# Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada 94th Session
Agenda for Tuesday, November 24th, 2026 at 6:15pm
JCSU Room 422 , 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union
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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/asun-committee-on-government-operations-meeting-2/
   - **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

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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. **S. B. 94.63 – AN ACT TO EXPAND AND RESTRUCTURE THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY**

11. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**
    There are no items to be discussed at this time

12. **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.

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.*

94th SESSION
2026-2027

# S. B. 94.63 –
# AN ACT TO EXPAND AND RESTRUCTURE THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
BY SENATOR BHARDWAJ AND SENATOR WILLIAMS

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**94th SESSION | 2026-27**

# S. B. 94.63
# AUTHORS

## AUTHORS


SENATOR KEN BHARDWAJ, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

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KENDRA COOK, DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

*Whereas,* the Department of Sustainability currently operates with two officers, placing it among the smallest executive departments despite its extensive programming and operational responsibilities; and

*Whereas,* the Department of Sustainability is expected to complete room reservations, Lounge requests, marketing materials, plan and execute events, address students' environmental concerns, while overseeing the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund; and

*Whereas,* the Department of Sustainability hosts 3 awareness weeks during each session, with an event each day; and

*Whereas,* the Department of Sustainability relies on volunteer support from the Senate Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness and other ASUN entities, which may vary depending on availability and competing organizational commitments; and

*Whereas,* the Department of Sustainability's current organizational structure places significant administrative, operational, and promotional responsibilities on just two officers, limiting the department's capacity to effectively distribute its workload; and

*Whereas,* the planning and execution of sustainability initiatives require consistent coordination between university departments, student organizations, and community partners, responsibilities that extend beyond the management of individual events; and

*Whereas,* establishing dedicated Assistant Director positions for *Events and Programming* and *Marketing and Communications* would allow for a clearer distribution of responsibilities, greater accountability, and more consistent execution of departmental initiatives; and

*Whereas,* expanding the Department of Sustainability's organizational structure would allow its officers to devote greater attention to long-term initiatives, student engagement, and the broader environmental priorities of the University; and

*Whereas,* PG Account 00092 (Center for Student Engagement Professional and Classified Salaries) was appropriated $930,925.43 in professional salaries, $46,835.56 in classified salaries, and $344,402.24 in associated fringe expenses for Fiscal Year 2027; and

*Whereas,* several positions within the Center for Student Engagement have remained vacant during Fiscal Year 2027, resulting in personnel expenditures below their originally budgeted allocations; and

*Whereas,* vacancies within the Center for Student Engagement have resulted in approximately $116,580 in unexpended personnel allocations during the first four months of Fiscal Year 2027; and

*Whereas*, the reallocation of $3,090 from PG Account 00092 (Center for Student Engagement Professional and Classified Salaries) to PG Account 03996 (Executive Board, Student Wages) would utilize a portion of these unexpended funds to provide interim compensation with fringe for the newly established Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications within the Department of Sustainability during the remainder of the 94th Session; and

***THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA***

***REPRESENTED IN THE SENATE, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:***

*Be it enacted,* that the existing Assistant Director of Sustainability position shall be restructured as the Assistant Director of Event Programming, and that an additional Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications position shall be established within the Department of Sustainability, with their respective duties and responsibilities defined pursuant to Title II, Chapter 207 of the ASUN Governing Documents; and

*Be it further enacted*, to separate the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Sustainability officers to improve task assignment clarity and streamline the department in its workflow; and

*Be it further enacted,* that the Assistant Director of Sustainable Event Programming and Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications shall be classified as Level III appointed officers pursuant to Title IV, Chapter 402 of the ASUN Governing Documents; and

*Be it further enacted,* that the amendments outlined in Addendums A–C shall be incorporated into their respective governing and budgetary documents upon the effective date of this Act; and

*Be it further enacted,* that $3,090 shall be reallocated from PG Account 00092 (Center for Student Engagement Professional and Classified Salaries) to PG Account 03996 (Executive Board, Student Wages) to provide compensation for the Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications position within the Department of Sustainability, as reflected in Addendum C; and

*Be it further enacted*, that the provisions of this Act and the amendments outlined in Addendums A and B shall take effect on March 1, 2027, during the 94th Session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, with the disbursement of compensation contingent upon the appropriation of sufficient funds; and

*Be it further enacted,* that compensation for the Assistant Director position established under this Act shall be disbursed only upon the official appointment and confirmation of the respective officer, subject to the availability of appropriated funds and applicable payroll procedures; and

# DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATION

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

## CENTER FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

DION WEBB-FIGUEROA, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

LUIS AGUILAR-HERRERA, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

WEI JIANG, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS

## ASUN EXECUTIVE BRANCH

DILLON MOSS, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

LUKE CALDERON, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

KENDRA COOK, DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

EDEN JESER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

## ASUN SENATE

HENRY LAWSON, CHAIR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

MIKAYLA WILLIAMS, CHAIR OF SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND WELLNESS

KEN BHARDWAJ, VICE CHAIR OF SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND WELLNESS

JASON ISSA, SPEAKER OF THE 94TH SENATE

# Addendum A

## TITLE IV: COMPENSATION
### CHAPTER 402: APPOINTED OFFICERS

**SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT**
There is hereby established a pay scale for appointed ASUN Officers.

**SECTION 02: LEVELS OF COMPENSATION**
a) The three levels of pay shall be as follows:
   1) Level I: $7,000 distributed evenly over a 12-month period in a single term.
   2) Level II: $5,000 distributed evenly over a 12-month period in a single term.
   3) Level III: $3,000 distributed evenly over a 12-month period in a single term.
   4) Level IV: $1,500 distributed evenly over a 12-month period in a single term.

**SECTION 03: OFFICIALS COVERED BY PAY SCALE**
The following elected officials officers are included in the pay scale:
   a) Level I:
      1) Director of Clubs and Organizations
      2) Director of Programming
      3) Speaker of the Senate
         i. The Speaker shall receive compensation in lieu of that of a Chair.
   b) Level II:
      1) Assistant Directors of Programming
      2) Director of Ethics
      3) Director of Government Affairs
      4) Director of Campus and Public Relations
      5) Director of IDEA
      6) Director of Executive Affairs
      7) Director of Executive Outreach
      8) Assistant Directors of Clubs and Organizations
      9) Director of Sustainability
      10) Director of Campus Wellness

   c) Level III:
      1) Assistant Director of Government Affairs
      2) Policy Director
      3) Student Outreach Coordinator
      4) Advocacy Director
      5) Programmers
      6) Projects Director
      7) Club Commissioner
      8) Assistant Director of Campus and Public Relations
      9) Assistant Director of IDEA
      10) IDEA Commissioners

11) Assistant Director of Event Programming
12) Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications
13) Chief Justice
14) Assistant Director of Campus Wellness

d) Level IV:
   1) Associate Justice
   2) Speaker Pro-Tempore
      i) The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.
   3) Parliamentarian
      i) The Parliamentarian shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.
   4) Senate Committee Chairs
      i) Senators who are also Senate Committee Chairs shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.
      ii) A Senator who serves as the chair of a special committee shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.

**SECTION 04: WORK HOURS AND PROCEDURES**

a) All Officers must follow University, NSHE state, and Federal regulations regarding student employment.
b) The payment of officers shall be input by ASUN Central Station utilizing the Workday system. This will be done by dividing their total compensation across the pay periods throughout the officer's term.

**SECTION 05: COMPENSATION LIMITS**

a) The total pay-out for Level I compensated appointed officers shall not exceed $7000 per 12-month term.
b) The total pay-out for Level II compensated officers shall not exceed $5000 per 12-month term.
c) The total pay-out for Level III compensated officers shall not exceed $3000 per 12-month term.
d) The total pay-out for Level IV compensated officers shall not exceed $1500 per 12-month term, with the exception of the Speaker Pro-Tempore, Parliamentarian, and the Senate Committee Chairs, whose total pay-out shall not exceed $500 per 12-month term.
   i) In the event that the Speaker Pro Tempore or Parliamentarian is also a committee chair, the individual shall receive both stipends.
e) Those entering into office after the beginning of the term shall not be entitled to the full compensation for the term as listed above.

**SECTION 06: EMPLOYMENT**
Once an officer has been confirmed by Senate the officer can only begin to work once the following obligations are met:

a) The Officers have been dutifully sworn in;
b) The Officers have provided two viable forms of I.D. to the accounting office as outlined by the federal I- 9 form;
c) The Officers have provided a correct and signed I-9 to the accounting office.

Until the above necessary qualifications have been met, student officers will not receive their compensation. Upon completion of the requirements in Section 06, the officer will receive their stipend prorated from their Senate confirmation.

**SECTION 07: AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS**
There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Title.

# Addendum B

## TITLE II: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
## CHAPTER 207: DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

**SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT**
There is hereby established a Department of Sustainability as an executive department of the Association.

**SECTION 02: MISSION**
The primary mission of the Department is to:

a) Pursue initiatives that improve the eco-friendliness and overall sustainability of the university and the Reno community
b) Ensure that the student body is well educated and aware of issues pertaining to sustainability on the local and national level
c) Host events that are both engaging and informational for students to learn about sustainability and how to adopt a sustainable lifestyle
d) Execute the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund
e) Other matters properly relating thereto

**SECTION 03: DUTIES**
The Department of Sustainability shall consist of a Director and one two Assistant Directors, both of whom shall report directly to the Director of Sustainability. In the event of a vacancy in either Assistant Director position, the Director of Sustainability may temporarily reassign the vacant position's responsibilities among existing departmental officers until the position is filled.

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**SECTION 05: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EVENT PROGRAMMING**

a) IN GENERAL:
There will be an Assistant Director of Event Programming, appointed by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.
b) FUNCTIONS:
1) Act as the Director of Sustainability in the Director's absence or at the Director's request.
2) Work with various ASUN department to host year-round events with themes of sustainability.
3) Work with any officers hosting events to help make the events as sustainable as possible.
4) Program and promote events for nationally recognized holidays relevant to environmental preservation, such as Public Lands Day, Earth Day, and Arbor Day.
5) Perform any tasks pertaining to department marketing and promotion.

1) Act as the Director of Sustainability in the Director's absence when designated by the Director or other appropriate appointing authority.
2) Coordinate with ASUN departments, student organizations, and community partners to develop and execute sustainability-related events and programming.
3) Work on community projects involving the university and off-campus partners.
4) Act as a standing member of the Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund committee.
5) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Sustainability and the Director of Executive Outreach.
6) Proactively address environmental and sustainability concerns and policy issues in areas of Campus Life including, but not limited to, transportation, food and dining, facilities, recycling and waste, or any area the Director identifies as a current priority.
7) Pursue various means of improving the campus transportation system that prioritizes walking, biking, public transportation, and shared community.
8) Coordinate the planning, scheduling, logistics, and execution of departmental events, including room reservations, facility requests, and other necessary operational arrangements.
9) Coordinate with student organizations, ASUN departments, and event volunteers to support the planning and execution of sustainability-related programming.

**SECTION 06: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

a) IN GENERAL

There will be an Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications, appointed by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.

b) FUNCTIONS

1) In accordance with the Director, to focus on increasing the visibility of the Department in greater campus, local, state and national communities.
2) Collaborate with the Director of Sustainability and the Department of Campus and Public Relations to develop and distribute multimedia content highlighting departmental initiatives, funding opportunities, upcoming events, and other sustainability-related programming.
3) Perform any tasks pertaining to department marketing and promotion.
4) In collaboration with other Assistant Director(s), to work with any officers hosting events to help make the events as sustainable as possible.
5) Promote events for nationally recognized holidays relevant to environmental preservation, such as Public Lands Day, Earth Day, and Arbor Day.
6) Work on community projects involving the university and off-campus partners.
7) Responsible for attending all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Sustainability and the Director of Executive Outreach.
8) Proactively address environmental and sustainability concerns and policy issues in areas of Campus Life including, but not limited to, transportation, food and dining, facilities, recycling and waste, or any area the Director identifies as a current priority.
9) Work with the Director and other Assistant Director(s) to develop the departmental strategic plan.

10) Develop and implement a departmental communications strategy to increase student awareness of sustainability initiatives, funding opportunities, events, and opportunities for involvement.

# Addendum C

| PG03996 | Executive Board | | | |
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| | Student Wages: | | | |
| | President | | | $8,800.00 |
| | Vice President | | | 7,000.00 |
| | Director of Ethics & Compliance | | | 5,000.00 |
| | Director of Public Relations | | | 5,000.00 |
| | Asisstant Director of Public Relations | | | 3,000.00 |
| | Communications Coordinator | | | 3,000.00 |
| | Communications Coordinator | | | 3,000.00 |
| | Director of Executive Affairs | | | 5,000.00 |
| | Director of Executive Outreach | | | 5,000.00 |
| | Director of Sustainability | | | 5,000.00 |
| | Assistant Director of Event Programming | | | 3,000.00 |
| | Coordinator of Sustainability | | | 3,000.00 |
| | Director of Campus Wellness | | | 5,000.00 |
| | Assistant Director of Campus Wellness | | | 3,000.00 |
| | Fringe | | | 1,610 |
| | Travel | | | 5,000.00 |

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