

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

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

Agenda for Monday, March 16th, 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=ZV1gc6SViRRQqbDZsvaVz3TW7bHUb.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-23/>
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
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3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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4. ROLL CALL*

Roll Call must be listed by the Secretary.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1-26-2026
- 2-9-2026

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

- a. S.B. 93- A Bill to Update the ASUN Faculty of the Year Award

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

- a. S.R. 93- A Resolution in Support of the Establishment of a College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno

9. SENATOR REPORTS

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

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

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

Minutes for Monday, January 26th, 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/82907798691>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Chair Kitch called the Committee of Academic and Student Affairs meeting to order on Monday, January 26th at 4:30 pm in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union on Zoom. Presiding Secretary, Doga Akyurek.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

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4. ROLL CALL

- Present: Chair Kitch, Senator DeBarger, Senator Issa, Senator Calderon, Senator Dayton, Senator Bhardwaj, Senator Hoang
- Absence Excused: Senator Lawson, Senator Atkinson
- A quorum was present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment found at this time.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 10-30-2025
- 11-13-2025

- Chair Kitch seeks motion to approve both of the minutes.
- So moved by Senator Calderon.
- Seconded by Senator Senator Issa.
- The motion has passed and the minutes approved.

Senator Lawson joined meeting on zoom at 4:32 pm.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continue discussion on the ASUN Service Learning Award with the Office of Community-Engaged Learning and Leadership
 - Chair Kitch explained that this award recognizes faculty who incorporate service learning into their courses, meaning they design classes that actively engage students in community based work. ASA's role is to promote the award to students, encourage nominations and provide a \$500 stipend. In the past, the award hasn't been consistently fulfilled or widely promoted, so they are working to revitalize it.
 - The Office of Community Engaged Learning and Leadership recently updated its name to better reflect its mission, and the award name may also change in the future. Additionally, Chair Kitch mentioned that Director Little is supportive and has even offered to match ASA's \$500 contribution, potentially increasing the award to \$1000. Overall, the goal is to raise awareness of the award. And highlight its importance.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Liaison Adoptions and Changes

Open Liaison Positions

- University Libraries
 - Senator DeBarger seeks motion to add herself to the University Libraries.
 - So moved by Senator Dayton.
 - Seconded by Calderon.
 - The motion passed.

- Academic Advising

- Greek Life
 - Senator Lawson seeks motion to add himself to the Greek Life.
 - Seconded by Senator Dayton.
 - No dissent was found.

- The motion passed.
 - Nevada Career Studio
- Senator Dayton seeks motion to add herself to the Nevada Career Studio.
- Seconded by Senator DeBarger.
- No dissent was found.
- The motion passed.
 - Office of Office of Service Learning
- Senator Issa seeks motion to add himself to to the Office of Service Learning.
- Seconded by Senator Dayton.
- No dissent was found.
- The motion passed.

9. SENATOR REPORTS

a. Chair Kitch- Office of the Provost

- Chair Kitch reported that she has been in contact with The Office of the Provost mainly about the DocuPac and PACK AI. After a federal injunction last September, there haven't been any new developments regarding DocuPac, but the university plans to move forward with a name change. More clarification through the office is expected soon.
- Regarding PACK AI, the university has been hosting internal workshops to help faculty learn how to incorporate AI into their curriculum.
- Senator Issa asked with the recent resolution passed regarding PACK AI, if the Provost has discussed releasing a formal statement to clarify how AI is being marketed to students and explain what PACK AI actually is.
- Chair Kitch answered the question as, no public statement has been released about PACK AI yet, but she will suggest it at the next meeting. AI use is optional and up to each professor, with internal guidelines provided. It will also be included in NevadaFIT this year, focusing on ethical and responsible use.

b. Vice Chair Hoang- Student Life Services, Residence Hall Association

- Vice Chair Hoang explained that the MultiCultural Center requested \$2,000 from RHA to help fund a \$6,000 Lunar New Year event, but RHA's annual budget is only about \$3,000; so they are hesitant he reported. Vice Chair Hoang said that the other groups may contribute, but funding is still short. Vice Chair Hoangs said that he supports the event and suggested possibly contributing a smaller amount and exploring other funding options.
- Chair agreed saying that \$500 is an appropriate amount.
- Senator Debarger added that she thinks it's good to use the average budget.
- ASA Senators after discussing about the budget, they have come to conclusion to discuss the matter with Sepaker Acklin.

c. Senator Bhardwaj- Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal

- Senator Bhardwaj reported that he is still waiting to hear back from Dr. Pamela Zeiser and he will follow up with.

d. Senator Bohlander- Nevada Career Studio

- No reports at this time.

e. Senator Issa- Faculty Senate

- Senator Issa reported that the update has given at the Senate Meeting on January 23rd and had no major agenda items but only presentations and reports. Senator Issa mentioned that he is still waiting to meet with Chair McClendon and haven't yet informed her that the non-binding resolutions is moving forward as a formal resolution, though she is aware of the idea and likely supportive. He also added that there were concerns that resolutions and bills may not have been consistently sent to the appropriate stakeholders. Although after spoken with President Aglubat, sending out the resolution supporting DocuPack should now be in progress.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

-No public comment found at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Kitch adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm. On Monday, January 26, 2026 in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room.

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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

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Minutes for Monday, February 9th, 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/89562130639>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Vice Chair Hoang called the Committee of Academic and Student Affairs meeting to order on Monday, February 9th at 4:31 pm in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union on Zoom. Presiding Secretary, Doga Akyurek.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

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-Yes.

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-Yes.

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4. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Hoang, Senator DeBarger, Senator Lawson, Senator Issa, Senator Dayton, Senator Atkinson

Tardy Excused: Senator Bhardwaj, Senator Calderon

Absence Excused: Chair Kitch

A quorum is present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment found at this time.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

-There is no old business at this time.

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

a. Liaison Adoptions and Changes

Open Liaison Positions:

- Academic Advising
 - Senator Atkinson seeks motion to add himself to the liaison position of Academic Advising.
 - Seconded by Senator DeBarger.
 - No dissent found and the motion is approved.
- Admissions and Records
 - No change found at this time.
- Student Life Services
 - Vice Chair Hoang seeks motion to add himself to the liaison position of Student Life Services.
 - So moved by Senator Issa.
 - Seconded by Senator Lawson.
 - No dissent found and motion is approved.

9. SENATOR REPORTS

a. Chair Kitch- Office of the Provost

- No report at this time.

b. Vice Chair Hoang- Student Services, Residence Hall Association

- Vice Chair Hoang reported he is working with RHA for the funding of Lunar New Year Event. Additionally he mentioned that he will be meeting with Dr. Speed on Tuesday, February 10th.

c. Senator Bhardwaj- Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal

- No reports at this time.

d. Senator Dayton- Nevada Career Studio

- Senator Dayton reported that she contacted with her new liaison position. Additionally she mentioned that she is working with the Resource Center to make arrangements on the

university policy on recording lectures. Senator Dayton mentioned that she will keep ASA posted on that matter.

e. Senator DeBarger- University Libraries

- Senator DeBarger reported that she has been trying to reach out to the Libraries but haven't received a response yet.

f. Senator Issa- Faculty Senate, Office of Digital Learning

- Senator Issa reported that the faculty Senate will be meeting on February 13th. He added that he contacted with his liaison office but haven't received a response yet.

g. Senator Lawson- Greek Life

- Senator Lawson reported that he will have a scheduled meeting for the following week.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Associate Director Luis Aguilar Herrera reminded ASA that the Career Fair and Networking Mixer events are taking place in this week in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Vice Chair Hoang adjourned the meeting at 4:39 pm. On Monday, February 9th, 2026 in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S. B. 93-
A BILL TO UPDATE THE ASUN
FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MARCH 10TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS BY SENATOR KITCH,
AUTHORED BY SENATOR KITCH

A Bill to Update the ASUN Faculty of the Year Award

1 *Whereas*, the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs is responsible for handling the ASUN
2 Faculty of the Year Award per Title XXIV, Chapter 2401;

3 *Whereas*, the Committee works on this initiative with the Office of Community Engagement and
4 Service Learning;

5 *Whereas*, Chapter 1502 of the Statutes of the Associated Students outlines a variety of tasks for
6 this committee regarding this award, including creating a form for submissions, monitoring it, and
7 voting on a faculty member;

8 *Whereas*, this has not been in practice for several years and should be updated to reflect the
9 standards and expectations of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs;

10 *Whereas*, the Office of Community Engagement and Service Learning has recently undergone a
11 name change to the Office of Community-Engaged Learning and Leadership to reflect the work and
12 needs of the office;

13 *Whereas*, OC-ELL Director Matthew Little began the position in August 2023, and the award
14 had not been handled since before Covid-19;

15 *Whereas*, Director Little and the Committee on Academics and Student Affairs feel that while a
16 service-learning course designation is a great thing, it severely limits the number of students who can
17 submit nominations for their outstanding professors;

18 *Whereas*, striking the ‘service-learning’ designation from the award would allow for more
19 nominations from undergraduate students, thus highlighting excellent professors in a variety of
20 colleges;

21 *Whereas*, moving certain responsibilities of the award to OC-ELL lifts pressure off of the
22 Committee on Academic and Student Affairs while allowing senators in the committee to still remain
23 involved;

24 *Whereas*, the award will continue to function with the \$500 from the line item ‘Faculty Awards’
25 in the ASUN budget;

26 *Whereas*, this change will help the office continue to do the work it has been doing and allow
27 ASUN to foster strong connections with faculty;

28 *Be it enacted that*, Addendum A is adopted, reflecting changes made in Title XXIV, Chapter 2401,
29 Sections 1-10;

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

- 31 • Vice President of Student Services, Heather Speed
- 32 • Director of the Office of Community-Engaged Leadership and Learning, Matthew
33 Little
- 34 • Senior Associate Director, Amy Koeckes
- 35 • Associate Director of Student Government, Luis Aguilar-Herrera

- 36 • President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat
- 37 • Vice President of the Association, Ethan McNamara
- 38 • Speaker of the Senate, Leaf Acklin
- 39 • Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch
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TITLE XXIV: ASUN FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT AWARD

CHAPTER 2401: ASUN FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT AWARD

SECTION 01:ESTABLISHMENT

There is established the ASUN Faculty of the Year Award ASUN Community Engagement Award.

SECTION 02:PURPOSE

The purpose of the ASUN Faculty of the Year Award ASUN Community Engagement Award is to recognize exceptional University of Nevada Faculty.

SECTION 03:REGULATIONS

Unless otherwise provided by law, regulation, or other rule of the Associated Students, the ASUN Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affairs may formulate and publish additional regulations as may be necessary to administer the ASUN Faculty of the Year Award ASUN Community Engagement Award

SECTION 04:AWARD

The chosen winners shall receive a plaque of recognition and legislation naming them the Faculty of the Year ASUN Community Engagement Award winner, presented to the recipients during the annual Honor the Best Ceremony in May. If possible, the award should be presented by a member of the ASUN Standing Senate Committee on Academic and Student Affairs. ASUN Banquet.

SECTION 05:RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The ASUN reserves the right to modify the program at any time.

SECTION 06: PURVIEW

The Office of Community-Engaged Learning and Leadership Senate Committee on Academics and Student Affairs holds purview over the selection of award recipients from applications received.

a) The Committee Chair shall be responsible for assisting OC-ELL in the disbursement of the award, encouraging undergraduate students to nominate faculty who fit the description, placing successful applications on the next possible Committee on Academics and Student Affairs Agenda.

SECTION 07: APPLICATIONS

Students and faculty shall submit nominations of a University of Nevada, Reno faculty member for the award to the Office of Community-Engaged Learning and Leadership, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs. The Office is responsible for creating appropriate channels for students to submit applications.

SECTION 08: BASIS OF THE AWARD

The selection of the recipients shall be based on their impact on the learning environment of students, the University, or their community.

SECTION 09: PROMOTION

The ASUN shall make a concerted effort to inform all possible applicants through a variety of mediums.

SECTION 10: PUBLICATION OF RECIPIENTS

The Office of Community-Engaged Learning and Leadership ASUN Committee on Academics and Student Affairs shall publish the names of award recipients in a manner suitable for their recognition. The names of the recipients shall not be published without

their proper consent.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.R. 93 -
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLEGE OF
VETERINARY MEDICINE AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MARCH 9TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR McANDREWS

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Reno's vision is *"to educate and graduate the best-prepared, confident leaders for the state, national, and global community; to be a nexus for research and creativity that focuses on the vital issues of our time; and to serve as a catalyst for the betterment of our society";

Whereas, the establishment of a College of Veterinary Medicine directly aligns with this vision by expanding educational opportunities and advancing research that supports Nevada's agricultural, environmental, and public health needs;

Whereas, a College of Veterinary Medicine would provide new hands-on learning opportunities for students across the University of Nevada, Reno, including those studying agriculture, animal science, wildlife, rangeland ecology, biology, and related fields;

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Reno already has infrastructure that could support the development of a veterinary program, including facilities such as the Main Station Field Laboratory and the Main Station Science Center;

Whereas, the development of a veterinary program would better prepare students for careers following graduation by increasing access to applied learning, research opportunities, and professional pathways;

Whereas, establishing the first College of Veterinary Medicine in the state of Nevada would strengthen the University of Nevada, Reno's competitiveness at the state, national, and global levels;

Whereas, support from the Associated Students of the University of Nevada would demonstrate student support for expanding academic opportunities and strengthening the university's role in serving Nevada's communities;

Be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support the proposal to establish a College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno;

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

- President of the Associated Students, Carmina Aglubat;
- Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch;
- Associate Director of Student Government, Luis Aguilar-Herrera;
- President of the University of Nevada, Reno, Brian Sandoval;
- Executive Vice President and Provost, Jeff Thompson;
- Chair of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, Byron Brooks.
- Chair of the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, Joseph C. Arrascada.