



Committee on Government Operations

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

Agenda for Thursday, October 8th, 2026 at 6:15pm

Room 405, 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

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Zoom link: <https://unr.zoom.us/j/84937566454>

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/asun-committee-on-government-operations/>
- 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. 94.28 An Act to Rename the Department and Committee of
IDEA**

“This piece was created to be more transparent with our non-ASUN community regarding the activities and responsibilities of our IDEA department and committee.”

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no items to be discussed at this time

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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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 - 28

AN ACT TO RENAME THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE OF IDEA

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR CASTRO

Whereas, The current acronym of IDEA utilized with ASUN stands for “Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility”,

Whereas, The acronym of IDEA is currently used on a broader scale to refer to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, previously named the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EHA), which was renamed to IDEA in 1990.¹

Whereas, The usage of IDEA contributes to issues of confusion regarding the purpose and intent of both the Department of IDEA and the Committee of IDEA;

Whereas, Many members of the public have expressed their belief that ASUN’s usage of IDEA is in relation to the federal piece of legislation, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Whereas, the name “DEIA” stands for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility; sharing all meanings with the name IDEA without it’s confusion.²

Whereas, This change better compliments ASUN’s values towards transparency and accessibility, and does not symbolize a change in obligation or role.

Be it enacted, The Department of IDEA and Committee of IDEA shall be officially renamed to the Department of DEIA, and that this change shall be reflected wherever the name may appear in the Statutes of the Associated Students; and

Be it further enacted, the Director of Ethics and Compliance, the Committee on Government Operations, ASUN Professional Staff and the Secretaries of the Senate shall ensure that the changes made in this legislation are reflected in the Statutes of the Students, other governing documents, and the ASUN Website.

Be it further enacted, that a copy of this bill be sent to the following individuals:

¹ <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/IDEA-History>

² <https://www.aclu.org/news/racial-justice/dei-and-accessibility-explained>

- Director of the Center for Student Engagement, Dion Webb-Figueroa;
- Associate Director of Student Government, Luis Aguilar-Herrera;
- Director of the Department of IDEA, Jorge Benuto
- President of the Associated Students, Dillon Moss;
- Vice President of the Associated Students, Luke Calderon; and
- Speaker of the 94th Senate of the Associated Students, Jason Issa;