[WRITTEN MINUTES]

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada 94th Session
Agenda for Friday, Monday 21st, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.
405**, 4th 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 6:30 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- Present
    i. A quorum is present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Director Cook comments that she knows the committee is planning a farmers market later this month and that is what her department does frequently and she wants to learn about the Pack Provisions endowment.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. There are no minutes to adopt 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)

a. There are no audio or minutes missing 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- The
i. Senator Price

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. There is no old business at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. S.B. 94.22 - An Act to use Capital Funds to Develop the ASUN Endowment for Pack Provisions
    i. Chair Saporito and Vice Chair Scherschel give a mock presentation of the proposed bill. Pack Provisions doesn't get funding from ASUN so it is vulnerable to losing its funding.
    ii. Senator Bhardwaj suggests that Chair Saporito should point out each section during the presentation to make sure people are following along and make a point to explain why it is important that this is an endowment and not just giving Pack Provision $100,000 dollars.
    iii. Director Cook asks what would happen if there were a stock market crash.
    iv. Chair Saporito answers that the company would have to appeal to the state on why the endowment is not performing as well as they said.
    v. Vice Chair Scherschel answers also the money that Pack Provisions is getting is

from the investment gains.

vi. Senator Giammona-Wilber comments that he is a little nervous with the deadlines of 4% and 7% with the Pack Provisions expansion coming up. Is it not too much money to be spending at one time?
vii. Chair Saporito answers that we have massive rollover every year, so we have more than enough money to do this and the foundation will not let anything bad happen to the endowment.
viii. Vice Chair Scherschel answers that this money is for the everyday functions of Pack Provisions, so it has no impact on the expansion.
ix. Senator Bhardwaj comments that even in the worst-case scenario, it is just a market cut. So, you should point out that even in the worst-case scenario it's not that bad.
x. Director Cook asks who is going to take out the money.
xi. Vice Chair Scherschel answers that it is most likely going to be a capital fund request.
xii. Secretary Fan asks why we are contracting a private company to do this, does the university have the ability to do this ourselves.
xiii. Chair Saporito answers The Foundation is highly connected to the university, but it would be a conflict of interest for the university itself to hold the endowment.
xiv. Senator Giammona-Wilber asks what a better breakdown of the investments would be based on assets and investments.
xv. Chair Saporito answers that he will look to see if they have any public data on their investments.
xvi. Director Cook asks if a future president can invest more than 7% at one time or if they are capped at that.
xvii. Chair Saporito answers that no they can only invest up to 7% per quarter, but they could do it multiple times a year.
xviii. Senator Giammona-Wilber asks if the 3% and 7% cap is based on the previous quarter or the one before that.
xix. Chair Saporito answers that it is based on whatever the last quarter is.
xx. Senator Bhardwaj comments that the extra two slides and deep dive into how it works, just keep it to the basics.
xxi. Chair Saporito and Vice Chair Scherschel welcome anyone to message them if they want to support the piece.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Liaison changes and additions
   i. Pack Provisions — Chair Saporito, Vice Chair Scherschel
   ii. Nevada Dining — Senator Bhardwaj- He will reach out to his liaison contact to see if they can coordinate.
   iii. Desert Farming Initiatives — Speaker Pro Tempore Evans, Senator Radke- The DFI tour will be the 30th of this month.
   iv. Livestock Coordinator & Supervisor (Main Station, CABNR) — Senator Espinoza
   v. Wolf Pack Meats — Senator Wilber
   vi. FISH (Friends in Service, Helping) — Senator Castro * Potentially changing to

Reno Food Systems (RFS)

vii. Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada — Senator Price

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Vice Chair Scherschel thanks the Office of the Secretary and Secretary Fan for all his hard work at all the committees and departments and Senate, he does more work than he should so please help him in any way that you can.

b. Director Cook comments that the Department of Sustainability is having a farmers' market next week in the KC breezeway.

c. Alexander Saporito comments that there is a new Pack Provisions Instagram account so go follow that.

13. ADJOURNMENT

a. Chair Saporito adjourns the meeting of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity at 7:09 P.M. in room 405, 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union and on Zoom.