

84th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, August 17th, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***
3. **ROLL CALL***
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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 action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

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.

6. **RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL**

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 agenda.

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

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, Brandon Boone
- B. Vice President of the Associated Students, Jacob Springmeyer
- C. Chief of Staff, Sebastian Atienza
- D. Deputy Chief of Staff, Michael Upton
- E. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brooklyn Lawton
- F. Attorney General, Dylan Tedford
- G. Director of Programming, Casandra Hurdle
- H. Director of Blue Crew, Kevin Bezick
- I. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Richard Long
- J. Director of Legislative Affairs, VACANT
- K. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Gabriel Rojas
- L. Elections Chair, Steven McNeece
- M. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta

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- N. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Hannah Jackson
- O. Speaker of the Senate, Noah Teixeira

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES*

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-Senator Henderson
- B. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Feng
- C. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Green
- D. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Jordan
- E. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Eshenbaugh
- F. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Bradley
- G. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Teixeira

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

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

- A. Nomination of Corbett Fleming to Associate Justice.
- B. Nomination of Veronica Charles to be Director of Legislative Affairs.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

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.

The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on August 11th, 2016th:

A. NOMINATION OF CORBETT FLEMING TO ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.

The Committee will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Committee may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed.

B. NOMINATION OF VERONICA CHARLES TO BE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Committee will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Committee may consider the character, professional competence, physical or mental health, or other matters permissible under NRS 241.033 during consideration of this item. Under NRS 241.031, the meeting may not be closed.

C. Senate Committee Changes

- i. The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.

12. ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

The Senate of the Associated Students may elect Senate officers at this time.

There are no Senate officers to elect at this time.

13. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

There are no veto messages at this time.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been 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.

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

15. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

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

There is no legislation to be considered under first reading at this time.

16. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

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.

- A.** S.B. 84 - An Act to Amend the Title of the Junior Editor of NSURJ in the SAS
- B.** S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase the Wage of the Chief Presidential Aid
- C.** S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize the Wage for the Chief Presidential Aid Position
- D.** S.B. 84 - An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns
- E.** S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize Rollover Funds From fy16 and Various Budget Adjustments

17. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

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

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

18. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- A.** S.B. 84 - An Act to Amend the Title of the Junior Editor of NSURJ in the SAS

- B. S.B. 84 - An Act to Increase the Wage of the Chief Presidential Aid
- C. S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize the Wage for the Chief Presidential Aid Position
- D. S.B. 84 - An Act to Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Interns
- E. S.B. 84 - An Act to Recognize Rollover Funds From fy16 and Various Budget Adjustments

19. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. WTF Nevada ASUN

- i. Senator Charles will lead a discussion on the new posts on the “What to Fix Nevada ASUN” Facebook page and delegate the issues to the Senators.

B. Senator Reports

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

20. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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

21. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda items are action items upon which the Senate may take action.

Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair.

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

FROM: Brandon Boone, President of the Associated Students
TO: Noah Teixeira, Speaker of the Senate
Andrea Godoy, Senate Secretary
DATE: July 6, 2016
RE: Associate Justice Appointment

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate Corbett Fleming to be Associate Justice.

Brandon Boone

President

Associated Students of the University of Nevada

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

FROM: Brandon Boone, President of the Associated Students
TO: Noah Teixeira, Speaker of the Senate
Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate
DATE: August 8, 2016
RE: Director of Legislative Affairs

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate Veronica Charles to be Director of Legislative Affairs.

Brandon Boone
President

Associated Students of the University of Nevada

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

84th SESSION
2016-2017

S. B. 84-

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE WAGE OF THE CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL AID

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JULY 27TH, 2016

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR JORDAN TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED
STUDENTS

A BILL

An Act To Increase the Wage of the Chief Presidential Aid

1 *Whereas*, ASUN established the Chief Presidential Aid, also
2 referred to as Chief of Staff, to oversee internal operations of
3 the Association in order to improve overall quality of relations
4 with University of Nevada Students;

5 *Whereas*, in the 83rd Session of the Senate of the Associated
6 Students, the job duties of the Chief Presidential Aid as
7 outlined in the SAS grew to include: help Programming
8 Interns learn data assessment, to have a report read or spoken
9 into record at minimum every other Senate meeting, and plan
10 and coordinate at least one fundraiser for the ASUN John
11 Mackay Endowment;

1 *Whereas*, within recent years the role of the Chief Presidential
2 Aid has grown substantially within assisting the President and
3 Vice President in making important decisions at their
4 discretion;

5 *Whereas*, the Chief of Staff has traditionally been given the
6 responsibility of planning the Fall and Spring ASUN Retreats
7 as well as the ASUN banquet that occurs every Spring;

8 *Whereas*, the salary for the Chief Presidential Aid currently
9 falls under the 3,000.00 annual stipend for an appointed
10 officer;

11 *Whereas*, this change would move Chief Presidential Aid from
12 Appointed Officer Level III pay to Appointed Officer Level II
13 pay among Assistant Directors of Programming, Attorney
14 General, Director of Legislative Affairs, Presidential Assistant
15 on Campus and Public Relations, Director of Blue Crew, and
16 Director of Diversity and Inclusion;

17 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, SAS
18 402:03:C:4 be struck and “Chief Presidential Aid” be added to
19 SAS 402:03:B:7;

20 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*,
21 “To plan and organize the Fall and Spring ASUN retreats,” be
22 added to the Chief of Staff’s duties;

23 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*,
24 “To plan and organize the annual ASUN banquet,” be added
25 to the Chief of Staff’s duties.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

84th SESSION
2016-2017

S. B. 84-

AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE THE WAGE FOR THE CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL AID
POSITION

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JULY 27TH, 2016

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR FENG TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A BILL

An Act To Recognize the Wage for the Chief Presidential Aid Position

1 *Whereas*, ASUN established the Chief Presidential Aid, also
2 referred to as Chief of Staff, to oversee internal operations of
3 the Association in order to improve overall quality of relations
4 with University of Nevada Students;

5 *Whereas*, the job duties of the Chief Presidential Aid as
6 outlined in the SAS grew to include, “To plan and organize the
7 Fall and Spring ASUN Retreats,” and “To plan an organize the
8 annual ASUN Banquet;”

9 *Whereas*, the job duties of Chief Presidential Aid have also
10 grown to include: help Programming Interns learn data
11 assessment, to have a report read or spoken into record at

1 minimum every other Senate meeting, and plan and coordinate
2 at least one fundraiser for the ASUN John Mackay
3 Endowment;

4 *Whereas*, this change would move Chief Presidential Aid from
5 Appointed Officer Level III pay to Appointed Officer Level II
6 pay among Assistant Directors of Programming, Attorney
7 General, Director of Legislative Affairs, Presidential Assistant
8 on Campus and Public Relations, Director of Blue Crew, and
9 Director of Diversity and Inclusion;

10 *Whereas*, the wage for the Chief Presidential Aid would move
11 from a \$3,000.00 annual stipend for a level III appointed
12 officer to a \$5,000.00 annual stipend for a level II appointed
13 officer;

14 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, the
15 Chief of Staff line item of the Executive Board account (1702-
16 105-0104) is increased by \$2,000.00 to a fixed wage amount
17 of \$4,064.00 for FY 17;

18 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*,
19 the Reserves line item of the Budget and Finance Committee
20 (1702-105-0102) is decreased by \$2,000.00.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

84th SESSION
2016-2017

S. B. 84-

An Act To Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Internship

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JULY 15, 2016

SUBMITTED BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE JACKSON AND SENATOR JORDAN TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED
STUDENTS

A BILL

An Act To Amend the Appointment Process of the Legislative Internship

Whereas, the Legislative Interns are currently required to go through the ASUN Senate Committee on Oversight in order to be approved;

Whereas, the structure of the Legislative Internship is designed to mirror that of Senate;

Whereas, Senators do not have to appear before Senate for approval;

Whereas, as per SAS V.501.03.a the position of ASUN Legislative Intern is defined as “serving as a volunteer active learning individual who is being educated and prepared to hold office in ASUN,” therefore do not answer to the Associated Students directly;

Whereas, the individuals participating in the Legislative Internship Program are not employed ASUN officers, and therefore are not paid with undergraduate student funds;

Whereas, because legislation and ideas created by individuals participating in the Legislative Internship Program must be sponsored by a senator and approved by the Senate, the interns hold no influence to affect policy or monetary change by themselves;

Whereas, the process of Legislative Interns going through the Committee on Oversight puts significant time constraints on the program;

Whereas, the process of Legislative Interns going through the Committee on Oversight delays the start of the program by at least three weeks;

Whereas, due to elections in the Spring, the formal Legislative Internship Program is only active in the Fall Semester;

Whereas, the individuals participating in the Legislative Internship Program have not yet had the opportunity to learn the function of the Committee on Oversight, so requiring they appear before the committee is not only an unnecessarily intimidating procedure, but also makes the educational process convoluted and non-linear;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, candidates need not appear before the Committee on Oversight for approval in order to become Legislative Interns;

Be it further enacted, SAS section I.101.06.9 be struck;

Be it further enacted, SAS section V.501.03.a be amended to read, “A legislative intern serves as a

volunteer active learning individual, who is being educated and prepared to hold office in ASUN.

All members of the Legislative Internship Program, throughout their service, shall meet the general qualifications to hold office depicted by the ASUN Constitution”;

Be it further enacted, SAS section V.501.09.a be amended to read, “Candidates for the Legislative

Internship program will be interviewed and approved by the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate”;

Be it further enacted, SAS section V.501.09.b be amended to read, “Once approved by the Speaker

Pro Tempore of the Senate, candidates are deemed Legislative Interns and must carry out the duties of the position;”

Be it further enacted, SAS section V.501.09.c be amended to read, “The number of Legislative Interns

accepted into the program will be no more than twenty-three (23) interns;

Be it further enacted, SAS section V.501.09.d be struck.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

84th SESSION
2016-2017

S. B. 84-

AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE ROLLOVER FUNDS FROM FY16 AND VARIOUS BUDGET
ADJUSTMENTS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 11TH, 2016

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR FENG TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT BOONE

A BILL

An Act To Recognize Rollover Funds from FY16 and Various Budget
Adjustments

1 *Whereas*, rollover amounts in ASUN accounts from FY16
2 have been identified;

3 *Whereas*, for an accurate FY17 Budget, ASUN ought to
4 recognize these funds;

5 *Whereas*, an additional \$4000.00 will be given to the Elections
6 Commission to accommodate the year-round marketing
7 strategy of ASUN Elections proposed by Elections Chair
8 McNeece;

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, all*
2 *approved funds for Biggest Little Festival will be moved into a*
3 *new Biggest Little Festival Account (1702-105-0105) in order*
4 *to improve the transparency of ASUN;*

5 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*
6 *the Operating Line item of the Elections account (1702-05-*
7 *0106) will increase by \$4,000.00;*

8 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associate Students,*
9 *monies in both Insight Magazine (1702-105-0108) and*
10 *Brushfire (1702-105-0109) are shifted between the Travel,*
11 *Operating, and Host line items as requested by both accounts;*

12 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*
13 *monies be removed from the Programming Board (1702-105-*
14 *0111) Host and Operating line item as they will be transferred*
15 *into the Biggest Little Festival Account;*

16 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*
17 *the ILeadNevada Mentor Stipends, ILeadNevada Mentorship*
18 *Program Host and Operating line items are removed from the*
19 *Leadership Programs Account (1702-105-0119);*

20 *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*
21 *Addendum A will replace the budget for FY17.*

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

84th SESSION
2016-2017

S. B. 84-

An Act To Amend The Title Of The Junior Editor Of NSURJ In The SAS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

APRIL 20, 2016

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR JORDAN TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A BILL

An Act To Amend The Title Of The Editor Of NSURJ in the SAS

- 1 *Whereas*, the Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal is still in its infancy
2 (Volume 1, issue 1 was published Fall 2014);
3 *Whereas*, currently in the SAS, Senior and Junior editors are responsible for the
4 organization's dealings;

1 *Whereas*, NSURJ is trying to increase their prestige;

2 *Whereas*, changing the title of “Junior editor” to “Associate Editor” increases

3 the professionalism and attractiveness of the position and thereby will increase the prestige

4 of the position and organization as a whole;

5 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students that,*

6 *SAS 1103.02 as well as SAS 1103.03* are amended so that everywhere “Junior

7 editor” appears, it be changed to read “Associate editor.”