of Science administration and relevant campus partners.

SECTION 04: OPERATIONS

The initiative shall facilitate the collection, storage, and equitable redistribution of donated laboratory coats to students enrolled in laboratory courses within the College of Science.

SECTION 05: REPORTING

A summary of the initiative, including the number of laboratory coats collected and redistributed, shall be reported to the Senate prior to the conclusion of the Spring semester.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.B.R. 93 -
A BINDING RESOLUTION CODIFYING THE
LIAISON POSITIONS OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON FOOD INSECURITY

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR SAPORITO, SENATOR ATKINSON, AND
PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA

Whereas, special committees, while temporary in nature, operate under the procedural and structural framework established for standing committees, unless otherwise directed by the Senate or specified in their formation;

Whereas, it is vital to communicate updates within the student government throughout its legal documents, ensuring both the student government and student body are knowledgeable of changes, revisions, or additions created from session-to-session;

Whereas, the Special Committee on Food Insecurity currently holds nine members within the committee, allowing for the group to reach out to multiple internal/external institutions;

Whereas, the Special Committee only holds seven liaison positions;

Whereas, sharing the connection with the Assistant Director of Business Operations and Food Services not only strengthens the committee's connection to Nevada Dining, Reslife, and the Faculty Food Coalition Committee, but also promotes greater conversation regarding alleviating potential food insecurity found within the University's dormitories and its meal-swipe plans;

Whereas, establishing a connection with Mainstation, one of CABNR's most distinguished programs, enables the Committee to gain deeper insight into the agricultural produce developed for the University and strengthens the relationship between the Committee and the University's College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources;

Whereas, these liaison positions will uphold duties including but not limited to; student-related issues, outreach opportunities, and general marketing;

Whereas, these liaison positions will be heavily recommended to not only outreach and assist their direct contact over the 93rd session, but also communicate and outreach to other neighboring organizations/facilities/faculty;

Whereas, further suggested contacts will be established in the Contact Sheet displayed within the Special Committee Files located in the UNR Box;

Whereas, with the future of the Special Committee—whether removal, continuation, or transition to a Standing Committee—subject to Senate determination at the end of the 93rd Session, the current liaison language should be struck or revised ahead of the 94th Session;

Whereas, codifying these positions for the Special Committee will ensure a proper transition into the 94th session, granted that the table approves that motion;

Be it resolved by the Senate of Associated Students, that Addendum A is enacted within the Rules of the Senate;

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

- Associate Director of Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- Senior Associate Director, *Amy Koeckes*;
- Coordinator of Pack Provisions, *Toni Ortega*;
- President of the Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President of the Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*;
- Speaker of the 93rd Senate of the Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*;
- Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Nicholas Bohlander*;

Addendum A

Rule XI: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The formation of a Special committee may occur at the discretion of the Speaker or by binding resolution of any Senator with the approval of the Senate. The Speaker shall appoint the chairperson and other members of the Special Committee, unless the motion creating the committee specifies some other method of selection.

b) MEETINGS AND GENERAL DUTIES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees shall meet at the discretion of the Chair, subject to any conditions which may be stated in the committee's formation. Special committees shall be responsible for the consideration of all questions referred to them by the Senate and the preparation of legislation as directed by the Senate in their formation or subsequent instructions, and the preparation of all reports required by these Rules or deemed necessary at the discretion of the Chair.

c) ACTIVE SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following special committees are recognized as currently active. Each committee operates under the authority of the Senate and serves a unique function in addressing specific issues or initiatives. The committees listed here are temporary in nature but are expected to adhere to the Senate's procedural standards unless otherwise directed.

i) SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD INSECURITY

The Special Committee on Food Insecurity shall be responsible for addressing food insecurity among the student body by assessing current resources, advocating for accessible support systems/services, and working collaboratively with University and Community stakeholders to improve food accessibility. The Special Committee shall be responsible for drafting and advancing legislation related to food insecurity and awareness of food insecurity, both on and off campus. The Special Committee shall hold the Director of Pack Provisions (or a student representative appointed by the Director) as an ex officio member of the committee. The Special Committee must also deliver reports to the Senate Table throughout the 93rd session, in October and February; these reports must focus on the core pillars established by the Special Committee:

Discovery shall serve as the intellectual foundation for the Committee's operations. The Committee shall conduct, gather, and regularly review new and existing data related to food insecurity among the student population. Following the Committee's reporting duties, it shall deliver formal reports to the Senate Table in October and February,

focusing specifically on progress within each of the four pillars and evaluating the impact of its initiatives.

Outreach shall focus on building and maintaining relationships with external partners, including local nonprofits, advocacy groups, and food insecurity-based organizations throughout Reno and Carson City. Outreach efforts shall provide a tangible, community-based foundation for the Committee's initiatives.

Collaboration shall emphasize strengthening internal relations with University organizations and administrations. The Committee shall actively engage with departments and student-led organizations. By participating in ongoing programs and assisting with existing initiatives, the Committee shall foster mutual support and establish a visible, reliable presence within the campus ecosystem.

Action shall focus on sustained advocacy and student engagement. This pillar emphasizes the Committee's role in mobilizing the student body through civic engagement. The Committee shall promote volunteer opportunities through platforms such as GivePulse and actively support food distribution and education efforts.

Liaison Positions:

Coordinator for Pack Provisions, Coordinator of Pack Rides, Marketing Supervisor of Nevada Dining, Director of Desert Farming Initiative, Operations Manager of Wolf-Pack Meats, Dean of Student Housing & Basic Needs, Executive Director of Friends In Service Helping (FISH), Assistant Director of Business Operations & Food Services (RLHFS), Livestock Coordinator & Supervisor - Mainstation

Figure A

Liaison Positions

1. Pack Provisions Liaison

Name: Toni Ortega
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2. Desert Farming Initiative Liaison

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3. Nevada Campus Dining

Name: Matthew Clark/Laurny Norris
Title: Director of Marketing and Communications, Communications Specialist
Email: matt.clark@compass-usa.com, laurny.norris@compass-usa.com
Phone: (775) 682-8956, (775) 682-8956

4. Student Housing & Basic Needs Liaison

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5. Pack Rides

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6. Wolf-Pack Meats Liaison

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Title: Operations Manager, Wolf-Pack Meats
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Phone: (775) 857-3663
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Address: 5895 Clean Water Way
Availability: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

7. FISH Liaison

Name: Jim Peckham
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8. Assistant Director of Business Operations and Food Services Liaison

Name: Ernie Arvizu Bastidas
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9. Livestock Coordinator and Supervisor - Mainstation (CABNR) Liaison

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