

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

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

Agenda for Monday, August 31st, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd Floor, Rm 356

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a. Chair Saporito calls the meeting of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity to order at 6:19 P.M.

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. Yes.
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
 - i. Yes.
- c. Is the Zoom link working and available to the public?
 - i. Yes.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- a. We recognize that the University of Nevada, Reno, sits 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 the deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.

4. ROLL CALL

- a. Chair Saporito- Present
- b. Vice Chair Scherschel- Present
- c. Senator Bhardwaj- Present
- d. Senator Castro- Absent Unexcused
- e. Senator Espionza- Present
- f. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans- Absent Excused
- g. Senator Giammona Wilber- Present
- h. Senator Radke- Present



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- i. Senator Price- Absent Excused

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No public comment at this time.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. 7/24/26 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
- b. 6/26/26 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
 - i. No action was taken.

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)

- a. No audio or minutes missing at this time.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Chair Saporito- No report at this time.
- b. Vice Chair Scherschel- No report at this time.
- c. Senator Bhardwaj- No report at this time.
- d. Senator Castro- No report at this time.
- e. Senator Espionza- No report at this time.
- f. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans- No report at this time
- g. Senator Giammona Wilber- No report at this time
- h. Senator Radke- “Hey guys, please fill out the When2Meet if you want to join the DFI tour. I am emailing them a time that works for SCFI by Thursday morning, so please fill it out as soon as possible! Thanks, guys!”
- i. Senator Price- No report at this time.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old business at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Food Access Fair Report (INFORMATION ONLY)
 - i. Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
 - ii. Reno Food Systems
 - iii. Desert Farming Initiative
 - a. Chair Saporito debriefs the Food Access Fair and the plan for the next three months. Including the Sierrra hall expansion, the upcoming farmers market, and the benefactors of Pack Provisions.
- b. Homecoming Pack Provision Fundraising Event (INFORMATION ONLY)
 - i. Exec Meeting, FSL Report
 - ii. YAC UNR/Alumni Chapters Report
 - a. Vice Chair Scherschel presents the plans for the Homecoming Parade.
- c. Sierra Hall Feasibility Study Update (INFORMATION ONLY)

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions
 - a. Pack Provisions — Chair Saporito, Vice Chair Scherschel
 - b. Nevada Dining — Chair Saporito
 - c. Desert Farming Initiatives — Speaker Pro Tempore Evans, Senator Radke
 - d. Assistant Director of Business Operations (Food Ins. Committee/Reslife) — Senator Bhardwaj
 - e. Livestock Coordinator & Supervisor (Main Station, CABNR) — Senator Espinoza
 - f. Wolf Pack Meats — Senator Wilber
 - g. FISH (Friends in Service, Helping) — Senator Castro* Potentially changing to Reno Food Systems (RFS)
 - h. Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada — Senator Price

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No public comment at this time.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Saporito adjourns the meeting of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd Floor, Rm 356 and on Zoom at 6:31 P.M.