



Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada 94th Session

Agenda for Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 at 4:30pm

Classroom AB 205 , 2nd Floor of the Ansari Business Building

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Zoom link:

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/84465829984>

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?
 - i. <https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/committee-on-government-operations-meeting/>
- 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 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

The Secretary must list roll call.

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 actions on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length of time members of the public may speak.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

7. AUDIO OR MINUTES MISSING FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS BODY THAT DO NOT MEET 30 DAY POSTING OF NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW (FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

Minutes or audio files for previous meetings that are missing must be listed here with the date of each meeting.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Members of the committee may give a report to any work relation to the committee.

9. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Review of legislation and memorandums

- i. S.B. 94 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FURTHERING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
- ii. S.B. R. 94 A BINDING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL YOUTH HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no items to be discussed at this time

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on actions on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length of time members of the public may speak.

13. ADJOURNMENT

NOTES: Agenda items may be considered out of order at the discretion of the Chair. The committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion of an item at any time.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

94th SESSION
2026-2027

S. B. 94 -
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FURTHERING
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JUNE 12TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR ANNA BARRUS ON BEHALF OF
PRESIDENT DILLON MOSS AND VICE PRESIDENT LUKE CALDERON

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada have previously demonstrated its commitment to reducing financial barriers for students through initiatives such as the Passion Fund¹;

Whereas, the cost of required academic, professional, graduate school, and certification exams can create an additional financial barrier for students who are already navigating the rising costs of higher education; and

Whereas, graduate school entrance examinations, professional licensure examinations, and certification examinations often cost several hundred dollars, creating a financial obstacle that may delay or prevent students from pursuing advanced educational and career opportunities;

Whereas, exams such as licensure tests, graduate entrance exams, and other required tests are often necessary for students to complete degree requirements, enter their chosen field, or continue their education beyond their undergraduate career; and

Whereas, eligible examinations shall include graduate school entrance examinations (including but not limited to the MCAT, LSAT, GRE, and GMAT), professional licensure examinations, certification examinations required for employment or professional advancement;

Whereas, students from low-income, first-generation, and historically underserved backgrounds may be disproportionately impacted by these additional costs, limiting their ability to access the same academic and professional opportunities as their peers; and

¹ Passion Fund provides financial assistance to students seeking to join registered student organizations, ensuring they can fully engage in their organization's programs and events by covering membership dues

Whereas, reducing financial barriers related to required exams aligns with ASUN’s responsibility to advocate for student success, accessibility, and equitable access to academic and professional advancement; and

Whereas, providing financial assistance for required exams would allow students to better focus on their academic preparation, career readiness, and long-term success rather than the financial burden of paying for required testing; and

Whereas, supporting students with the cost of required exams serves as an investment in the academic achievement, professional development, and future success of the student body at the University of Nevada; and

Whereas, ASUN has the ability to create student-centered programs that respond directly to the needs of the student body and remove barriers that may prevent students from reaching their educational and career goals; and

Whereas, the creation of a program to assist students with required exam costs would further ASUN’s mission of serving, supporting, and advocating for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada; and

THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN

THE SENATE, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Be it enacted, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada shall establish the Furthering Education Scholarship Program, hereinafter referred to as the “FESP,” to provide financial support to students as they pursue their education further.; and

Be it further enacted, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the creation of this financial assistance program to help students offset the costs of required academic and professional programs; and

Be it further enacted, that \$10,000.00 shall be reallocated from the ASUN Executive Outreach fund to support the creation of the Furthering Education Scholarship Program; and

Be it further enacted, that the language of Addendum A be adopted in full upon passage and approval by the President of the Associated Students;

Be it further enacted, that the language of Addendum B be adopted in full upon passage and approval by the President of the Associated Students;

Be it further enacted, that a copy of this bill will be sent to:

- Director of ASUN, *VACANT*
- Senior Associate Director of ASUN, *Amy Koeckes*
- Assistant Director for Student Government, *Luis Aguliar-Herrera*
- President of ASUN, *Dillon Moss*
- Vice President of ASUN, *Luke Calderon*
- Speaker of the 94th Senate, *Jason Issa*
- Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance, *Henry Lawson*
- Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, *Lance Zuniga*

Addendum A

TITLE XXXI: The Furthering Education Scholarship Program

CHAPTER 3101: THE FURTHERING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby a service offered within the Association called the Further Education Scholarship Program.

SECTION 02: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Furthering Education Scholarship Program is to provide support for students that want to pursue education beyond their undergraduate career at the University of Nevada without the worry of financial burden.

SECTION 03: ADMINISTRATION

The Program shall be administered by the Associated Students of the University of Nevada with the support of the Center for Student Engagement.

- a. The Application of the Furthering Education Scholarship Program shall be monitored by the Chief of Staff and a member of the professional staff of the Center for Student Engagement.
- b. Should a student qualify for assistance and be awarded funds from the program, a scholarship retrieval form shall be completed by the CSE Accounting office and shall be routed to the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to confirm eligibility.
- c. Should the application be verified and the funds awarded, the funds shall be placed in the student's MyNevada Scholarships and Gifts for the use of their test or exam
- d. All scholarship awards shall be processed in accordance with University of Nevada and federal financial aid policies. Final disbursement shall occur only after review and approval by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

SECTION 04: OVERSIGHT

The program will be overseen by a number of officers to ensure that it is administered properly.

- a. The program will be overseen by the following officers
 - i. The President of ASUN
 - ii. Vice President of ASUN
 - iii. Chief of Staff of ASUN

- iv. The Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance

SECTION 05: REPORTING

The President of the Associated Students shall draft and deliver a report of the program to the ASUN Senate at the end of each session with the assistance of CSE Professional Staff..

- a. The report shall include the following information
 - i. Total applications
 - ii. Awards granted
 - iii. Funds utilized
 - iv. Recommendations for continuation or adjustment
 - v. Total applications received;
 - vi. Total awards granted;
 - vii. Total funds distributed;
 - viii. Average award amount;
 - ix. Types of examinations funded;
 - x. Remaining program balance;
 - xi. Aggregate demographic information that does not identify individual students;
 - xii. Recommendations regarding future appropriations and program improvements.

SECTION 06: ELIGIBILITY

A student must adhere to the following to be eligible for the Furthering Education Scholarship Program

- a. Maintain at least a 2.00 GPA at the time of application.
- b. Be enrolled in at least 6 undergraduate credits at the time of application.
- c. Eligible examinations shall include graduate school entrance examinations (including but not limited to the MCAT, LSAT, GRE, and GMAT), professional licensure examinations, certification examinations required for employment or professional advancement.

SECTION 07: REGULATION

Students that seek to use funds within the Furthering Education Scholarship Program may only qualify for the program no more than one time.

- a. Students must cite what test they expect to take with the funds that they would receive if they meet eligibility requirements.
- b. Individual awards shall not exceed \$500 per applicant unless otherwise authorized through the annual budgeting process.
- c. Awards shall be distributed until annual appropriated funds have been exhausted.
- d. If funding requests exceed available appropriations, priority shall be given to applicants demonstrating financial need, first-generation college students, students completing degree-required examinations, and students who have not previously received funding through the program.
- e. Individual awards may only be granted to undergraduate students.

SECTION 08: ADVERTISEMENT

The Director of Campus and Public Relations shall work in partnership with any officer providing oversight of the Furthering Education Scholarship Program to advertise this program every Fall and Spring Semester

- a. Marketing shall be posted within the first month of the semester.

Addendum B

Account Number	Furthering Education Scholarship Program			
	Operating			
	Student Support		-	
	Program Scholarship Funds		\$10,000	
	Balance Forward	10,000.00		
Total Scholarship Program			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
			T. Allocated	T. Actual Dollars

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

94th SESSION
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**S. B. R. 94-
A BINDING RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF NATIONAL YOUTH
HIV/AIDS
AWARENESS DAY**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MARCH 16, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR BARRUS

**A Binding Resolution in Support of National Youth HIV/AIDS
Awareness Day**

1 *Whereas*, “National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day” is a nationwide observance that calls on
2 people to take action to invest in the health, education, and leadership of young people;

3 *Whereas*, National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD), is a day to educate the
4 public and urge policymakers to support programs and their support to youth impacted by HIV¹;

5 *Whereas*, S.RES. 171, has been referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
6 Pensions, and has been in Committee since April 10 of 2025;

¹ <https://www.hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/youth>

Whereas, HIV awareness depends on timely education, testing, and prevention efforts, and this S.RES 171, is an opportunity to promote Public Health efforts such as reducing stigma, fight misinformation, and provide awareness to the public;

Whereas, more than 40 years into the epidemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the United States, more than 1.2 million people are living with HIV, and 31,800 people were diagnosed with HIV in the United States in 2022;

Whereas, in 2022, youth aged 13 to 24 years composed 20 percent of all new HIV diagnoses in the United States²;

Whereas, in Nevada there were an estimated 480 new HIV infections in 2022, with a total population of 2,694,688, the HIV Incidence rate in Nevada was 17.7 per 100,000 people³;

Whereas, as a college campus, we need to ensure those affected by HIV/AIDS have continued support and advocacy efforts from our university

Whereas, placing responsibility on the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness ensure continuity of support and advocacy

Whereas, this event will take place on the second Friday of April, and the funds shall be taken out of Senate Outreach to support the event;

Be it resolved that, the Associated Students at the University of Nevada, Reno, support advocacy, education, and policy efforts towards National Youth HIV/AIDS awareness day;

Be it further resolved, that this body commits to promoting HIV awareness, and is actively working to reduce stigma against those who live with HIV, ensuring access to testing, treatment, and support services for all students;

Be it further resolved, that the changes made in Addendum A are adopted into the Senate Rules;

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

- Associate Director of Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;

² All the above information has been proposed through: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-resolution/171/text/is>

³ <https://ahead.hiv.gov/nevada/>

- 31 • Senior Associate Director, *Amy Koeckes*;
- 32 • President of ASUN, *Dillon Moss*;
- 33 • Vice President of ASUN, *Luke Calderon*
- 34 • Speaker of the 94th Senate, *Jason Issa*
- 35 • Chair of the Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, *Anna Barrus*;
- 36 • Director of Campus Wellness, *Jordan Brown*;
- 37 • United States Senator, *Catherine Cortez Masto*
- 38 • United States Senator, *Jacky Rosen*
- 39 • United States Representative, *Mark Amodei*
- 40 • United States Representative, *Dina Titus*
- 41 • United States Representative, *Susi Lee*
- 42 • United States Representative, *Steven Horsford*

ADDENDUM A

Rule X: STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES

g) THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY AND WELLNESS

The Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness shall be responsible for policies concerning campus wide departments regarding student safety and wellness, including but not limited to: Facilities Services, university Housing, University Police, Student Health Services, Counseling Center, Campus Dining, Title IX Office, The Student Wellness Advisory Group, the ASUN Director of Sustainability and the ASUN Director of Campus Wellness. The Committee shall develop relationships with mental and physical health related student organizations. The Committee shall assist and consult the Director of Sustainability in the promotion of sustainable campus initiatives, the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund, and events such as Public Lands Day, Earth Day, and Arbor Day. The Committee shall be responsible for legislation regarding sustainable practices on and off campus, any policy concerning student health and student safety on campus and in the community, as well as anything else that the Chair finds pertinent to the Committee. The Committee will also work with the Director of Campus Wellness to allot at least four days within the academic year for the promotion of health and wellness and resources available to students. The Committee will also be responsible for hosting its own events, such as National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.