94th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, November 18th, 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-53/
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. 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. 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.

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Secretary for the meeting details through joshuafan@unr.edu.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

a. **10.07.2026**
b. **10.14.2026**
c. **10.21.2026**
d. **10.28.2026**

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. **IDEA Commissioner for Events and Projects – Ruby Sparks**
b. **Communication Coordinator – Rayna McAndrews**
c. **Senator for the School of Public Health – Henry Owens**
d. **Senator for the School of Public Health – Sidney Fuller**

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. Senator for the School of Public Health – Henry Owens
b. Senator for the School of Public Health – Sidney Fuller

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. IDEA Commissioner of Events and Projects – Ruby Sparks
b. Communication Coordinator – Rayna McAndrews

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. 94.63 – An Act to Expand and Restructure the Department of Sustainability**
Restructures the ASUN Department of Sustainability by redesignating the existing Assistant Director position as the Assistant Director of Event Programming and establishing an additional Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications, with defined responsibilities for each position; proposes reallocating $3,090 from the Center for Student Engagement's personnel budget to fund the new position for the remainder of the 94th Session and amending the ASUN Governing Documents to reflect these changes.

b. **S.B. 94.68 – An Act to Secure the Coordinator Position of Pack Provisions**
Allocates $63,787.50 from the Center for Student Engagement's existing budget (PG00092) to fund the salary of the Pack Provisions Coordinator for Fiscal Year 2027; establishes provisions for funding the position in future ASUN budgets, subject to approval by the respective ASUN President and Senate.

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.

a. No legislation was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.

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.

a. **S.B. 94.22 – An Act to Use Capital Funds to Develop the ASUN Endowment for Pack Provisions**
Allocates $270,000 from the ASUN Capital Fund to establish an endowment for Pack Provisions, with $220,000 designated for the endowment's principal and $50,000 for operational expenses, plus a contingency of up to $27,000 for unforeseen establishment costs; establishes requirements for future contributions to the endowment by ASUN Presidents and amends the Statutes of the Associated Students (SAS) to formalize the endowment's administration and oversight.

b. **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.

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

a. **President's State of the Association Address *(Information Only)***
Pursuant to SAS II.201.01(31), the President of the Associated Students, Dillon Moss, will deliver a State of the Association Address, providing an overview of the Association's accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, challenges, and priorities for the remainder of the 94th Session. The address will also highlight the current state of student government and its efforts to serve the undergraduate student body at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length of the State of the Association Address.

b. **Senate Committee Changes and Additions *(For Possible Action)***
The Senate may consider and take action on changes to committee assignments, including the appointment, reassignment, or removal of Senators from standing committees to address vacancies, changes in membership, committee staffing needs, or requests from individual Senators.

c. **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

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

94th SESSION
2026-2027

S. B. 94.22 -

AN ACT TO USE CAPITAL FUNDS TO DEVELOP THE ASUN ENDOWMENT FOR PACK PROVISIONS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OCTOBER 29TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATORS SAPORITO & SCHERSCHEL
REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT MOSS & VICE PRESIDENT CALDERON
CO-SPONSORED BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE EVANS, SENATOR RADTKE, SENATOR BHARDWAJ, SENATOR GIAMMONA WILBER, SENATOR CASTRO, SENATOR ESPINOZA

Section 01: The Functionality & Desire of Pack Provisions

Whereas, Pack Provisions serves as the campus food-pantry for all students, staff, and faculty facing food-insecurity; and

Whereas, Pack Provisions serves as one of the main-hubs on campus for basic-needs resources, serving perishable/nonperishable goods, hygiene products, meal swipes, SNAP education, and more[1]; and

Whereas, Pack Provisions visits have risen from the facility's rebrand in 2015, increasing from **78 visits** during the 2015-2016 academic year, to **13,927 visits** during the 2024-2025 academic year[2]; and

Whereas, the numbers of Unique Visitors has increased in correlation with the number of Student Visits between 2015-2026; and

Whereas, Civic Engagement Surveys, such as the Spring 2024 Food Housing & Financial Security Biennial Survey[3] has found that 33% of students report feeling food insecure; and

Whereas, this survey has also found more students feeling overwhelmed by debt, facing housing security and difficulty paying rent; furthermore, students facing housing or food insecurity are more likely to experience lower GPA scores and retention rates; and

Whereas, a student cannot be expected to perform at their highest academic level if they are worried about whether they will eat that night; and

Whereas, increases in cost-of-living have issued a greater demand for community-oriented programs such as Pack Provisions, with increased engagement with this program highlighting the growing need for student security is neither temporary nor being fully mitigated;

[1] Pack Provisions | Center for Student Engagement | University of Nevada, Reno
[2] Nevada Sagebrush: UNR Students Face Food Insecurity, ASUN Seeks to Help – Malory Shaw
[3] Reports and Surveys | Office of Student Persistence Research | University of Nevada, Reno

Section 02: The Historical Funding Structure of Pack Provisions

Whereas, Pack Provisions has historically operated through a combination of grant-applications, donations, partnerships, and in-kind contributions; and

Whereas, while ASUN temporarily managed Pack Provisions in 2011, the facility has not received funding from ASUN for a multitude of sessions; and

Whereas, without a designated source of funding, Pack Provisions has used grant-applications and partnerships to fund General Costs included but not limited to:

- Fresh Produce & Hygiene Products
- Student & Facility Coordinator Wages/Fringe
- Basic-Needs Assistance & Educational Resources
- Marketing, Programming, & Operational Costs
- Facility Equipment & University Partnerships

Section 03: The Functionality & Desire of an ASUN Endowment

Whereas, providing an endowment for Pack Provisions would offer permanent financial support for the facility, ensuring that resources remain available to current and future scholars that enroll at the University of Nevada; and

Whereas, one of the main functions of the Associated Students regards maintaining a safe, secure, and comfortable environment for all students on campus regardless of their socio-economic standing; and

Whereas, developing an endowment will not only enshrine our current institutions' values, but it will also greatly assist in Pack Provision's mission of reducing food insecurity on campus; and

Whereas, developing an ASUN Endowment will allow the facility to more efficiently secure the items previously listed in **Section 02**, allowing them more opportunity to focus on daily operations and expansive policy;

Section 04: The Endowment Process

Whereas, the Foundation serves as the University of Nevada, Reno's gift & receiving organization, serving as a non-profit corporation that has secured financial support to the University since its establishment in 1981[4]; and

Whereas, the Foundation currently manages over 1,400 named Endowment Accounts; these Accounts are reviewed by the Investment Committee, which receives professional investment advice from Cambridge Associates[5]; and

Whereas, the Foundation's volunteer Board of Trustees and Investment Committee serve as the main managers for investment asset allocation within the University of Nevada, overseeing both inflation-hedging profile & broadly diversified portfolios; and

Whereas, the investment and spending policy for the ASUN Endowment would be administered by the Foundation in accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), the provisions of which are set forth in Chapter 164 of the Nevada Revised Statutes[6]; and

Whereas, the Foundation attempts to maintain or increase the actual value of their endowments annually by splitting their investments into a diverse portfolio of accounts, such as:

- 53.4% into Global Equities
    - World Stock Markets (VTI, VXUS, NASDAQ, FTSE, etc.)
    - Emerging (Brazil, China) & Developing (Germany, Japan) Economies
- 20.8% into Private Investments
- 3.2% into Real Assets
- 6.8% into Fixed Income
- 8.8% into Diversifying Strategies
- 7% into Cash (High liquidity, short-term interest)

[4] NSHE - Foundation 2023-2024 Financial Statements
[5] University of Nevada - Reno - Endowment FAQs
[6] Asset Allocation | Giving | University of Nevada, Reno, NRS: CHAPTER 164 - ADMINISTRATION OF TRUSTS

Whereas, as of July 1st, 2027, the Foundation will target a 4% aggregate annual distribution (**AAD**) for any endowments it oversees within the University. This percentage is based on the market value of the asset analyzed, with an additional 1% management fee on top of the initial distribution[7]:

> With a $100,000.00 endowment, the AAD would approximately be $4,000.00
> The management fee for the $100,000.000 endowment would be $1,000.00

Whereas, any market value earnings that exceed 5% would remain within the endowment account for further compounding. Excess accumulation may be the result of an increase in interest, dividends, realized gains, or unrealized gains:

> Suppose over a particular period, endowment investments earn 8%
> With a $100,000.00 endowment, a targeted AAD of $4,000.00 (4%) is gifted
> Out of the $8000.00 (8%) earned, another $1,000.00 (1%) is taken via the management fee
> The remaining $3,000.00 surplus is allocated back into the Endowment for further gain
> The account holds $103,000.00 for the future allocation period

Whereas, calculation for the endowment's average market value is based on a 12-quarter basis to ensure a stabilized source of income without affecting the principal value:

Year and Quarter	**Endowment Fair Market Value (FMV)** (Assuming 10% inv. annual + no dir. inv.)	**Distribution Paid** (4% = Annual Goal, 1% Fee)
Y1Q1	**$220,000.00 -- Y1 Eval ($8,800.00)**	**$2,200.00 | $550.00**
Y1Q2	$225,500.00 (w/ dist./fee%)	$2,227.50 | $556.88
Y1Q3	$231,137.50	$2,255.34 | $563.84
Y1Q4	$236,915.94	$2,283.54 | $570.88
Y2Q1	**$225,496.52 -- Y2 Eval ($8,966.38)**	**$2,075.22 | $560.40**
Y2Q2	$231,133.93 (w/ dist./fee%) | Ex. $166.38	$2,345.23 | $586.31
Y2Q3	$236,912.28	$2,374.55 | $593.64
Y2Q4	$242,835.09	$2,404.23 | $601.06
Y3Q1	**$231,273.02 -- Y3 Eval ($9,202.06)**	**$2,067.67 | $575.13**

> With context of the 12 Quarter Average Market Value, without including additional yearly contributions from the president. Interest is calculated nominally, skewing the margin of error to the right. Simplified.

Whereas, for the 12-month reporting period through June 30th, 2025, the Foundation had a net return of 11.3% for all assets, compared to their benchmark goal of 13.1%[8]; and

[7] University of Nevada - Reno - Endowment Scholarship FAQs
[8] UNRF Board of Trustee Meeting Agendas | Powered by Box

Whereas, within Quarter 4 for FY26, the Foundation's general portfolio returned 8.5%, compared with 7.5% for the Policy Benchmark. Aggregately, FY26 returned a preliminary 14.3%, compared with 14.6% for the Policy Benchmark; and

Whereas, during FY26, the Foundation recorded $29.4 million in endowment purchases and $17.6 million in distributions/fees. 88.4% of Foundation endowments have accumulated gains greater than 20% above cumulative contribution levels, while 97.2% made gains greater than 10%, and 99.4% held gains greater than 5%; and

Whereas, the previously listed illustrative example highlights the increase in Fair Market Value (FMV) throughout an economically stable period following that there is no further direct investment within this program; and

Whereas, permanent endowments are historically known to be continuously invested to maintain capital growth throughout periods of economic moratoriums; and

Whereas, as of 2026, Pack Provisions spends roughly $40,000.00/year providing wages and fringe for the three student workers employed at the pantry ($12.50/hr, 20hrs/week); and

Whereas, as of 2026, Pack Provisions currently allocates $20,000.00/year to maintain its partnership with the Desert Farming Initiative; and

Whereas, as of 2026, Pack Provisions spends approximately $1,200.00 on a single order from Wolf Pack Meats, with around $7,000.00 accounting for half a year of beef supply; and

Whereas, making one singular investment into the ASUN Endowment will not effectively alleviate food insecurity on campus nor assist the food pantry within the long run; and

Whereas, consistently supplying funds into the ASUN Endowment is necessary for the continued development of Pack Provisions; and

Whereas, while an endowment serves as an effective source of stability for the pantry in the long-run, immediate and direct investment into the facilities is also required for the continuation of the pantry;

Section 05: President Rules & Responsibilities

Whereas, endowment average-market values (AMVs) are based on the values recorded within their three preceding years of growth; for newly developed endowments the AMV is calculated over the period it exists; and

Whereas, UPMIFA states that, for endowments which have accumulated growth for more than 3 years, if over 7% of their average market value is withdrawn within the same fiscal year, the State will issue a rebuttable presumption of imprudence; and

Whereas, being issued a presumption of imprudence comes with a mandatory testimony to state regulators to explain why excess funds were taken out during said fiscal year; and

Whereas, inadequate testimony may lead to an endowment being temporarily frozen or depleted by state regulators; and

Whereas, continuously investing into the ASUN Pack Provisions Endowment will ensure no presumptions of imprudence are ordered from the state; and

Whereas, outlined in **Addendums A & B**, the President of the Associated Students will be held responsible for future investment into the ASUN Endowment via the Capital Fund; and

Whereas, the President will be responsible for investing a minimum of **2%** and maximum of **$15,000.00** into the ASUN Endowment during their elected session. To ensure a stabilized source of funding, their percentage of investment will be based off the Fair Market Value (FMV) the endowment holds from the previous annual report; and

Whereas, CSE faculty will assist the President and their cabinet with managing future investments into the ASUN Endowment, with the President being properly updated on the annual reports of the endowment; and

Whereas, each Fiscal Year for the Foundation begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of each succeeding year; and

Whereas, the president is responsible for allocating funds into the endowment by the third quarter of their elected fiscal year, with expected deadlines being listed in **Addendum B**; and

Whereas, failure for the President to allocate additional funds into the ASUN Endowment will require an explanation of their actionable absence to the Senate of Associated Students and Student News Organization, Sagebrush. If the delay in funds is due to the inaction of the Senate, both the Chair for the Committee on Budget & Finance and Speaker of the Senate shall report their explanation to Sagebrush;

Section 06: Capital Fund Request & Legacy Impact (PG00275):

Whereas, an appropriation of $270,000.00 from the Capital Fund has been requested; and

Whereas, out of this request, $220,000.00 will be appropriated to develop the ASUN Pack Provisions Endowment, while $50,000.00 will be placed in the Endowment's Spending Account for potential immediate usage; and

Whereas, appropriating directly into the facility will ensure its continuation as investments gains develop from the endowment; and

Whereas, this endowment will serve as a lasting legacy ASUN can leave for all future scholars at the University of Nevada;

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

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that the Capital Fund be approved to spend $220,000.00 to fund the ASUN Endowment for Pack Provisions; and

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that the Capital Fund be approved to allocate $50,000.00 within the Pack Provisions Endowment to cover business operations for upcoming fiscal years; and

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that according to SAS 604.06.b, there is a maximum contingency of 10% ($27,000.00) that can be additionally taken from the Capital Fund for unforeseen costs during the initial establishment of the endowment; and

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that actions and amendments listed within Addendums A-C be updated within their respected documents upon the immediate approval of this act; and

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that the University and Senate acknowledge the importance in investing in student programs and facilities; and

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

a. University President, *Brian Sandoval;*
b. Vice President of Student Services, *Heather F. Speed;*
c. Executive Director of the University's Foundation, *Tracey Ostrem*
d. Director of Gift Administration, *Dawn Roelofs*
e. Board Relations Manager, *Mishkat Al Moumin*
f. Coordinator of Pack Provisions, *Toni Ortega;*
g. Director of the Center of Student Engagement, *Dion Webb-Figueroa*
h. Associate Director of Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
i. Associate Director of Business Operations, *Wei Jiang*
j. President of ASUN, *Dillon Moss*;
k. Vice President of ASUN, *Luke Calderon;*
l. Speaker of the 94th Senate, *Jason Issa;*
m. Chair of Budget & Finance, *Henry Lawson;*
n. Senator for the College of Science, *Brianna Scherschel*
o. Former ASUN College of Science Senator, *Emma Doty*

Addendum A

TITLE II: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

CHAPTER 201: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SECTION 01: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The following shall be considered the duties of the President of the Associated Students:

1) To attend meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.
2) To make all appointments to University Committees.

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4) To attend meetings of the Foundation Board of Trustees.
5) To fund, manage, and oversee the ASUN Endowment for Pack Provisions (see Chapter 3201 for further information).
6) To attend meetings of the Alumni Association Council.
7) To communicate regularly with the President of the University and members of the University Administration.
8) To expend funds from the Capital Account and any existing ASUN accounts comprised of student fees, bookstore profits, grants, and revenues as allocated by the Senate.

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27) To review the ASUN Food Pantry Program prior to the approval of the budget for each fiscal year.
28) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.
29) To serve as a member of the University Leadership Alliance.
30) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Executive Outreach.
31) To chair and oversee all meetings of the President's Cabinet, which must occur at least once per month, with an agenda posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Addendum B

TITLE XXXII:

The ASUN Pack Provisions Endowment

CHAPTER 3201: The ASUN Pack Provisions Endowment

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT
There is hereby established the ASUN Pack Provisions Endowment.

SECTION 02: PURPOSE
The purpose of the ASUN Pack Provisions Endowment is to ensure the fiscal stability and longevity of the student-ran food pantry, Pack Provisions, so that the facility can continue to serve the scholars of the University of Nevada for years to come.

SECTION 03: STRUCTURE

i. A principal value of $220,000.00 from the Capital Fund shall be used to establish the ASUN Endowment for Pack Provisions. This investment will be sent to the Board of Directors located at the University of Nevada's Foundation, an NPO that currently manages over $668 million in investments for capital projects, scholarships, and professional wages at the University (as of Fall 2025).

ii. The principal value will be placed into a diverse portfolio of global equities, private investments, real assets, and liquid cash to maximize investment gains within any fiscal year. The Endowment will be reviewed annually by the Foundation, with the Board of Directors aiming to quarterly gift a portion of the investment appreciated throughout said fiscal year. Any gains that accumulate past the Foundation's Aggregate Annual Distribution rate will remain within the Endowment for further compounding and future gain.

SECTION 04: REGULATIONS

1. The President of the Associated Students shall be held responsible for future investment into the ASUN Endowment via the Capital Fund.
    a. The President shall be held responsible for investing a minimum of 2% and no more than $15,000.00 into the Pack Provisions Endowment during their elected session. To ensure a stabilized source of funding, their percentage of investment will be based off the Fair Market Value the endowment holds from the previous annual report of investment.
    b. The Foundation starts their fiscal year on July 1st and ends their fourth quarter on June 30th of the following year. Quarters are organized in the following manner:
        Q1: July – September
        Q2: October – December
        Q3 January – March
        Q4: April – June
2. The President shall finalize their investment, with Senate Approval, by the third quarter of their elected fiscal year; the President shall have their investment approved by the Senate and executively signed no later than the First Friday of February within their elected session.

   a. Failure of the President to allocate additional funds into the ASUN Endowment shall require an explanation of their delay to the Senate of the Associated Students. The President shall also issue a response Student News Organization, Sagebrush, or post in-video format their explanation to the ASUN Social Media account.
   b. If the delay in funds is due to the inaction of the Senate, either the Chair for the Committee on Budget & Finance or Speaker of the Senate shall report their explanations to Sagebrush or the ASUN Social Media account.
3. If the President, Speaker, or Chair of Budget & Finance fail to schedule a meeting or deliver a report to Sagebrush or fail to post their explanation on the ASUN Social Media account within a week past the previously listed investment deadline, they may be charged with malfeasance.
   a. The President or Senate of the Associated Students may agree to reject an investment proposal any time before the scheduled February deadline without being charged for malfeasance. Members will still have to explain their reasoning to the public media and deliver a clear explanation for why the endowment is not being invested within their elected session.
4. If future investments are rejected earlier within the session, the President, Speaker, or Chair of Budget & Finance will have until the Second Friday of February to report their explanation to either Sagebrush or the ASUN Social Media account (as outlined in line-item 3).
   a. The President, with assistance from leading faculty and their elected cabinet, may deiced to fund the endowment via placing investment either into the Principal Value or Spending Account.

SECTION 05: OVERSIGHT

The program will be overseen by several officers and faculty to ensure that it is administered properly.

1. The program will be overseen by the following officers and faculty:
   i. Coordinator of Pack Provisions
   ii. Director for the Center of Student Engagement
   iii. Vice President for Student Services
   iv. Associate Director of Business Operations
   v. Coordinator of Accounting Services
   vi. President of the Associated Students
   vii. Chief of Staff

2. CSE Faculty will assist the President and their cabinet with managing future investments into the ASUN Endowment, with the president being properly updated on the quarterly reports of the Endowment's Fair Market Value.

SECTION 06: REFERENCES

Any reference to the Endowment, Pack Provisions Endowment, Pack Provisions Reserve, or any derivative thereof, in any law, resolution, regulation, contract, agreement, report, or other document shall be deemed to be a reference to the funds placed in the ASUN Pack Provisions Endowment unless the context indicates otherwise.

Addendum C

TITLE XX: ASUN PACK PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 2001: ASUN PACK PROVISIONS

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT
There is hereby established the student-ran campus food pantry, Pack Provisions, between the Graduate Student Association and the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

SECTION 02: PURPOSE
The purpose of the ASUN Pack Provisions Agreement is to provide assistance for undergraduate and graduate students experiencing financial hardship in the form of food items donations.

SECTION 03: OPERATIONS
This agreement shall be reviewed by the ASUN President and Senate prior to the approval of the budget for each fiscal year.

SECTION 04: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
The Associate Vice President (AVP) for Student Life Services, or the designee of the AVP for Student Life Services Pack Provisions Coordinator, or designee of the Pack Provisions Coordinator shall be the first point of contact for students to gain access to the Food Pantry.

a) The AVP, or designee Coordinator, or designee will determine eligibility for Food Pantry resources.

b) The AVP, or designee Coordinator, or designee will provide vouchers to eligible students to be presented to the appropriate ASUN/Student Engagement representative for access to Food Pantry resources.

SECTION 05: AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to support this service.

Assuming President Invests 2%/yr Total Market Value of Previous Quarter						
Fiscal Quarters	Market Value (MV)	Avg. MV	1% Fee	4% AAD	President	Aggregate
Y1Q1	$220,000.00	-	-	-		
Y1Q2	$225,500.00	-	-	-		
Y1Q3	$231,137.50	-	-	-		
Y1Q4	$236,915.94	$228,388.36	$2,283.88	$9,135.53		$9,135.53
Y2Q1	$225,496.52	-	-	-		
Y2Q2	$231,133.93	-	-	-		
Y2Q3	$236,912.28	-	-	-	$4,623	
Y2Q4	$247,457.77	$231,819.24	$2,318.19	$9,272.77		$18,408.30
Y3Q1	$235,866.80	-	-	-		
Y3Q2	$241,763.47	-	-	-		
Y3Q3	$247,807.56	-	-	-	$4,835	
Y3Q4	$258,838.02	$236,569.15	$2,365.69	$9,462.77		$27,871.07
Y4Q1	$247,009.56	-	-	-		
Y4Q2	$253,184.80	-	-	-		
Y4Q3	$259,514.42	-	-	-	$5,064	
Y4Q4	$271,065.98	$246,337.59	$2,463.38	$9,853.50		$37,724.57
Y5Q1	$258,749.10	-	-	-		
Y5Q2	$265,217.83	-	-	-		
Y5Q3	$271,848.27	-	-	-	$5,304	
Y5Q4	$283,948.83	$257,901.22	$2,579.01	$10,316.05		$48,040.62
Y6Q1	$271,053.77	-	-	-		
Y6Q2	$277,830.12	-	-	-		
Y6Q3	$284,775.87	-	-	-	$5,557	
Y6Q4	$297,451.87	$270,137.54	$2,701.38	$10,805.50		$58,846.12
Y7Q1	$283,944.99	-	-	-		
Y7Q2	$291,043.62	-	-	-		
Y7Q3	$298,319.71	-	-	-	$5,821	
Y7Q4	$311,598.57	$282,981.88	$2,829.82	$11,319.28		$70,165.40
Y8Q1	$297,449.48	-	-	-		
Y8Q2	$304,885.72	-	-	-		
Y8Q3	$312,507.86	-	-	-	$6,098	
Y8Q4	$326,418.27	$296,439.99	$2,964.40	$11,857.60		$82,023.00
Y9Q1	$311,596.27	-	-	-		
Y9Q2	$319,386.18	-	-	-		
Y9Q3	$327,370.83	-	-	-	$6,388	
Y9Q4	$341,942.83	$310,538.69	$3,105.39	$12,421.55		$94,444.55
Y10Q1	$326,415.89	-	-	-		
Y10Q2	$334,576.29	-	-	-		
Y10Q3	$342,940.70	-	-	-	$6,692	
Y10Q4	$358,205.74	$325,308.00	$3,253.08	$13,012.32		$107,456.87
Y11Q1	$341,940.34	-	-	-		
Y11Q2	$350,488.85	-	-	-		
Y11Q3	$366,260.85	-	-	-	$7,010	
Y11Q4	$382,427.14	$341,962.66	$3,824.27	$13,678.51		$121,135.37
Y12Q1	$364,924.37	-	-	-		
Y12Q2	$374,047.48	-	-	-		
Y12Q3	$390,879.61	-	-	-	$7,481	
Y12Q4	$408,132.55	$361,769.98	$4,081.33	$14,470.80		$135,606.17
Y13Q1	$389,580.43	-	-	-		
Y13Q2	$399,319.94	-	-	-		
Y13Q3	$417,289.33	-	-	-	$7,986	
Y13Q4	$435,707.97	$385,083.24	$4,357.08	$15,403.33		$151,009.50
Y14Q1	$415,947.56	-	-	-		
Y14Q2	$426,346.25	-	-	-		
Y14Q3	$445,531.83	-	-	-	$8,527	
Y14Q4	$465,197.05	$411,075.36	$4,651.97	$16,443.01		$167,452.52
Y15Q1	$444,102.06	-	-	-		
Y15Q2	$455,204.62	-	-	-		
Y15Q3	$475,688.82	-	-	-	$9,104	
Y15Q4	$496,685.14	$438,883.42	$4,966.85	$17,555.34		$185,007.85
Y16Q1	$474,162.95	-	-	-		
Y16Q2	$486,017.02	-	-	-		
Y16Q3	$507,887.79	-	-	-	$9,720	
Y16Q4	$530,305.32	$468,589.70	$5,303.05	$18,743.59		$203,751.44
Y17Q1	$506,258.68	-	-	-		
Y17Q2	$518,915.15	-	-	-		
Y17Q3	$542,266.33	-	-	-	$10,378	
Y17Q4	$566,201.29	$500,307.93	$5,662.01	$20,012.32		$223,763.76
Y18Q1	$540,526.96	-	-	-		
Y18Q2	$554,040.14	-	-	-		
Y18Q3	$578,971.94	-	-	-	$11,081	
Y18Q4	$604,527.04	$534,173.38	$6,045.27	$21,366.94		$245,130.69
Y19Q1	$577,114.84	-	-	-		
Y19Q2	$591,542.71	-	-	-		
Y19Q3	$618,162.13	-	-	-	$11,831	
Y19Q4	$645,447.04	$570,331.19	$6,454.47	$22,813.25		$267,943.94
Y20Q1	$616,179.32	-	-	-		
Y20Q2	$631,583.80	-	-	-		
Y20Q3	$660,005.07	-	-	-	$12,632	
Y20Q4	$689,136.88	$608,936.49	$6,891.37	$24,357.46		$292,301.40
Y21Q1	$657,888.05	-	-	-		
Y21Q2	$674,335.25	-	-	-		
Y21Q3	$704,680.33	-	-	-	$13,487	
Y21Q4	$735,784.05	$650,154.95	$7,357.84	$26,006.20		$318,307.60
Y22Q1	$702,420.01	-	-	-		
			Total:	$318,307.60	$159,617.26	

Projected Capital Gains – Endowment Proposal

Budget Date	Ledger Account	Spend/Revenue Category	Debit	Credit	Line Memo	Program
7/14/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,941.75	0.00	Restocking Pack Provisions.	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	439.36	0.00	AOR-279887-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
8/15/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,817.98	0.00	Restocking Pack Provisions.	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	87.15	0.00	Invoice#: AOR-280341-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	71.00	0.00	Invoice #: AOR-280909-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	89.65	0.00	Invoice# AOR-282812-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,436.14	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	7.40	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/13/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	164.03	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/13/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	664.77	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/22/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,338.82	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account (PG18279) to purchase	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	12.34	0.00	Invoice# AOR-284312-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	107.70	0.00	Invoice# AOR-284538-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	91.60	0.00	Invoice# AOR-285217-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	24.68	0.00	Invoice# AOR-285691-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	48.60	0.00	Invoice# AOR-285748-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	71.80	0.00	Invoice# AOR-286642-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	168.80	0.00	Invoice#: AOR-286775-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
11/5/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,532.52	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
11/17/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,091.88	0.00	Pack Provisions used their club account (PG18279) to	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
11/25/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,740.06	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
12/3/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	4.53	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
12/9/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,552.98	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
12/18/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	325.00	0.00	Produce for Pack Provisions Bok Choy – 2 cases (12 bunches per case), $25/case Arugula – 2 cases (ten 6oz bags per case), $29/case Sauté Mix – 4 cases (ten 6oz bags per case, $32.50/case	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
12/23/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	289.88	0.00	Ripcord Farm for produce for pack provisions.	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
8/15/2025	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	958.36	0.00	Pack Provision's Group Beef Sales	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/7/2025	6008:Supplies	SC0284 - Food-Produce- Fresh	10,000.00	0.00	To Charge ASUN Pack Provision's for Produce from DFI. Weekly Produce Deliveries for 2026	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
9/10/2025	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	957.22	0.00	Pack Provision's Beef Sales	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/13/2025	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	953.42	0.00	Pack Provision Group Beef Sales	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
7/7/2025	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	86.66	0.00	Invoice#: AOR-291309-1	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
1/6/2026	6032:Food and Beverage	SC0183 - Food	1,418.77	0.00	Pack Provisions used their department account	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
10/13/2025	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	953.42	0.00	Pack Provision Group Beef Sales	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
12/2/2025	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	300.53	0.00	Pack Provision Group Sales	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
1/29/2026	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	902.74	0.00	190.95 Ground Beef in 1lb packages	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
2/24/2026	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	990.02	0.00	187.15 Ground Beef in 1 lb packages	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
3/12/2026	6008:Supplies	SC0284 - Food-Produce- Fresh	10,000.00	0.00	To Charge ASUN Pack Provisions for Produce from DFI through 2026	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
3/17/2026	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	982.78	0.00	185.78 Ground Beef in 1lb Packages	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
5/1/2026	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	962.20	0.00	181.89 Ground Beef in 1 lb packages	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
5/27/2026	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	1,145.39	0.00	Pack Provision Group Sales for Wolf Pack Meats May 2026 Ground beef 1lb packages 216.52 quantity	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
6/17/2026	6008:Supplies	SC0282 - Food-Meat	1,103.12	0.00	Pack Provision Group Sales for Wolf Pack Meats June 2026	PG18279 Pack Provisions Food Pantry
		Total:	46,835.05			

[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 requiring a ⅔ majority seeking the approval of the voters shall appear on the 2027 ASUN general election ballot as follows: "Shall the Associated Students of the University of Nevada seek Board of Regents approval of a student credit fee of $0.20 per credit 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, *Luís 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;* and
- Vice President, Administration and Finance, *Andrew Clinger*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason Issa, Speaker of the 94th Senate
FROM: Ken Bhardwaj, Senator for the School of Medicine & Orvis School of Nursing
Date: November 11, 2026
RE: Request to Fast-Track S.B. 94.63 – An Act to Expand and Restructure the Department of Sustainability

Fellow Senators,

I am requesting expedited consideration of S.B. 94.63, *An Act to Expand and Restructure the Department of Sustainability*.

This is a straightforward piece of legislation. It restructures the existing Assistant Director position, establishes one additional Assistant Director focused on marketing and communications, and reallocates $3,090 in unexpended personnel funds from the Center for Student Engagement to support the new position.

The rationale is equally straightforward. The Department of Sustainability currently operates with two officers responsible for an extensive range of programming, administrative, and outreach responsibilities. This legislation distributes those responsibilities more effectively while making use of funds already appropriated but left unspent due to personnel vacancies.

The proposed effective date is March 1, 2027. Meeting that deadline requires time to coordinate the budgetary transfer, recruit a qualified candidate, secure Senate confirmation, and complete onboarding.

I request expedited consideration to ensure these changes can be implemented in a timely manner and that the department can benefit from this additional capacity during the current session.

Sincerely,

Senator Bhardwaj

Associated Students of the University of Nevada

94th SESSION
2026-2027

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026

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

94th SESSION | 2026-27

S. B. 94.63
AUTHORS

AUTHORS

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

SENATOR MIKAYLA WILLIAMS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

SENATOR ALEXANDER SAPORITO, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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			
	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

		Obligation	Per SAS
$8,800.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
7,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
5,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
5,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
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5,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
5,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
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3,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
-	3,000.00	Obligation	Per SAS
5,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
3,000.00	-	Obligation	Per SAS
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Total Exec. Board	$237,545.00	$217,685.86	$137,895.00	$220
	T. Allocated	T. Actual Dollars	T. Allocated	T. Alloc

FROM: Alexander Saporito, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts

DATE: 11/11/2026

RE: Request to Fast-Track S.B. 94.68 – An Act to Secure the Coordinator Position of Pack Provisions

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Dear Speaker Issa and Esteemed Members of the Senate,

The purpose of this memo is to request consideration and approval of S.B. 94.

As well known, Pack Provisions does not receive any direct or stable investment. We were informed earlier in the session that the pantry would run out of funding by the start of next fiscal year. DOGE has cut roughly $26.1 million in grants to the University; while most of the funding halted regarded research projects for our university, other grants impacted aid to basic-needs programs such as this.

Not only is the pantry depending on grant applications, but the wages of the student workers and current faculty are also dependent on them as well. Meeting with the Accounting Office informed the Special Committee that, due to the four vacant positions present within CSE faculty for FY27, $116,000.00 is currently sitting in the CSE account. Placing the Coordinator in the budget will still leave around $52,000.00 waiting in the account.

For these reasons, I ask that S.B. 94 be considered for fast-track approval so that the Senate may act in a timely manner. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Alexander Saporito
Senator for the College of Liberal Arts
Associated Students of the University of Nevada

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

94th SESSION
2026-2027

S. B. 94.68 -

AN ACT TO SECURE THE COORDINATOR POSITION OF PACK PROVISIONS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY SENATOR SAPORITO

Whereas, the University's "Giving Tuesday" lasts from November 2nd to December 1st; and

Whereas, although operating the pantry and allocating it within the budget since 2011, ASUN has not assisted or appropriated funds to the Pantry in over six years; and

Whereas, Pack Provisions has stayed afloat through grant applications; and

Whereas, this lack of security is not only affecting operational funds, but the wages of the faculty and students running the program; and

Whereas, the Center for Student Engagement's Account (PG00092) appropriates $930,925.43 in Professional Salaries and $46,835.56 in Classified Salaries; and

Whereas, PG00092 also appropriates $344,402.24 in Professional and Classified Fringe; and

Whereas, multiple CSE positions have been left vacant since FY26; and

Whereas, PG00092 is appropriated funds with the assumption each faculty position is filled; and

Whereas, the wages and fringe of positions left vacant throughout the fiscal year remain in PG00092, waiting to be used or sent off to the next session as rollover; and

Whereas, out of the first 4 months of the FY27 alone, PG00092 account has "saved" **$116,580.00** due to the following vacancies:

- Senior Associate Director: *$41,343.75*
- Student Engagement Outreach Coordinator: *$28,350.00*
- Administrations and Programming: *$24,806.25*
- Information Technology Assistant: *$22,080.00*

Whereas, the Coordinator of Pack Provision's Salary sits at $63,787.50, with $22,050.00 placed in benefits and fringe; and

Whereas, current vacant positions are not expected to be fulfilled for upcoming fiscal years; and

Whereas, placing the coordinator into the budget for FY27 will keep $52,792.50 floating in PG00092, with the surplus expecting to steadily rise throughout the remaining session; and

Whereas, all other current CSE faculty are appropriated funds within the ASUN budget; and

Whereas, maintaining the coordinator position for the food pantry is vital for maintaining the food pantry itself;

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

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that within PG00092, $63,787.50 is allocated to the Coordinator of Pack Provisions following the immediate signing of this bill; and

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that the Coordinator of Pack Provisions will receive funding in future ASUN Budgets, as proposed by the session's President and approved by the session's Senate; and

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that the Association will continue to assist and maintain the longevity of the University's main basic-needs facility, Pack Provisions; and

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that CSE Faculty and Accounting Services appropriate funds to the Pack Provisions Coordinator in whichever way is most functionable with their current infrastructure;

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

a. Vice President of Student Services, *Heather F. Speed;*

b. Coordinator of Pack Provisions, *Toni Ortega;*

c. Director of the Center of Student Engagement, *Dion Webb-Figueroa*

d. Associate Director of Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;

e. Associate Director of Business Operations, *Wei Jiang*

f. President of ASUN, *Dillon Moss*;

g. Vice President of ASUN, *Luke Calderon;*

h. Speaker of the 94th Senate, *Jason Issa;*

i. Chair of Budget & Finance, *Henry Lawson;*