

# 85<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30 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**

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of August 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- b. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- c. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- d. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- e. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

## 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT\***

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.

## 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.

There are no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

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## **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, Noah Teixeira
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Sebastian Atienza
- c. Chief Justice, Samuel Bruketta
- d. Chief of Staff, Carissa Bradley
- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Jared Desamaro
- f. Director of Event Programming, Mia Kinel
- g. Director of Blue Crew, Cole Nason
- h. Director of Legislative Affairs, Spencer Shultz
- i. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo
- j. Director of Sustainability, Steven McNeece
- k. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg
- l. Attorney General, Cameron Harris
- m. Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella
- n. Speaker of the Senate, Hannah Jackson

## **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 Cammie Lee
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Justin Kuykendall
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Nicole Flangas
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator Austin Thummel
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Ryan Becker
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Derek Bussman
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Senator Anthony Martinez
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Hannah Jackson

## **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.

There are no candidates up for discussion at this time.

## **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.

- a. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**
  - i. **NOMINATION OF DAHLIA HENDERSON TO THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS WELLNESS** 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. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**
  - i. **NOMINATION OF HANNAH NAGY TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION** 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.
  - ii. **NOMINATION OF IVY TESFAY TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION** 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. **The following nominations were submitted to the Speaker of the Senate on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**
  - i. **NOMINATION OF AYANNA RELEFORD TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION** 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.

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## **12. 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.

### **13. 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.

### **14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to Clarify the ASUN Internship Qualifications

### **15. 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. 85 – An Act to Clarify the ASUN Internship Qualifications

*For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.*

### **16. 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.

### **17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION**

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

- a. S.B. 85 – An Act to Clarify the ASUN Internship Qualifications

*For further detail on each of the listed action items please see the support documents posted with this agenda. All action items may consist of legislation and supporting material for each respective action item.*

### **18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. **Senate Committee Changes**

Senators may change committee assignments through binding resolution.

**b. Senator Reports**

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

**19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

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

**20. 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.

**21. 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: Noah Teixeira, President of the Associated Students  
TO: Hannah Jackson, Speaker of the Senate  
Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate  
DATE: September 7, 2017  
RE: Director of Campus Wellness Appointment

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To the Senate of the Associated Students:

I nominate Dahlia Henderson to be the Director of Campus Wellness.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Teixeira". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Noah Teixeira

President

*Associated Students of the University of Nevada*



FROM: Precious Gbenjo, Director of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion  
TO: Hannah Jackson, Speaker of the Senate  
Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate  
DATE: September 18, 2017  
RE: Department of Diversity and Inclusion Nomination

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I, Precious Gbenjo nominate Hannah Nagy for the position of Assistant Director for The Department of Diversity and Inclusion.



FROM: Precious Gbenjo, Director of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion  
TO: Hannah Jackson, Speaker of the Senate  
Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate  
DATE: September 18, 2017  
RE: Department of Diversity and Inclusion Nomination

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I, Precious Gbenjo nominate Ivy Tesfay for the position of Commissioner of Social Justice and Policy for The Department of Diversity and Inclusion.





FROM: Precious Gbenjo, Director of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion

TO: Hannah Jackson, Speaker of the Senate  
Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate

DATE: September 18, 2017

RE: Department of Diversity and Inclusion Nomination

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I, Precious Gbenjo nominate Ayanna Releford for the position of Commissioner of Projects and Events for The Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

85<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2017-2018

**S. B. 85-**  
**AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ASUN**  
**INTERNSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

SUBMITTED BY SPEAKER JACKSON TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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**A Bill**  
**An Act to Clarify the ASUN Internship Qualifications**

1        *Whereas*, in its current wording, the Statutes of the Associated Students specify that  
2 interns must “meet the general qualifications to hold office depicted by the ASUN  
3 Constitution;”

4        *Whereas*, Article I Section B of the Constitution of the Associated Students specifies  
5 qualifications to hold on office in the association;

6        *Whereas*, Article I Section B Clause 1 states that “all members of the government of the  
7 Association, at time of their election or appointment and throughout their terms, shall meet  
8 the general qualification of maintaining a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average;”

1        *Whereas*, this cumulative grade point average has been defined as a University grade  
2 point average;

3        *Whereas*, this requirement would prevent incoming students who do not hold a  
4 University GPA from becoming legislative interns;

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

- 6        a) SAS V.501.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: A Legislative Intern  
7 serves as a volunteer active learning individual, who is being educated and  
8 prepared to hold office in ASUN. All members of the Legislative Internship  
9 program, throughout their service, shall meet the general qualifications to hold  
10 office depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the exception of incoming  
11 freshman who do not currently have a University GPA in their first semester.”
- 12        b) SAS V.503.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: An Event Programming  
13 Intern serves as a volunteer and active learning individual, who is being  
14 educated and prepared to become a member of the Event Programming Board.  
15 All members of the Event Programming Internship Program, at the time of  
16 their approval and throughout their service, shall meet the general qualifications  
17 to hold office depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the exception of  
18 incoming freshman who do not currently have a University GPA in their first  
19 semester.”
- 20        c) SAS V.504.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: A Blue Crew Intern  
21 serves as a volunteer and active learning individual, who is being educated and  
22 prepared to become a member of the Department for Blue Crew. All members  
23 of the Blue Crew Internship Program, at the time of their approval and  
24 throughout their service, shall meet the general qualifications to hold office

- 1 depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the exception of incoming freshman  
2 who do not currently have a University GPA in their first semester.”
- 3 d) SAS V.504.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: A Department of Clubs  
4 and Organizations Intern serves as a volunteer and active learning individual,  
5 who is being educated and prepared to hold office in ASUN. All members of  
6 the Department of Clubs and Organizations Internship Program, at the time of  
7 their approval and throughout their service, shall meet the general qualifications  
8 to hold office depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the exception of  
9 incoming freshman who do not currently have a University GPA in their first  
10 semester.”
- 11 e) SAS V.506.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: A Government Relations  
12 Intern serves as a volunteer and active learning individual, who is being  
13 educated and prepared to hold office in ASUN. All members of the  
14 Government Relations Internship Program, at the time of their approval and  
15 throughout their service, shall meet the general qualifications to hold office  
16 depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the exception of incoming freshman  
17 who do not currently have a University GPA in their first semester.”
- 18 f) SAS V.507.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: A Judicial Intern serves as  
19 a volunteer and active learning individual, who is being educated and prepared  
20 to hold office in ASUN. All members of the Judicial Internship Program, at the  
21 time of their approval and throughout their service, shall meet the general  
22 qualifications to hold office depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the  
23 exception of incoming freshman who do not currently have a University GPA  
24 in their first semester.”

- 1 g) SAS V.508.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: An Elections  
2 Commission Intern serves as a volunteer and active learning individual, who is  
3 being educated and prepared to become a member of the Elections  
4 Commission. All members of the Elections Commission Internship Program, at  
5 the time of their approval and throughout their service, shall meet the general  
6 qualifications to hold office depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the  
7 exception of incoming freshman who do not currently have a University GPA  
8 in their first semester.”
- 9 h) SAS V.509.3.a shall be amended to read, “In General: A Department of  
10 Diversity and Inclusion Intern serves as a volunteer and active learning  
11 individual, who is being educated and prepared to hold office in ASUN. All  
12 members of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion Internship Program, at  
13 the time of their approval and throughout their service, shall meet the general  
14 qualifications to hold office depicted by the ASUN Constitution with the  
15 exception of incoming freshman who do not currently have a University GPA  
16 in their first semester.”