



Committee on Government Operations

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

Agenda for Thursday, June 25th, 2026 at 6pm

Classroom AB 210 , 2nd Floor of the Ansari Business Building

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Teams link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/231102520521661?p=qjcUbWg2Mm8ivPitRz>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Zuniga called the Committee of Democratic Civic Engagement meeting to order on Wednesday, June 25th, 2026, at 6 p.m. via Room 210 in Ansari Business Build and Zoom, 2nd floor in the Ansari Business Building

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

- a. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 am, not including the meeting Date?
 - Yes
- i. https://nevadaasun.com/?post_type=meeting&p=60624&preview=true
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
 - Yes
- c. Is the Teams link working and available to the public?
 - Yes

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

Present: Senator Anderson, Senator Giamona Wilber, Senator Horst, Senator Johnson, Senator Strunk

Absent Excused: Senator Rivers, Parliamentarian Strabala

Absent Unexcused: Senator Wilson

A quorum was present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Luis Aguilera Herrera gave public comment in regard to the S.R. 94 - A Resolution in Support of Making a Periodic Post about Public Meetings against the piece.

Luis Aguilera Herrera said "The goal is sound, but the language should avoid directing an individual employee's day-to-day work through Senate resolution and should instead establish a broader policy or express the Senate's support for increased public outreach.

These are legitimate governmental purposes for the Senate to express support.

Strengths

- Promotes transparency and public awareness.
- Encourages student participation in public meetings.
- Supports ASUN's commitment to accessibility.
- Recognizes that social media is an effective communication tool for students.

Concerns

1. The Senate is directing an officer's operational duties

The repeated language stating that the Director of Campus and Public Relations "*should*" post meeting notices encroaches on administrative management.

ASUN generally separates:

- Legislative branch → establishes policy
- Executive branch → implements policy

The Senate may express its preference or make a request, but directing the day-to-day work of an executive officer or employee could raise separation-of-powers concerns.

Instead of: "The Director of Campus and Public Relations should be posting..."

Consider: "ASUN should strive to promote public meetings through official communication channels."

This keeps the focus on the institution rather than a single position.

2. The "Whereas" clause regarding discretion is problematic

This clause states: "Director of Campus and Public Relations can pick and choose when to post these public meetings..."

This implies selective behavior without providing evidence. Unless there is a documented inconsistency, this could unnecessarily criticize an officer.

A more neutral statement would be: "ASUN's promotion of public meetings has varied depending on operational priorities."

Or "A consistent communication practice would improve student awareness."

3. Timing requirement (8:00 a.m.)

The resolution requires promotion: "no later than 8:00 am on the day of the meeting."

That is extremely specific.

Questions to consider:

- What if the meeting begins at 8:00 am?
- What if the Director is unavailable?
- What if multiple meetings occur in one day?

Legislation should avoid unnecessary operational micromanagement.

Instead: "in advance of each meeting whenever practicable."

Or "prior to the scheduled meeting."

4. Nevada Open Meeting Law references

The resolution states: "Following Nevada Open Meeting Laws, Director... can post canceled meetings."

Nevada Open Meeting Law does not require social media posts.

Instead, it requires:

- proper agenda posting,
- notice of cancellation when appropriate,
- compliance with statutory public notice requirements.

Social media is supplemental communication. I would avoid implying that NOML requires Instagram announcements.

5. Accessibility

This clause is excellent: "The posting of these Public Meetings expands accessibility..."

However, accessibility is broader than Instagram.

You might expand this to include:

- ASUN website
- Nevada Public Notice Website
- Digital signage

That better reflects accessibility for all students.

6. "Relevant meeting agendas"

The resolution states: "...detailing meeting times, locations, and relevant meeting agendas..."

Meeting agendas are already public documents.

Instead, consider: "...including meeting date, time, location, and a link to the official agenda."

This avoids duplicating agenda content while directing students to the official posting.

7. "Tries to be accessible"

Current language: "ASUN tries to be accessible..."

Legislation should avoid phrases like "tries to."

Better: "ASUN is committed to accessibility..."

Or "ASUN shall continue promoting accessibility..."

8. Missing implementation guidance

The resolution encourages posting but does not explain:

- Which meetings
- Which accounts
- What happens if a meeting is canceled
- Who is responsible when the Director is absent

A better resolution would establish a general expectation for communication rather than assigning responsibility to one person.

9. Potential workload implications

This resolution creates an ongoing operational expectation.

Questions the committee should ask:

- Has the Director of Campus and Public Relations been consulted?
- Does this align with the department's communication calendar?
- Are there staffing limitations?
- Would additional duties require reprioritizing existing responsibilities?

Good governance generally involves consulting the office responsible for implementation before imposing recurring expectations.

Questions I Would Ask the Committee

1. Has the Director of Campus and Public Relations reviewed this proposal?
2. Is this intended as policy or simply a recommendation?
3. Should this expectation apply to all ASUN public meetings (Senate, Committees, President's Cabinet, Programming, etc.)?
4. Does this create an unfunded or additional workload?
5. Why was 8:00 a.m. selected as the required posting time?
6. Would linking directly to the official agenda better support transparency than summarizing agenda items?

Final Assessment

I would support the policy objective of improving awareness of ASUN public meetings. However, I would recommend significant amendments before passage. As drafted, the resolution contains overly prescriptive operational language, potentially oversteps the Senate's legislative role by directing an individual officer's daily responsibilities, includes unnecessary references to Nevada Open Meeting Law, and could be strengthened with broader, institution-focused language emphasizing transparency, accessibility, and consistent public communication."

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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)

There are no minutes to be approved.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no reports at this time.

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

There was no old business to be discussed.

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

A. Election of Vice Chair

The Committee considered candidates for the position of Vice Chair of the committee on Government Operations.

- **Senator Horst** nominated herself.
- There were no other nominations at this time.
 - **Senator Horst** presented on why she should carry out the role of vice chair, and then promptly stepped out of the room.

Senator Horst left the room at 6:26p.m.

- **Comment from Senator Zuniga:** Spoke in support of Senator Horst carrying out the role, citing that she was knowledgeable and had met previously to discuss goals.

- **Comment from Senator Johnson:** Spoke in support of Senator Horsts' nomination, citing her understanding of the SAS.
- **Motion from Senator Zuniga:** Motion for the nomination of Senator Horst through unanimous consent.
 - **Seconded by Senator Strunk**
 - **Resolved, motion carried**

Senator Horst entered the room at 6:28p.m.

B. Review of legislation and memorandums

- **S.R. 94 - A Resolution in Support of Making a Periodic Post about Public Meetings**
 - **Senator Nubel:** introduced the piece and gave context about the piece being drafted last session after posting locations were removed from the requirements of Nevada Open Meeting Law.
 - **Response from Luis Aguilar Herrera:** Was given permission to speak through a voice vote, and asked to table the piece in order to make changes to the language of the piece. He also asked for an amendment by substitution.
 - **Question from Senator Johnson:** Asked Senator Nubel to expand on the origin of the piece.
 - **Response from Senator Nubel:** Expanded on the piece from the 93rd session, and spoke about the removal of posting locations and concerns for accessibility.
 - **Luis Aguilar Herrera:** Was permitted by the committee to speak through a voice vote and provided some more context about the piece from the previous session.
 - **Senator Nubel:** responded to Luis and reiterated that part of the piece was meant to uphold Nevada Open Meeting law.
 - **Questions from Senator Johnson:** Asked which accounts were going to post meeting times and locations.
 - **Response from Senator Nubel:** The main ASUN Instagram account.
 - **Motion from Senator Strunk:** Motion to table the piece.
 - **Senator Giammona-Wilbur:** spoke in support of motioning to table the piece and commended the piece.
 - **Question from Senator Strunk:** Asked about the details of tabling the piece and what was appropriate
 - **Response from Speaker Issa:** The piece may be tabled for a later date.
 - **Senator Strunk:** Motion to table S.R. 94 - A Resolution in Support of Making a Periodic Post about Public Meetings
 - **Seconded by:** Senator Johnson
 - **Resolved, motion carried**

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There was no miscellaneous business.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

There was no public comment.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Zuniga adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm via Room 210 in Ansari Business Build and Zoom, 2nd floor in the Ansari Business Building

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