

# ❄️ 91<sup>st</sup> Session of the ❄️ Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

In Person – Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the JCSU

Zoom Meeting – Email Fayza Salah at [speaker@asun.unr.edu](mailto:speaker@asun.unr.edu) for details.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Roll Call must be listed by Legislative Clerk

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

No meeting dates were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate for approval

**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.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to Ally Chavez at [senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu). Please email Ally for the meeting details through the email listed above.

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**6. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track or consent agenda.

**a. The following receipt of petition was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:**

- a. Resignation, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts, Erin Shaffer

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**POSTED ON OR BEFORE 9:00 a.m.**

**ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING**

Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center and online at [www.nevadaasun.com](http://www.nevadaasun.com). ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Please call the ASUN at (775) 784-6589 in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Fayza Salah at [Speaker@asun.unr.edu](mailto:Speaker@asun.unr.edu).



### **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Boris Carpio Guerra
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Hannah Alquiza
- c. Chief Justice, Brayden Taeubel
- d. Director of Executive Outreach, Stacen Suzuki
- e. Director of Executive Affairs, Isabella Valdivieso
- f. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Yahit Lopez
- g. Director of Programming, Jonel Stevenson
- h. Director of Government Affairs, Dawson Deal
- i. Director of IDEA, Arthur-James Okwuosa
- j. Director of Sustainability, Matthew Sauls
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Olivia Ngo
- l. Director of Campus Wellness, Harely Guerrero
- m. Attorney General, James Greco
- n. Senate Secretary, Ally Chavez
- o. Legislative Clerk, Nathan Habon
- p. Speaker of the Senate, Fayza Salah

### **7. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting.

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs, Mark Meiszburger
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance, Diana Landazuri
- c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, Leaf Acklin
- d. Chair, Committee on IDEA, Aween Ali
- e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations, Joel Martin
- f. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness, Tori Beaulac
- g. Chair, Committee on Oversight, Fayza Salah
- h. Parliamentarian, Juliana Giradello
- i. Speaker Pro Tempore, Vacant

### **8. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The speaker shall recognize in turn senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

### **9. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

- a. No nominations have been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate

**10. 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. No nominations have been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate

**11. 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 objections.

- a. There are no veto messages at this time.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

- a. No nominations have been submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:

**13. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. The following legislation was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.
  - i. S. R. 91- A BILL TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT STUDENT MEDIA VIA A CREDIT FEE'
  - ii. S.B.R. 91- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WINTER RECESS OF THE 91ST SESSION OF THE SENATE

**14. 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 a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate.

- b. The following legislation was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate.
  - i. S. R. 91- A BILL TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT STUDENT MEDIA VIA A CREDIT FEE
  - ii. S.B.R. 91- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WINTER RECESS OF THE 91ST SESSION OF THE SENATE

**15. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

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

## **16. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. The following legislation was submitted to the Speaker of the Senate:
  - i. **S R. 91- A BILL TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT STUDENT MEDIA VIA A CREDIT FEE**
  - ii. **S.B.R. 91- A BINDING RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WINTER RECESS OF THE 91ST SESSION OF THE SENATE**

## **17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

### **a. Department of Government Affairs Presentation**

The Senate shall hear a presentation from the Director Government Affairs Dawson Deal regarding the results of their policy issues and needs and assessments survey.

### **b. Director of ASUN Presentation**

The Senate shall hear a presentation from Dr. Sandra Rodriguez regarding the present cost-saving changes/possibilities to some programs and services that will take effect in Spring 2024.

### **c. Committee Changes and Additions**

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments.

### **d. Senator Reports**

Senators that may like to report on any progress they have made in ASUN-related projects may share.

## **18. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

## **19. 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.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

*Notes:*

*Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The Senate may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Senate may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. Please email the Senate Secretary at [senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu](mailto:senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu) as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation should need any.*

*Requests for supporting material for an agenda item should be directed to the Archives of the Associated Students. All other inquiries should be directed to Speaker Salah at "[speaker@asun.unr.edu](mailto:speaker@asun.unr.edu)."*

# S. R. 91-

## A BILL TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT STUDENT MEDIA VIA A CREDIT FEE

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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NOVEMBER 23RD, 2023

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR FROBES AND EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE SAGEBRUSH EMERSON  
DREWES  
TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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### **A Bill to Financially Support Student Media Via a Credit Fee**

*Whereas*, the proposed credit fee will be \$1.29 per credit and will generate \$697,634.016.

Any current registered undergraduate students enrolled in at least 1 credit, including dual enrollment students, will pay this fee during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters;

*Whereas*, This fee will fund The Nevada Sagebrush, Wolf Pack Radio, Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal, and Insight Magazine. Additionally, this proposed fee will fund a full-time CSE staff position to serve as the student media coordinator, currently held by Sogand Tabatabaei;

*Whereas*, a 67 cent per-credit fee for all students was proposed last session as a ballot question. This proposed fee failed as a ballot question, but still received a majority vote;

*Whereas*, these organizations provide an outlet for all students, as well as allow for students to gain information upon topics that affect their daily lives;

*Whereas*, these organizations allow students to prepare themselves for a career within journalism and provide them the necessary experience required for a career after graduation;

*Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) put forth a 24 cent per credit fee in 2022 and passed it through the Board of Regents in December of 2022. Although this fee was only 24 cents per credit, it only served the purpose of funding one student newspaper;

*Whereas*, by passing this piece, \$100,000 from the ASUN budget that is already dedicated towards student media will be available to be allocated to other necessities;

*Whereas*, without this proposed student media fee, student media on campus will continue to be underfunded, therefore allowing for student media to be underrepresented, staff to be underpaid, and could allow for student media to become non-existent without financial support;

*Be it resolved that by passing this bill, the Senate of the Associated Students* allow the students they represent to have the right to vote on this proposed credit fee through a ballot question similar if not the same as “Shall a student credit fee of \$1.29 per credit be put in place for undergraduate students to support The Nevada Sagebrush, Brushfire Literature and Arts Journal, Insight Magazine and Wolf Pack Radio;”

*Be it further resolved that*, the fee would fund all student media in full and provide living wages for over 20 students, allow for new positions, paid volunteer positions, fund travel to conferences, expand print opportunities and cover any overhead costs that may arise;

*Be it further resolved that*, all financial oversight generated from any financial gain from this piece if passed through both the students of the University of Nevada, Reno and NSHE will be through the Student Media Advisory Board (SMAB); This is to ensure that there is a strong separation between the financial gain of student media and the budget of ASUN;

*Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Amy Koeckes, Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement
- Sogand Tabatabaei, Student Media Coordinator

- Boris Carpio Guerra, President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno
- Hannah Alquiza, Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno
- Brian Sandoval, President of the University of Nevada, Reno
- Shannon Ellis, Vice President of Student Services
- Sandra Rodriguez, Director, Center for Student Engagement

<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>697,634,016</b>
<b>Line Item</b>			<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Personnel</b>			
Professional Salaries			60,000
Fringe Benefits - staff			20,280
Travel			4,000
Host			2,000
General Operations			4,600
Graduate Assistant			24,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>114,880</b>
<b>Line Item</b>			<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Student Media Advisory Board</b>			
General Operations			50,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>50,000</b>
<b>Line Item</b>			<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Nevada Sagebrush</b>			
Student Wages			134,844
Fringe Benefits - student			3,236,256
Travel			8,000
Host			5,000
General Operations			40,100
<b>Total</b>			<b>191,180.256</b>
<b>Line Item</b>			<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Brushfire</b>			
Student Wages			78,225
Fringe Benefits			1,877.4
Travel			\$5,000.00
Host			1,500
General Operations			18,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>104,602.4</b>
<b>Line Item</b>			<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Insight</b>			
Student Wages			71,820
Fringe Benefits			1,723.68
Travel			5,000
Host			1,500
General Operations			18,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>98,043.68</b>
<b>Line Item</b>			<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Wolf Pack Radio</b>			
Student Wages			77,820
Fringe Benefits			1,867.68
Travel			5,000
Host			5,000
General Operations			49,240
<b>Total</b>			<b>138,927.68</b>



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

91<sup>st</sup> SESSION  
2023-2024

**S.B.R. 91-  
A BINDING RESOLUTION TO  
PROVIDE FOR THE WINTER  
RECESS OF THE 91<sup>ST</sup> SESSION  
OF THE SENATE**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

SUBMITTED BY SPEAKER SALAH TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED  
STUDENTS

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**A Binding Resolution to Provide for the Winter Recess of the 91<sup>st</sup> Session of the  
Senate**

*Whereas*, according to the University Academic Calendar, instruction for the Fall 2023  
ends on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

*Whereas*, according to the University Academic Calendar, instruction for the Spring 2023  
begins on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023;

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students that*, the Senate shall become recessed  
upon the adjournment of the Senate meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

*Be it further resolved that*, this resolution be dissolved upon the reconvening of the Senate on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

*Be it further resolved that*, the Senators of the 91<sup>st</sup> Session of the Senate will continue to work and collaborate on initiatives and projects relating to the Senate throughout the recess period.