



Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students, 94th Session

Agenda for Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 6:15 PM

Conference Room 405, Joe Crowley Student Union, 4th Floor, Rm 405, 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-10/>
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
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3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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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.

- a. 8/31/26 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
- b. 7/24/26 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
- c. 6/26/26 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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)

- 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 (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

- 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)

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

There is no new business at this time.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

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.



[WRITTEN MINUTES]

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students, 94th Session

Agenda for Friday, June 26th, 2026, at 3:00 PM

Frankie Sue Del Papa President's Conference Room, Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd Floor, 1664
North Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557

Zoom link:

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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 3:02 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?
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 - i. Yes.

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3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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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

- a. Chair Saporito- Present
- b. Vice Chair Scherschel- Present
- c. Senator Bhardwaj- Present
- d. Senator Castro- Present
- e. Senator Espinoza- Absence Excused
- f. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans- Present
- g. Senator Giammona Wilber- Present
- h. Senator Radke- Present
- i. Senator Price- Absence Excused

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. No public comment at this time

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

- a. 5/29/26 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
 - i. Vice Chair Scherschel moved to pass the minutes unanimously; no dissent was called.

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. There are no audio minutes to be approved of at this time.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Chair Saporito
 - i. Discussed goals and initiatives the Special Committee had conducted in the previous ASUN Legislative Session, including analyzing statistics from the CSE’s 2024 Civic Engagement Survey, partnerships with external organizations such as Carson City’s food pantry FISH, reaching out Nevada Legislature Assembly Members & State Senators, and conducting a Farmer’s Market. Chair Saporito & Vice Chair Scherschel began discussing initiatives they would like to conduct in the 94th session, such as the Sierra Hall Expansion for Pack Provisions and initiating a Homecoming Fundraising Event for the pantry.

- b. Senator Castro - No report at this time.
- c. Senator Espionza - No report at this time.
- d. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans - No report at this time.
- e. Senator Giammona Wilber - No report at this time.
- f. Senator Radke - No report at this time.
- g. Senator Scherschel - No report at this time.
- h. Senator Price - No report at this time.

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. Appointment of Vice Chair

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions
 - 1. **Pack Provisions** — Chair Saporito, Vice Chair Scherschel
 - 2. **Nevada Dining** — Chair Saporito
 - 3. **Desert Farming Initiatives** — Speaker Pro Tempore Evans
 - a. Senator Radke appointed herself to this liaison position through unanimous consent.
 - 4. **Assistant Director of Business Operations (Food Ins. Committee/Reslife)** — VACANT (For Possible Action)
 - a. Senator Bhardwaj appointed himself to this liaison position through unanimous consent.
 - 5. **Livestock Coordinator & Supervisor (Main Station, CABNR)** — Senator Espinoza
 - 6. **Wolf Pack Meats** — Senator Wilber
 - 7. **FISH (Friends in Service, Helping)** — Senator Castro
 - 8. **Pack Rides** — Senator Price

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Jason Issa - Speaker of the 94th Session
 - i. Thanked the Special Committee on the initiatives discussed during the meeting; interested in partnering with Chair Saporito & Vice Chair Scherschel to run Percentage Nights for Interns during the 94th session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Saporito adjourns the meeting of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity at 3:25 P.M.

[WRITTEN MINUTES]

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

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

Agenda for Friday, July 24th, 2026, at 3 P.M.

Frankie Sue Del Papa President's Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

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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 3:02 P.M.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

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 - i. Yes.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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4. ROLL CALL

- a. Chair Saporito- Present
- b. Vice Chair Scherschel- Present
- c. Senator Bhardwaj- Present
- d. Senator Castro- Present
- e. Senator Espinoza- Absence Excused
- f. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans- Present
- g. Senator Giammona Wilber- Present
- h. Senator Radke- Present
- i. Senator Price- Present

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No public comment at this time



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6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. There are no minutes to be adopted at this time.

7. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Vice Chair Scherschel- No report at this time.
- b. Senator Bhardwaj- No report at this time.
- c. Senator Castro- No report at this time.
- d. Senator Espinoza- No report at this time.
- e. Speaker Pro Tempore Evans- No report at this time.
- f. Senator Giammona Wilber- No report at this time.
- g. Senator Radke- No report at this time.
- h. Senator Price- No report at this time.

8. OLD BUSINESS

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. S.B. 94 - An Act to Use Capital Funds to Fund the Feasibility Study of the Sierra Hall Expansion for Pack Provisions
 - i. Vice Chair Scherschel expertly presents not only the proposed bill but the overall expansion plan for Sierra Hall.
 - ii. Ryan Syad asks to what level Pack Provisions will have during the proposed expansion?
 - iii. Chair Saporito answers that Pack Provisions will be very involved or hopes that they will be during this time.
 - iv. Ryan Syad asks how long the study will take and mentions that 30-40% of students are just food insecure but very food insecure.
 - v. Chair Saporito answers that the study will take about a month to complete.
 - vi. Senator Bhardwaj asks what would make this expansion a “success” in the eyes of the university and who would eventually need to say yes after the survey.
 - vii. Luis Aguilar-Herrera answers the survey will provide the answers on how much it will cost and what burden the students and university will have to take on. A favorable study will essentially greenlight the project.
 - viii. Chair Saporito seeks a motion to approve agenda item 9a though unanimous consent.
 - ix. So moved by Vice Chair Scherschel.
 - x. Second by Senator Castro.
 - xi. Seeing no dissent, the bill is favorably recommended.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions
 - i. Pack Provisions — Chair Saporito, Vice Chair Scherschel- reports that she is looking into various fundraising opportunities, especially during homecoming. Hopefully the Committee on Budget and Finance will be able to meet soon so that the bill can see the Senate floor.
 1. Ryan Syad asks where the budget for this committee comes from.
 2. Vice Chair Scherschel answers that most of the time it comes from the outreach budget or donations from other ASUN departments.
 - 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. Pack Rides — Senator Price

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No public

12. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Saporito adjourns the meeting of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity at 3:31 P.M.

[WRITTEN MINUTES]

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

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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
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 - 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.