

94th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, May 6th, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

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

Zoom Meeting: <https://unr.zoom.us/j/81792961863>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

- a. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 a.m., not including the meeting date?
 - i. <https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/senate-of-the-associated-students-33/>
- 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 AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Pledge of Allegiance: 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.”

Land Acknowledgement: “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 Legislative Clerk.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. 04/15/2026

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 to 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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BEFORE THE MEETING**

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If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact the Senate Secretary at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu.



7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL

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. Director of Clubs and Organizations – Sienna Nepa
- b. Director of IDEA – Jorge Benuto
- c. Assistant Director for Marketing and Interns – Jaden Ottaviano
- d. Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment – Rena Arneson
- e. Associate Justice – Anndrey Dequina
- f. Event Programmer – Vivianna Ferrer de Morais
- g. Projects Director – Debora Zotchi
- h. Policy Director – Scarlett Valdes

8. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (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. President of the Associated Students, Dillon Moss
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Luke Calderon
- c. Chief Justice, Emma Silveyra
- d. Director of Executive Outreach, Troy Barrera
- e. Chief of Staff, Madison Atkinson
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, VACANT
- g. Director of Programming, Antonio Munoz
- h. Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch
- i. Director of IDEA, VACANT
- j. Director of Sustainability, Kendra Cook
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Keira Mendoza
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Jordan Brown
- m. Director of Ethics & Compliance, Andrew Sanchez
- n. Speaker of the Senate, Jason Issa

9. REPORTS 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. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Michael Nubel
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Henry Lawson
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Kaylee Radtke
- d. Chair, Committee on Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA), Viviana Castro
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Lance Zuniga
- f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Anna Barrus
- g. Chair, Special Committee on Food Insecurity, Alexander Saporito
- h. Parliamentarian, Faith Strabala
- i. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Dominic Evans
- j. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Jason Issa

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)

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

- a. Director of Clubs and Organizations – Sienna Nepa
- b. Director of IDEA – Jorge Benuto
- c. Assistant Director for Marketing and Interns – Jaden Ottaviano
- d. Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment – Rena Arneson
- e. Associate Justice – Anndrey Dequina

12. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS (FOR POSSIBLE 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. Director of Clubs and Organizations – Sienna Nepa
- b. Director of IDEA – Jorge Benuto
- c. Assistant Director for Marketing and Interns – Jaden Ottaviano
- d. Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment – Rena Arneson
- e. Associate Justice – Anndrey Dequina

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 were no veto messages submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

14. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE 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. Event Programmer – Vivianna Ferrer de Morais
- b. Projects Director – Debora Zotchi
- c. Policy Director – Scarlett Valdes

15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

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

- a. **S.B.R. 94 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.A., II.F.5.I., II.F.5.X., and II.G.1.**

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.R. 94 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.A., II.F.5.I., II.F.5.X., and II.G.1.**

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 was no legislation submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.**

18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

- a. **S.B.R. 94 – A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.A., II.F.5.I., II.F.5.X., and II.G.1.**

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.

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

23. NOTES

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenzied 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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MEMORANDUM



From: Dillon Moss, *President of the Associated Students*

TO: Jason Issa, *Speaker of the ASUN Senate*

Date: 4/30/2026

RE: Nominations to the President's Cabinet & requests to fast track nomination

Speaker Issa and members of the 94th Senate,

I am honored to present the nominations of the following individuals for their respective offices:

1. Nomination of **Ms. Sienna Nepa** to the position of **Director of Clubs & Organizations**
2. Nomination of **Mr. Jorge Benuto** to the position of **Director of IDEA**

Additionally, to ensure that the Cabinet is given sufficient time to hire for their respective departments prior to the June ASUN Retreat, I am requesting that these nominations be fast-tracked through the Senate.

With highest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dillon Moss'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dillon Moss

President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

MEMORANDUM



TO: Jason Issa, *Speaker of the 94th Senate*

FROM: Antonio Munoz, *Director of Event Programming*

DATE: May 6th, 2026

RE: Nominations to the Department of Programming & requests to fast-track nomination

Honorable Speaker Issa and Esteemed Members of the 94th Senate,

I am honored to present the nominations of the following individuals for their respective offices:

1. Nomination of **Mr. Jaden Ottaviano** to the position of **Assistant Director for Marketing and Interns**.
2. Nomination of **Ms. Rena Arneson** to the position of **Assistant Director of Budget and Assessment**.
3. Nomination of **Ms. Vivianna Ferrer de Morais** to the position of **Event Programmer**.

Additionally, **I am requesting that these nominations be fast-tracked through the Senate**. Should you require any additional information or clarification regarding these nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AM', followed by a horizontal line.

Antonio Munoz

Director of Event Programming



From: Emma Silveyra, Chief Justice

To: Jason Issa, Speaker of the Senate

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

RE: Nomination to the Judicial Council and request to fast-track nomination

Dear Speaker Issa and members of the 94th Senate,

I am honored to present my first nomination to the Judicial Council:

1. Nomination of **Ms. Anndrey Dequina** to the position of **Associate Justice**

Additionally, to ensure the Council has the time to prepare for the new session and start training, I am requesting that this nomination be fast-tracked through the Senate.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Silveyra Franco', written over a horizontal line.

Emma Silveyra Franco

Chief Justice of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

MEMORANDUM



TO: Jason Issa, *Speaker of the 94th Senate*
FROM: Isabelle Hatch, *Director of Government Affairs*
DATE: April 30th, 2026
RE: Nominations to the Department of Government Affairs

Honorable Speaker Issa and Esteemed Members of the 94th Senate,

I am honored to present the nominations of the following individuals for their respective offices:

1. Nomination of **Ms. Debora Zotchi** to the position of **Projects Director**
2. Nomination of **Ms. Scarlett Valdes** to the position of **Policy Director**

Additionally, **I am requesting that these nominations be fast-tracked through the Senate.** Should you require any additional information or clarification regarding these nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With highest regards,

Isabelle Hatch
Director Government Affairs



To: Jason Issa, Speaker of the 94th Senate
From: Faith Strabala, Senate Parliamentarian
Date: May 6th, 2026
RE: Fast-Track Request

Dear Speaker Issa and Esteemed Senators,

I am writing to request that *S.B.R. 94 - A Binding Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Senate Rules I.A., II.F.5.I., II.F.5.X., and II.G.1.* be fast-tracked for immediate consideration. This piece temporarily suspends select Senate rules related to meetings and outreach during the summer recess, when regular operations are not in effect. Fast-tracking is appropriate due to its time-sensitive and procedural nature, ensuring Senators are not penalized during this period.

Respectfully,

Faith Strabala

Parliamentarian, Senate of the Associated Students

Associated Students of the University of Nevada

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**S.B.R. 94 -
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY
SUSPEND SENATE RULES I.A., II.F.5.I.,
II.F.5.X., AND II.G.1.**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MAY 6TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN STRABALA

Whereas, Senate Rule I.a states: “The Speaker shall call meetings of the senate as he, she, or they deem appropriate, provided that the Senate shall meet at least once every two full class weeks, and that the regular meeting date and time of the Senate shall be on Wednesdays no earlier than 5:30 p.m., unless the Senate orders otherwise. The Speaker shall call no less than two meetings of the Student Senate at least one week apart during the spring semester of his, her, or their election”; and

Whereas, Senate Rule II.f.5.x. states: “Failure of the Chairperson of a committee, including the Committee on Oversight, to hold a meeting within the required two-week period shall be the equivalent of two points”; and

Whereas, Senate Rule II.f.5.i. states: “Six unexcused absent Senate office hours shall be equivalent to two points. (1/3 point for every missed hour)”; and

Whereas, Senate Rule II.g.1 states: “1) Each Senator must conduct four (4) outreach hours total, every two-week period. These hours must be reported to and determined by the Speaker of the Senate”; now, therefore,

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

Be it resolved, that Senate Rules: I.a, II.f.5.i, II.f.5.x, and II.g.1 shall be suspended, effective immediately, through the date of August 27th, 202; 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*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;

- President, Associated Students, *Dillon Moss*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Luke Calderon*; and
- Speaker, 94th Senate, Associated Students, *Jason Issa*