Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students, 94th Session
Agenda for Monday, October 5th, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd Floor, Rm 356, 1664 North Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557
Zoom Link:
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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/special-committee-on-food-insecurity-12/
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   If the answer to any of these questions is no, this meeting must be ENDED IMMEDIATELY unless NOML covers a legitimate correction.

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."

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4. **ROLL CALL**
   The Secretary must list roll call.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)**
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6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**
   a. 9/14/2026 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

7. **AUDIO OR MINUTES MISSING FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS BODY THAT DO NOT MEET THE 30 WORKING DAYS POSTING OF NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW**
   There are no missing audio or written minutes to be corrected at this time.

8. **REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**
   a. Chair Saporito
   b. Vice Chair Scherschel
   c. Senator Bhardwaj
   d. Senator Castro
   e. Senator Espionza
   f. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans
   g. Senator Giammona Wilber
   h. Senator Radke
   i. Senator Price

9. **OLD BUSINESS**
   There is no old business at this time.

10. **NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**
    a. ASUN's October Food Access Fair (INFORMATION ONLY)
       i. Event & Budget Proposal Form (INFORMATION ONLY)

11. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**
    a. Liaison changes and additions

    1. **Pack Provisions** — Chair Saporito, Vice Chair Scherschel

2. **Nevada Dining** — Senator Bhardwaj
3. **Desert Farming Initiatives** — Speaker Pro Tempore Evans, Senator Radke
4. **Livestock Coordinator & Supervisor (Main Station, CABNR)** — Senator Espinoza
5. **Wolf Pack Meats** — Senator Wilber
6. **FISH (Friends in Service, Helping)** — Senator Castro
7. **Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada** — Senator Price

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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.

[Agenda Item 10, Line-Item A, Subsection I] - Information Only

ASUN DEPARTMENT OF PROGRAMMING
EVENT & BUDGET PROPOSAL FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Learning Outcomes:

1. Spread awareness & provide information on facilities located both on & off campus for students who may be experiencing food insecurity while enrolled at UNR.

2. Provide free & fresh produce to students at the University to assist them w/ potential future shopping runs.

3. Develop relations with external organizations to spread awareness of ASUN and the critical need for Pack Provisions on campus.

EVENT INFORMATION:

Event Name:	**ASUN Food Access Fair**	**Date:**	**10/09/2026**
Event Location:	**KC Lawn**	**Time:**	**12:00PM – 2:00PM**

BUDGET INFORMATION: *Please itemize your ENTIRE event budget below:*

DESCRIPTION:	**AMOUNT:**	**VENDOR:**
1. Sam's Club Bannanas, 3lbs. ($0.49/lb) Bananas, 3 lbs. - Samsclub.com	$1.47 x 25 $36.75	Sam's Club
2. Sam's Club Apples, 8-12 ct (refrigerated) Envy Apples, 4 lbs. -	$5.85 x 25 $146.25	Sam's Club

Samsclub.com		
3. Sam's Club Organic Sweet Carrots (refrigerated) Organic Tender Sweet Carrots, 5 lbs. - Samsclub.com	$3.37 x 30 $134.80	Sam's Club
4. Sam's Club Member's Mark Blueberry Muffins Member's Mark Blueberry Muffins, 6 ct. - Samsclub.com	$6.74 x 15 $101.10	Sam's Club
5. Sam's Club Member's Mark Cinnamon Crunch Muffins Member's Mark Cinnamon Crunch Muffin, 6 ct. - Samsclub.com	$6.74 x 15 $101.10	Sam's Club
6. Sam's Club Yoplait Yogurt 18ct (6oz) (refrigerated) Yoplait Original Lowfat Yogurt Variety Pack, 6 oz., 18 ct. - Samsclub.com	$7.98 x 20 $159.60	Sam's Club
7. Sam's Club Member's Mark Purified 4 Gallon for Water Dispensers Member's Mark Purified Water 4 Gallon for Water Dispensers - Samsclub.com	$6.98 x 4 (rent cooler + gas station ice + dispenser) $27.92	Sam's Club
8. Sam's Club Gatorade Sports Drink Core Variety Pack 12 fl. Oz., 28pk	$15.78 x 5 $78.90	Sam's Club

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9. Walmart Fresh Raspberries, 6 oz. Container ($0.54/oz) Fresh Produce, Fresh Raspberries, 6 oz. Container, Hand-Picked - Walmart.com	$3.27 x 40 $130.80	Walmart
10. Walmart Fresh Mandarin Oranges, 3 lb Bag ($0.10/oz) Fresh Produce, Fresh Mandarin Oranges, 3 lb Bag, Seedless, Juicy - Walmart.com	$4.97 x 35 $173.95	Walmart
11. Desert Farming Initiatives Potatoes (Butter Ball & Russet): 5lbs for $25	$25 x 3 $75.00	Desert Farming Initiatives (DFI)
12. Desert Farming Initiatives Jalapeno: 3lbs for $22	$22 x 3 $66.00	Desert Farming Initiatives (DFI)
13. Reno Food Systems Spicy Garlic Bulbs	125 x 1 $50.00	Reno Food Systems (Non-Profit)
14. Reno Food Systems Swiss Chard	$50.00	Reno Food Systems (Non-Profit)
Misc (9%)	$119.83	

TOTAL EVENT BUDGET:	**$1,332.17**	
TOTAL ASUN BUDGET:	**$1,452.00**	

VENDOR NAME:	VENDOR TYPE:	NSHE VENDOR STATUS:	BUSINESS TYPE:
Sam's Club	C	F	A
Walmart	C	F	A
Desert Farming Initiatives (UNR)	C	A	D
Reno Food Systems (NPO)	C	F	D

Vendor Type:

A. Food Truck
B. Equipment
C. Food/Drinks (Non-Food Truck)
D. Entertainment
E. Marketing/Promotional
F. Personnel
G. Other (Specify)

NSHE Vendor Status:

A. Submitted
B. Phase I
C. Phase II
D. Denied
E. Accepted
F. Not Required (Internal)

Business Type:

A. US – C Corporation
B. US – Individual, Sole Proprietor or Single Member LLC
C. US – Limited Liability Company
D. US – Other
E. Foreign (non-US) – Individual
F. Foreign (non-US) – Other

[WRITTEN MINUTES]

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada 94th Session
Agenda for Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 6:15 P.M.
Conference Room 405**, 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union**
Email Senator Saporito senatorSaporito@asun.unr.edu for more information

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

a. Chair Saporito calls the meeting of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity to order at 6:15 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- Present
e. Senator Espionza- Present
f. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans- Present
g. Senator Giammona Wilber- Present
h. Senator Radke- Present

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i. Senator Price- Absence Unexcused
   i. A quorum is present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. There is no public comment at this time.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. 8/31/26
b. 7/24/26
c. 6/26/26
   i. Chair Saporito seeks a motion to approve agenda items 6a-c through unanimous consent.
   ii. So moved by Vice Chair Scherschel.
   iii. Second by Speaker Pro Tempore Evans.
   iv. Seeing no dissent, those minutes are approved.

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- reports that the committee will be meeting next Monday again at the same time. Himself and Vice Chair Scherschel are contacting President Moss for possibly developing an endowment for Pack Provisions using capital funds. There is a DFI agricultural expo coming up that would be good to attend, all of our liaison contacts will be there.
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- "Hello, I have been in contact via email with Jill Moe at DFI, introduced myself and all that over email. Both Radtke and I have DFI as our liaison position, so I think as time goes on we will both be meeting/checking in with them for whatever we do in the future."
g. Senator Giammona Wilber- "Hey Y'all I met with Tom at wolf pack meats a few weeks ago and toured the facility. It was very fun, very cool, and I saw a lot of cows. I also learned that wolf pack meat basically makes all the money they make from processing and butchering animals that aren't theirs, for example all of the animals when I went were for the Lassen county fair. We talked about some potential things like student employees or pack rides to their facility if possible. I'm currently trying to set up another time to meet with him and see if he would be interested in helping or tabling at any of our SCFI events in the future."
   i. Vice Chair Scherschel asks if it is possible for her to see the cows as well.
   ii. Senator Giammona-Wilber answers that you can but most of them are not living.

h. Senator Radke- "Hi everyone, there will be a tour for DFI on September 17 at 3 pm. I have created a Teams chat, so if you want to be involved, please let me know and I can add you! Thank you!"
i. Senator Price- No report at this time.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Food Access Fair Report (INFORMATION ONLY)
   i. Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
   ii. Reno Food Systems
   iii. Desert Farming Initiative
b. Homecoming Pack Provision Fundraising Event (INFORMATION ONLY)
   i. Exec Meeting, FSL Report
   ii. YAC UNR/Alumni Chapters Report
c. Sierra Hall Feasibility Study Update (INFORMATION ONLY)

d. Chair Saporito gives updates on the previous initiatives: the three benefactors for the Food Access Fair,

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. There is no new business at this time.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Liaison changes and additions
   i. Pack Provisions — Chair Saporito, Vice Chair Scherschel
   ii. Nevada Dining — Chair Saporito
   iii. Desert Farming Initiatives — Speaker Pro Tempore Evans, Senator Radke
   iv. Assistant Director of Business Operations (Food Ins. Committee/Reslife) — Senator Bhardwaj
   v. Livestock Coordinator & Supervisor (Main Station, CABNR) — Senator Espinoza
   vi. Wolf Pack Meats — Senator Wilber
   vii. FISH (Friends in Service, Helping) — Senator Castro
   viii. Potentially changing to Reno Food Systems (RFS)
   ix. Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada — Senator Price

b. Senator Bhardwaj moves to place himself in the liaison position on Nevada Dining through unanimous consent.
c. Second by Vice Chair Scherschel.
d. Seeing no dissent, Senator Bhardwaj is now placed in that liaison position
e. Chair Saporito moves to remove himself from the liaison position on Nevada Dining through unanimous consent.
f. Second by Vice Chair Scherschel
g. Seeing no dissent, Chair Saporito is no longer in that liaison position.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Speaker Issa comments, it is always a treat to come to your committee meetings, and

some of the members in the committee still need to schedule one on one meetings with me so please do that.

13. ADJOURNMENT

a. Chair Saporito adjourns the Special Committee on Food Insecurity at 6:31 P.M. in Joe Crowley Student Union, 4th Floor, Rm 405 and on Zoom.