

94th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.

In Person: Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

Zoom Meeting: <https://unr.zoom.us/j/81792961863>

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/senate-of-the-associated-students-49/>
- 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?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, this meeting must be ended immediately unless NOML covers a legitimate correction.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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**

Roll Call must be listed by the Legislative Clerk.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

The Senate will consider approval of written minutes from the following meeting dates ([Access written minutes](#)):

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



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If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact the Senate Secretary at joshuaafan@unr.edu.

6. 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 Speaker may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to speaker@asun.unr.edu or via Zoom conference call. Please email the Senate Secretary for the meeting details through joshuaafan@unr.edu.

7. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and may refer each to the appropriate committee or approve of the communications immediately. Directors, Assistant Directors, the Chief Justice, and Associate Justices shall be approved under agenda item 11 upon approval under this agenda item if submitted with a fast-track memorandum; otherwise, they shall be referred to the appropriate committee. Subsidiary positions under the aforementioned positions shall be approved under agenda item 14 upon approval under this agenda item. Appointments to the Senate shall be approved under agenda item 12 upon approval under this agenda item.

- a. No items were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate at this time.

8. REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length of time each officer may speak.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Dillon Moss
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Luke Calderon
- c. Chief Justice, Emma Silveyra
- d. Director of Executive Outreach, Troy Barrera
- e. Chief of Staff, Madison Atkinson
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Sienna Nepa
- g. Director of Programming, Antonio Munoz
- h. Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch
- i. Director of IDEA, Jorge Benuto
- j. Director of Sustainability, Kendra Cook
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Keira Mendoza
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Jordan Brown
- m. Director of Ethics & Compliance, Andrew Sanchez
- n. Speaker of the Senate, Jason Issa

9. REPORTS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee and special committee, as well as the Speaker Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian to report on the committee's activities since the previous meeting. The Speaker may impose reasonable restrictions on time allotted for each individual.

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Michael Nubel
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Henry Lawson
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Kaylee Radtke

- d. Chair, Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility, Viviana Castro
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Lance Zuniga
- f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Mikayla Williams
- g. Chair, Special Committee on Food Insecurity, Alexander Saporito
- h. Parliamentarian, Faith Strabala
- i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Dominic Evans
- j. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Jason Issa

10. REPORTS OF SECRETARIES OFFICE (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize the Senate Secretaries and Legislative Clerk to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements. The Speaker may impose reasonable restrictions on time allotted for each individual.

- a. Senate Secretary, Joshua Fan
- b. Senate Secretary, Maania Manha
- c. Legislative Clerk, Daphne Gutierrez

11. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The motion to fast track an appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the department or committee of relevant jurisdiction. If approved, the appointment will be considered under agenda item 12.

- a. There were no items submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

12. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

- a. There were no appointments submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his/her objections.

- a. There were no veto messages submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

14. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through nominations for subsidiary positions under Directors and Assistant Directors. Such positions shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the agenda for a debate and vote.

- a. No nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate at this time.

15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The following legislation will receive approval from the Senate to move forward to agenda items 16, 17, or 18. A piece of legislation whose sponsor has submitted a fast-track memorandum shall proceed to agenda item 16 if approved under this item, and then to agenda item 18 if approved under agenda item 16. A piece of legislation whose sponsor has not submitted a fast-track memorandum shall proceed to

agenda item 17 if approved under this item.

- a. **S.B. 94.41 – An Act to Establish a Ballot Question for a \$0.20 Nevada Sagebrush Fee**
Proposes placing a ballot question on the 2027 ASUN general election ballot asking students whether to authorize a \$0.20 per-credit fee for undergraduate students to support *The Nevada Sagebrush*. The proposed fee would provide funding for the newspaper's operations and paid student journalist positions.
- b. **S.R. 94.58 – A Resolution to Strengthen Institutional Accountability in Cases of Sexual Violence**
Condemns institutional responses to sexual violence that prioritize reputation over student safety and calls for stronger accountability, prevention, and survivor support; proposes initiatives to expand student awareness of available resources, strengthen prevention education, collaborate with University Police and fraternity organizations, and advocate for institutional and policy reforms addressing power-based violence.

16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

A Senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that the legislation's sponsor has provided a fast-track memorandum to be attached to this agenda. The motion shall be decided without debate and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of all members present.

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17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The Senate shall refer all legislation approved under agenda item 15 and not fast-tracked to committee.

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18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

The following legislation, if favorably recommended by the committee(s) it was seen by, or approved through a fast-track under agenda item 16, shall be considered. The Speaker may impose reasonable restrictions on time for each Senator to speak.

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prevention education, collaborate with University Police and fraternity organizations, and advocate for institutional and policy reforms addressing power-based violence.

19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION / INFORMATION ONLY)

a. Division of Student Services “Ask Wolfie” Presentation (Information Only)

The Senate will hear a presentation from Emilie Rodriguez with the Division of Student Services regarding “Ask Wolfie,” the University of Nevada, Reno’s AI-powered guide to student life. Following the presentation, the Speaker will open the floor to questions from the Senate body. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on both the presentation time and the questioning period.

b. Center for Student Engagement Civic Engagement Survey Presentation (Information Only)

The Senate will hear a presentation from Luis Aguilar-Herrera with the Center for Student Engagement (CSE) and Isabelle Hatch from the ASUN Department of Government Affairs regarding the CSE’s Civic Engagement Survey. Following the presentation, the Speaker will open the floor to questions from the Senate body. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on both the presentation time and the questioning period.

c. Nevada Sagebrush Presentation (Information Only)

The Senate will hear a presentation from James Perez and Riley Overstreet with the University’s student newspaper, *The Nevada Sagebrush*, regarding their organization’s fiscal and budgetary situation, as well as the piece of legislation under items 15 and 17 of this agenda. Following the presentation, the Speaker will open the floor to questions from the Senate body. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on both the presentation time and the questioning period.

d. Senate Committee Changes and Additions (For Possible Action)

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments.

e. Senator Reports (Information Only)

The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on.

20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor. The Speaker may impose reasonable restrictions on the time each Senator may speak.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on items on or off this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

22. ADJOURNMENT

NOTES

Agenda items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Speaker. The Senate may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Senate may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Any inquiries or requests for

supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Secretary of the Senate at joshuaafan@unr.edu.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

94th SESSION
2026-2027

**S.B. 94.41 -
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BALLOT
QUESTION FOR A \$0.20 NEVADA
SAGEBRUSH FEE**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR HORVATH
CO-AUTHORED BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE EVANS

Whereas, The Nevada Sagebrush is one of the oldest newspapers in the nation, being founded October 19th, 1893, and is a staple of this university; and

Whereas, it's imperative to preserve the history of The Nevada Sagebrush and deliver independent journalism for future generations of students; and

Whereas, The Nevada Sagebrush is in continuous production in present day; and

Whereas, The Nevada Sagebrush delivers informative articles regarding students life, sports, and academics, as well as commentary, entertainment, and other national news; and

Whereas, The Nevada Sagebrush is valuable for Journalism majors to help them gain experience in the field of Journalism; and

Whereas, the proposed credit fee will be \$0.20 per credit; and

Whereas, all undergraduate students enrolled in at least 1 credit will pay this fee; and

Whereas, students taking a full 15 credit course load will only pay \$3.00 a semester; and

Whereas, this fee will fund The Nevada Sagebrush, generating significant revenue to continue day to day operations; and

Whereas, without this additional funding, The Nevada Sagebrush is in danger of going bankrupt; and

Whereas, their main source of income stems from bought ad revenue; and

Whereas, this source of income has taken a hard hit and never fully recovered from the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

Whereas, the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in significant ad losses from customers, causing financial strain on Sagebrush staff and financial instability in the long term; and

Whereas, this fee would help fund paid student journalist positions and deliver them better wages; and

Whereas, without this new funding, all paid student positions would be eliminated; and

Whereas, The Scarlet & Gray, the student run newspaper of The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has successfully implemented a similar such fee, with a similar purpose and mission; and

Whereas, the UNLV fee helps fund their staff and other such expenditures appropriate for a newspaper; and

Whereas, the Board of Regents approved this proposal in December 2022 and went into effect in the fall semester of 2023; now, therefore,

***THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:***

Be it enacted, that a ballot question seeking the approval of the voters shall appear on the 2027 ASUN general election ballot as follows: “Shall a student credit fee of \$0.20 per credit be authorized to fund and support The Nevada Sagebrush?”; and

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

- President, University of Nevada, *Brian Sandoval*;
- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Dion Webb-Figueroa*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- Dean, Reynolds School of Journalism, *Gi W. Yun*;
- President, Associated Students, *Dillon Moss*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Luke Calderon*;
- Speaker, 94th Senate, Associated Students, *Jason Issa*;
- Chair, Committee on Academics & Student Affairs, *Michael Nubel*;

- Executive Editor, The Nevada Sagebrush, *James Perez*;
- Deputy Editor, The Nevada Sagebrush, *Riley Overstreet*;
- Coordinator, Student Publications and Marketing, *Gabby Turner*
- Co-Director of Elections, *Katie Waldron*



TO: Jason Issa, Speaker of the 94th Senate

FROM: Faith Strabala, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts & Ken Bhardwaj, Senator for the School of Medicine & Orvis School of Nursing

Date: 10/08/2026

RE: Request to Fast-Track S.B. 94.58 A Resolution to Strengthen Institutional Accountability in Cases of Sexual Violence

Dear Speaker Issa and Esteemed Senators,

We are writing to request that *S.R. 94.58 - A Resolution to Strengthen Institutional Accountability in Cases of Sexual Violence* be fast-tracked for immediate consideration.

The resolution responds to the conversation surrounding Cornell University by asking what we, as student representatives, can do to strengthen prevention, resource awareness, and accountability within our own community. It recognizes the University's existing work while affirming that student safety requires continued engagement from administrators, student leaders, and campus organizations.

Fast-tracking this piece would allow the Senate to establish its position while related conversations with University partners are actively developing. In particular, the University has expressed interest in Senate representation on a potential committee addressing power-based violence. The resolution supports that participation and establishes priorities for continued work, including collaboration with UPDNC on safety programming, Title IX and NevadaCARES on resource accessibility, Counseling Services for clinical aid, and outreach to independent fraternity leadership.

These efforts require coordination and planning. Timely consideration allows the Senate to move forward with a shared direction and begin translating the resolution's commitments into action during the current semester.

This request is not intended to limit deliberation. We have been discussing the resolution on a timeline comparable to standard committee review, and welcome questions and amendments from members of the Senate.

We believe this piece provides an opportunity to move beyond expressing concern and commit ourselves to work that students can see and benefit from.

We appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

Senator Strabala & Senator Bhardwaj

Associated Students of the University of Nevada



94th SESSION
2026-2027

S. R. 94.58

A RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN CASES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE BY SENATOR STRABALA & SENATOR BHARDWAJ

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S.R. 94.58

AUTHORS AND SPONSORS

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SENATOR MITCHELL POTTER, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SENATOR LANCE ZUNIGA, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

SENATOR JAKE JOHNSON, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

SENATOR HENRY LAWSON, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

1 *Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno affirms that members of its community have the
2 right to an education free from harassment and discrimination, to seek accommodation and
3 supportive measures, to receive fair and impartial treatment, to be protected from retaliation¹; and

4 *Whereas*, the University’s published policy requires ongoing, voluntary consent to sexual
5 activity and recognizes that a person cannot consent while incapacitated, including when
6 incapacitation results from voluntary or involuntary use of alcohol or drugs²; [§D.2] and

7 *Whereas*, these commitments require a campus culture in which seeking help does not cost
8 students their dignity, belonging, or opportunity to continue their education; and

9 *Whereas*, a civil complaint filed in New York County on September 16, 2026, alleges that a
10 Cornell University student was sexually assaulted by seven members of the Chi Phi, Xi Chapter, in
11 October 2024 and that Cornell and other defendants failed to protect her; these allegations remain
12 disputed and are not findings of this Senate³; [filing stamp and complaint §§1–6] and

13 *Whereas*, the complaint states that the student reported the incident to Cornell University
14 Police on November 8, 2024, that temporary suspensions followed, that a Title IX investigation
15 began January 14, 2025, and that hearings occurred in May 2025; [3, §§179–184] and

16 *Whereas*, Cornell stated on September 28, 2026, that its process resulted in suspensions and
17 expulsions, that interim restrictions had been imposed, that Chi Phi closed in 2024 and remains
18 closed, and that essay writing was not the sole consequence imposed on any defendant⁴; and

¹ University of Nevada, Reno, Center for Civil Rights & Equal Access. Know your rights and resources. “Your rights,” reporting information, and confidential-resource list. <https://www.unr.edu/civil-rights/title-ix/know-your-rights>

² University of Nevada, Reno, Center for Civil Rights & Equal Access. Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment. §D.2, consent; §D.16, qualified amnesty. This citation describes the policy published by UNR, rather than offering an independent interpretation of federal law.

³ Jane Doe v. Cornell University, Inc., et al., New York Supreme Court, New York County, Index No. 161704/2026, NYSCEF Document No. 1, summons and complaint. Dated September 14, 2026; electronically filed September 16, 2026. Complaint §§1–6 and 179–184; PDF pp. 1, 3–4, 29–30. This is a party’s pleading, not a judicial determination. <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=w3cAcu0L42eUEEFc9PeClw%3D%3Dx>

⁴ Mary Caitlin Cronin and Varsha Bhargava. Cornell Denies That Defendants in Alleged Chi Phi Gang Rape Only Wrote Essays, Confirms Expulsions. The Cornell Daily Sun, September 28, 2026. Reports and links Cornell’s September 21 and September 28 statements. The university statements could not be retrieved directly during this review; the resolution attributes their contents through this reporting. <https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2026/09/cornell-denies-that-defendants-in-alleged-chi-phi-gang-rape-only-wrote-essays-confirms-expulsions>

19 *Whereas*, Cornell’s September 21 public statement declined to identify disciplinary
20 consequences beyond the chapter’s closure on privacy grounds, while its September 28 statement
21 subsequently identified suspensions and expulsions without identifying the students who received
22 sanctions; [4] and

23 *Whereas*, the plaintiff told The Cornell Daily Sun that criticism and ostracism from the
24 student community compounded the harm she experienced, raising a distinct concern about how
25 students treat peers who disclose sexual violence⁵; and

26 *Whereas*, the Tompkins County District Attorney reopened the criminal investigation in
27 September 2026, and Governor Kathy Hochul called on September 29 for an independent
28 examination of Cornell’s response and its systems for preventing and addressing sexual violence;
29 these developments do not themselves establish that Cornell took no earlier action⁶; and

30 *Whereas*, Cornell established a Presidential Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault in February
31 2025 and published its final report in March 2026, documenting institutional work that preceded the
32 current national attention⁷; [pp. 2–3] and

33 *Whereas*, that report identified substantial gaps in students’ understanding of reporting and
34 support options, including that only approximately one quarter knew how to file a formal complaint
35 or understood the subsequent process; the report also cautioned that the 2025 undergraduate survey
36 response rate was 13 percent, limiting interpretation of its findings; [7, pp. 9–10] and

⁵ Cereese Qusba. Cornell, Chi Phi Sued by Victim of Alleged Gang Rape, Drugging in 2024. The Cornell Daily Sun, September 18, 2026, updated September 28. Includes the plaintiff’s account of her treatment by the student community and a defense attorney’s denial of allegations against his client. <https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2026/09/tccsuykuvb4z>

⁶ Associated Press. New York Gov. Hochul pushes for investigation into Cornell’s handling of a 2024 gang rape allegation. September 29, 2026. Corroborated by Varsha Bhargava, Gov. Kathy Hochul Requests ‘Independent Review’ of Cornell’s Response to Alleged Chi Phi Gang Rape, The Cornell Daily Sun, September 29, 2026. <https://apnews.com/article/22bbafb9a267323e4f02d275d915474b>; <https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2026/09/gov-kathy-hochul-requests-independent-review-of-cornell-s-response-to-alleged-chi-phi-gang-rape>

⁷ Cornell University. Presidential Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault Final Report. March 10, 2026, pp. 2–3 and 9–10. The recommendations, survey limitations, and reporting-awareness findings are drawn from Cornell’s own report. <https://provost.cornell.edu/initiatives/task-force-sa/tfsa-final-report-2026.pdf>

37 *Whereas*, the task force recommended clearer information about the Title IX process, support
38 resources, and fraternity and sorority scorecards, demonstrating that the existence of institutional
39 policies does not by itself establish that students understand or can effectively use them; [7, p. 2] and

40 *Whereas*, the Senate believes that the Cornell case warrants independent scrutiny of the
41 timeliness and adequacy of institutional decisions, the support available to the reporting student, and
42 the conditions that allowed the alleged harm; and

43 *Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno’s published procedures require prompt outreach
44 about supportive measures, provide for support without a formal complaint, and require monitoring
45 of those measures to assess safety and protection against retaliation⁸; [§B] and

46 *Whereas*, those procedures provide for emergency removal following an individualized
47 assessment of an immediate threat to physical health or safety, with notice and an opportunity to
48 challenge the decision, and require impartial proceedings, conflict-of-interest safeguards, and written
49 explanations for qualifying delays; [8, §§C.2, D] and

50 *Whereas*, the University’s published policy provides qualified amnesty for individuals
51 reporting sexual misconduct in good faith, including in some circumstances involving alcohol or
52 drugs, subject to stated exceptions for egregious conduct and without immunity from external legal
53 proceedings; [2, §D.16] and

54 *Whereas*, the University identifies NevadaCARES, Counseling Services, and the Student
55 Health Center as confidential resources, and its Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life directs chapters
56 to NevadaCARES for prevention education concerning sexual assault, relationship violence, and
57 stalking⁹; and

⁸ University of Nevada, Reno, Office of Student Conduct. Student Code of Conduct, Section VII: Procedures When Sexual Harassment Under Title IX Is Alleged. §§B, C.2, D, and M. <https://www.unr.edu/student-conduct/student-code-of-conduct/section-vii>

⁹ University of Nevada, Reno, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Chapter resources. Training and workshops; University policies. <https://www.unr.edu/fraternity-and-sorority-life/chapter-resources>

58 *Whereas*, the University's Office of Civil Rights and Equal Access has repeatedly expressed its
59 support and efforts to expand awareness among the student population on existing campus resources
60 to support victims of sexual assault; and

61 *Whereas*, the University Police Department–Northern Command (UPDNC) provides victim
62 advocacy services, including assistance with reporting, referrals to support resources, and
63 accompaniment to medical forensic examinations and law enforcement interviews, and offers self-
64 defense education and a process for University-recognized groups to request private training; and

65 *Whereas*, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life instructs chapter leaders and advisors to
66 uphold the University Relationship Agreement, but the agreement publicly linked at the time of this
67 review states a term ending December 31, 2025, creating a need to clarify and publish the agreement
68 governing current recognition¹⁰; [§§VI, IX] and

69 *Whereas*, the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council (IIFC) represents fraternity chapters
70 whose members include University of Nevada, Reno students but which operate without University
71 recognition, making engagement with IIFC and chapter leadership an important part of advancing
72 education on consent, sexual violence prevention, bystander intervention, and available support
73 resources; and

74 *Whereas*, the University already publishes civil-rights reporting statistics, including
75 information about initial assessments and investigation outcomes, and explains that a report may
76 conclude without a formal investigation for several reasons, including the reporting person's wishes
77 and an assessment of health and safety concerns¹¹; and

¹⁰ University of Nevada, Reno. Relationship Agreement, document linked from “Chapter resources.” §§VI and IX state January 1, 2024–December 31, 2025, despite “2024-2026” in the filename. This document is evidence of a publication discrepancy; its substantive provisions are not represented here as verified current obligations. <https://www.unr.edu/main/pdfs/verified-accessible/divisions-offices/student-services/student-life-services/fraternity-sorority-life/2024-2026-relationship-agreement.pdf>

¹¹ University of Nevada, Reno, Center for Civil Rights & Equal Access. Civil Rights reporting statistics. Dashboard dated August 31, 2026, with historical monthly reports. Counts cover multiple forms of alleged discrimination and are not counts of sexual assaults or findings of responsibility. <https://www.unr.edu/civil-rights/reporting-statistics>

78 *Whereas*, the Office of Student Conduct publishes student-organization violations and
79 sanctions, providing existing foundation for public understanding of organizational accountability¹²;
80 and

81 *Whereas*, these policies, services, and public disclosures provide a foundation for
82 accountability at the University, but their existence alone does not establish that every student
83 receives timely support or that every institutional response is adequate; and

84 *Whereas*, the Associated Students reject any culture that treats a student's disclosure of sexual
85 violence as a greater threat to the community than the conduct being reported, or that places
86 institutional reputation and organizational loyalty above student safety; and

87 *Whereas*, affirming a distinct standard at the University requires applying that standard to our
88 own University and student organizations, with institutional scrutiny that does not depend on
89 national publicity or require survivors to make their experiences public; now, therefore,

¹² University of Nevada, Reno, Office of Student Conduct. Student Organization Conduct History. Published final findings and organizational sanctions. Broad policy labels must not be treated as proof of every type of conduct listed within those labels. <https://www.unr.edu/student-conduct/student-organization-conduct-history>

***THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, ARE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:***

90 *Be it resolved*, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada condemn institutional
91 responses to sexual violence that prioritize reputation over student safety, discourage reporting, or
92 fail to meaningfully address reported harm through fair and timely processes; and

93 *Be it further resolved*, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada reaffirm the
94 importance of maintaining a campus culture in which students can readily identify, understand, and
95 access University resources related to Title IX, hazing, sexual misconduct, interpersonal violence, and
96 student safety; and

97 *Be it further resolved*, that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada
98 recognizes that the University of Nevada, Reno has made efforts to support victims of power-based
99 violence and that University administration and campus resources are doing their duty to ensure the
100 safety of its students; and

101 *Be it further resolved*, that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada
102 commits to working with the University Police Department–Northern Command (UPDNC) to
103 organize an on-campus, voluntary self-defense training event, and to increase student awareness of
104 the department’s victim advocacy services and other relevant support resources;

105 *Be it further resolved*, that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada
106 commits to working with UPDNC to develop and distribute clear, accessible guidance explaining
107 when and how students may seek its assistance for incidents occurring off-campus, including when
108 another agency is the appropriate point of contact and how students can connect with that agency;

109 *Be it further resolved*, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada aims to collaborate
110 with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to implement a power-based violence prevention
111 training before any students officially receives membership into any of their affiliated student
112 organizations; and

Be it further resolved, that the Senate calls upon the leadership of the Reno Independent Interfraternity Council (IIFC) and its member chapters to establish or strengthen recurring education for new and continuing members on consent, sexual violence prevention, bystander intervention, and retaliation; to make reporting options and support resources readily available to all members; and to work with qualified prevention educators to support these efforts;

Be it further resolved, that the Senate supports the establishment of a University committee focused on preventing and addressing power-based violence, including representation from the Senate, to assess prevention efforts, identify gaps in access to support, and track progress toward tangible goals; and

Be it further resolved, that the Senate encourages any such committee to provide regular updates to the University community and Board of Regents, on its recommendations and progress; and

Be it further resolved, that the Senate of the Associated Students intends to advocate for the Nevada System of Higher Education to amend its existing Title IX policy to expand upon existing federal law at the state level, including the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of the legislation be sent to the following:

- President, University of Nevada, Reno, *Brian Sandoval*;
- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;
- Director, Associated Students of the University of Nevada, *Dion Webb-Figueroa*;
- Associate Director, Associated Students, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- Executive Director, Center for Civil Rights & Equal Access, *Zeva Edmondson*;
- Director, Counseling Services, *Yani Dickens*;
- Senior Projects Coordinator, NevadaCARES, *Lex Rodriguez*;
- Chief of Police, University Police Department-Northern Command, *Eric James*;
- Director, Fraternity and Sorority Life, *Ricky Salazar*;
- President, Reno Independent Interfraternity Council, *Ethan McNamara*;

- 139 • President of the Associated Students, *Dillon Moss*;
- 140 • Vice President of the Associated Students, *Luke Calderon*;
- 141 • Speaker of the 94th Senate of the Associated Students, *Jason Issa*;
- 142 • U.S. Senator, *Catherine Cortez Masto*; and
- 143 • U.S. Senator, *Jacky Rosen*.