85th Session of the
Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 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 January 24th, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of January 24th, 2018 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 January 31st, 2017. The Senate will discuss the minutes of January 31st, 2018 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.

   a. Resignation of Suriya Sarwar, Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs

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

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- **i.** Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Precious Gbenjo
- **j.** Director of Sustainability, Brita Romans
- **k.** Director of Campus and Public Relations, Brandon Walberg
- **l.** Director of Campus Wellness, Dahlia Henderson
- **m.** Attorney General, Cameron Harris
- **n.** Elections Chair, Courtney Kinsella
- **o.** 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.

i. NOMINATION OF MAKENNA BUCKENMEYER TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHAIR OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate 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

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. **NOMINATION OF MAKENNA BUCKENMEYER TO THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHAIR OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION**
The Senate will consider the above-named nomination to Association office. The Senate 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

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:

There is no legislation up for first reading at this time.

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.

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 Use Capital Funds to Replace and Fix ASUN Center for Student Engagement Resources
b. S.B. 85 – An Act to Reallocate Funds to Pack Provisions Food Pantry
c. S.B. 85 – An Act to Relocate the ASUN Retreat and ASUN Banquet Line Items in the ASUN Operating Budget FY18
d. S.R. 85 – A Resolution in Support of House Resolution 2709 of the 1st session (2017) of the 115th Congress
e. S.B. 85 – An Act to Amend the ASUN Constitution

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 agendized 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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To: The 85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students
From: Suriya Sarwar, Senator for Interdisciplinary Programs
Re: Resignation

1/29/2018

Hello,

I am writing to announce my resignation from the 85th Session of the ASUN Senate.

Unfortunately, I have a class conflict during senate that is required for me to graduate this spring. I've enjoyed working with such a smart and talented group of people, and am excited to see what you all accomplish from here on out.

Thank you for the opportunities for growth that you all have provided me.

I wish you all the best. If I can be of any help during the transition, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Suraiya Sarwar

FROM: Courtney Kinsella, Elections Chair

TO: Hannah Jackson, Speaker of the Senate

DATE: 2/1/2018

RE: Appointment of Makenna Buckenmeyer to the Office of the Assistant Chair for Civic Engagement

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When choosing a candidate for the Assistant Chair for Civic Engagement, Makenna stood out. Through her previous experience as an officer for her sorority Kappa Alpha Theta as well as the Panhellenic Council, I believe her to be an excellent candidate for this position. Although she has much to learn, and will be expected to learn quickly, I believe she will be able to adapt efficiently and be an excellent asset to the commission. In addition, Ms. Buckenmeyer is a hard and dependable worker that will be able to support the commission and help run elections events.

Courtney Kinsella

Elections Chair

The Associated Students of the University of Nevada

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

85th SESSION
2017-2018

S. B. 85-

AN ACT TO USE CAPITAL FUNDS TO REPLACE AND FIX ASUN CENTER FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 29, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR KUYKENDALL TO THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

A BILL

An Act to Use Capital Funds to Replace and Fix ASUN Center for Student Engagement Resources

Whereas, an appropriation from the Capital Fund has been requested;

Whereas, the funds are requested to replace and fix ASUN Center for Student Engagement resources;

Whereas, the ASUN must update resources when they no longer serve the students as best as they can;

Whereas, the request is being made to purchase 1 popcorn machine, 1 ice chest, 1 cotton candy machine, 2 5-allon beverage coolers, 2 extension cords, 2 bullhorns, 2 rechargeable batteries

for the bullhorns, a 6 pack of 10 lb. square rubber bases, and a 6 pack of channelizer cones without bases;

Whereas, the total cost of the resources is $1,416.69;

Whereas, the Statutes of the Associated Students requires an additional 10% contingency of $141.67 to be applied;

Whereas, the new total cost is $1,558.36;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, the Capital Fund be approved to pay $1,558.36 for the ASUN resources requested;

From: Jared Desamero, ASUN Director of Clubs and Organizations

To: Noah Teixeira, President of the Associated Students

Justin Kuykendall, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students

Date: Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

Topic: Use of Capital Funds to Replace and Repair ASUN Resources

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To President Teixeira, Senator Kuykendall, and the Senate of the Associated Students:

I am requesting that you allocate $1,416.69 from the ASUN Capital Fund to replace and fix ASUN Center for Student Engagement resources. Recognized clubs and organizations, the Center for Student Engagement, and other ASUN departments regularly use these resources. The ASUN resources purchased would benefit the entire Association by developing programming for the entire university community. In addition, these resources typically last for 4+ years, which qualifies them as a capital expenditure.

In coordination with Coordinator Damato, I recommended this expenditure allocation because many resources are damaged—some damages rendering a few resources unusable—and usage data shows that the first 5 item requests for resources below belong in "top 5 usage" category within our data. Sandy Rodriguez, the Director of the Center for Student Engagement, recommended that we purchase two bullhorns, two rechargeable batteries, six channelizer cones, and six cone bases. She and I agree that these items can be effectively utilized for demonstrations, picketing, or democratic engagement opportunities. In addition to these reasons, the Department to my knowledge in the past 3 years has not conducted a proper audit of Center of Student Engagement resources; such an audit would coincide with the Department's goals and initiatives for this year.

Best regards,

Jared Desamero

Jared Desamero
ASUN Director of Clubs and Organizations

Item Request

The following table shows the items that I am requesting through the ASUN Capital Fund.

#	Item	Vendor	Price
1	Popcorn Machine	Amazon	$209.99
2	Ice Chest	Amazon	$118.89
3	Cotton Candy Machine	Amazon	$239.89
4	5-gallon beverage cooler (x2)	Amazon	$45.98
5	Extension cord (x2)	Lowe's	$79.94
6	Bullhorn (x2)	Uline	$318.00
7	Rechargeable batteries for bullhorn (x2)	Uline	$158.00
8	10 lb square rubber base (6 pack)	Uline	$72.00
9	Channelizer cones without base (6 pack)	Uline	$174.00
Total			**$1,416.69**

Supporting Documents

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Great Northern Popcorn Company

Great Northern Popcorn 6097 8 OZ Foundation Red Full Antique Style Popcorn Popper Machine Complete with Cart and 8-Ounce Kettle

507 customer reviews | 114 answered questions

Price: $209.99 & **FREE Shipping**. Details

In Stock.

Want it Tuesday, Nov. 14? Order within **19 hrs 34 mins** and choose **Standard Shipping** at checkout. Details

Ships from and sold by Amazon.com.

Color: **Red**

$261.17 | $209.99

- Deluxe model with 3 position control switch and 860-watt
- Popcorn supply storage in base
- Switches include: spot light warmer, stirrer and pot heater
- 16-Inch Ball bearing wheels for smooth mobility
- Works on standard 110-volt

Igloo Glide PRO Cooler (110-Quart, White)

215 customer reviews | 43 answered questions

Price: $118.89 & **FREE Shipping**. Details

In Stock.

Want it tomorrow, Nov. 10? Order within **1 hr 32 mins** and choose **One-Day Shipping** at checkout. Details
Ships from and sold by Amazon.com. Gift-wrap available.

Color: **White**

- Unique horizontal Slide-and-Lock telescoping handle provides maximum leverage and lightens lifting loads
- Ultratherm insulated body and lid keep ice for 5 days at 90 degrees Fahrenheit
- Virtually indestructible zinc-plated metal hinges
- Oversized sport rally wheels
- Attractive, yet rugged styling

VIVO

Electric Commercial Cotton Candy Machine / Candy Floss Maker Pink Cart Stand VIVO (CANDY-V002)

41 customer reviews | 31 answered questions

Price: $239.89 & **FREE Shipping**

In Stock.

Get it as soon as Nov. 16 - 20 when you choose **Economy Shipping** at checkout.
Ships from and sold by V I V O.

- Electric Cotton Candy Cart Machine, 1030W of Power
- Produces up to 2-3 servings per minute
- Large 20" Stainless Steel Bowl with Sugar Scoop and Cash Drawer Included
- Transforms hard candy or sugar into wooly cotton candy
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List Price: ~~$39.99~~
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In Stock.

Want it tomorrow, Nov. 10? Order within **48 mins** and choose **One-Day Shipping** at checkout. Details
Ships from and sold by Amazon.com **exclusively for Prime members**. Details
Gift-wrap available.

Item Package Quantity: **1**

1	2
$22.99	from 6 sellers

- UltraTherm insulation in body to keep beverage cold
- Impact resistant plastic bottom
- Reinforced handles for long product life
- Pressure fit lid won't trap dirt
- 5 Gallon capacity

Utilitech 100-ft 13-Amp 120-Volt 1-Outlet 14-Gauge Red/Black Outdoor Extension Cord

Item # 242129 Model # UTK506735 (58 Reviews)

$39.97

1 +

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Command attention! Be loud and clear for outdoor events or crowd control.

- 3 Settings: talk, siren, whistle. Adjustable volume control.
- Tough lightweight weatherproof ABS plastic.
- Pistol grip talk switch, easy-loading battery cartridge.
- Optional rechargeable batteries - Up to 8 hours of operation on a single charge.

BULLHORNS

MODEL NO.	MAXIMUM RANGE	POWER (WATTS)	BATTERIES REQUIRED*	WT. (LBS.)	PRICE EACH 1	PRICE EACH 2+	ADD TO CART	
H-4743	1/2 Mile	20	6 C	4	$130	$125	0	ADD
H-4744	1 Mile	25	8 C		165	159	2	ADD

BULLHORN ACCESSORIES

MODEL NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH 1	PRICE EACH 2+	ADD TO CART	
H-6420	Rechargeable battery for H-4743	$62	$60	0	ADD
H-6421	Rechargeable battery for H-4744	82	79	2	ADD

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CHANNELIZER CONES

Stackable. Use less space than barricades for road construction.

- Detachable rubber base.
- Reflective – 6" high-intensity bands for visibility.

CHANNELIZER CONES

Meets NCHRP-350 and MUTCD Standards.

MODEL NO.	HEIGHT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH 1	PRICE EACH 3+	ADD TO CART	
H-2845	42"	Standard Cone w/ 10 lb. Base	$41	$39	0	ADD
H-2846		Reflective Cone w/ 10 lb. Base	63	61	0	ADD

BULK BUY - SAVE UP TO 39%

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MODEL NO.	HEIGHT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH (MIN. 6) 6	PRICE EACH (MIN. 6) 24+	ADD TO CART	
H-3417	42"	Standard Cone w/o Base	$18	$17	0	ADD
H-3418		Reflective Cone w/o Base	29	27	6	ADD
H-3416	N/A	10 lb. Square Base	12	11	6	ADD
H-5492	N/A	16 lb. Hexagonal Base	20	19	0	ADD

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2017-2018

S. B. 85-

AN ACT TO REALLOCATE FUNDS TO PACK PROVISIONS FOOD PANTRY

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 29, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR KUYKENDALL TO THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

A BILL

An Act to Reallocate Funds to Pack Provisions Food Pantry

Whereas, a request for additional funding has been requested;

Whereas, the funds are requested for the Pack Provisions Food Pantry;

Whereas, Pack Provisions has seen a significant usage surge in the last year and has used nearly all its allocated budget for the fiscal year;

Whereas, the request is being made to restock the food pantry with WinCo cards;

Whereas, the sustenance of the Pack Provisions Food Pantry is necessary for the wellbeing of students in need of food accommodations;

Whereas, the request is for $3,874.03;

Whereas, there exist unused dollars in classified salaries under the ASUN Center for Student Engagement account (1702-105-0112);

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, Classified Salaries under the ASUN Center for Student Engagement account (1702-105-0112) be reduced by $3,874.03 and Food Pantry under the Milton D. Glick Academic Initiatives account (1702-105-0135) be increased by $3,874.03;

MEMORANDUM

TO: Noah Teixeira, President of ASUN

FROM: Chris Partridge, Coordinator, Student Engagement Outreach

CC: Sandra Rodriguez, Director ASUN Center for Student Engagement
Amy Koeckes, Associate Director ASUN Center for Student Engagement

DATE: November 28, 2017

RE: Pack Pantry Budget Request- $3,874.03

The Pack Provisions program has seen a significant surge in usage this year. The program has nearly used all of its allocated budget for Fiscal Year 18. ASUN has budgeted $5,273.99 this year with $1,856.37 in outside contributions since Pack Provisions was able to raise funds through the Nevada Wolf Shop last year.

Based on Pack Provisions data, I estimate we will need 300 WinCo gift cards ($20 each) for the spring 2018 semester if we are to continue giving out the same aid package to visitors. I am requesting ASUN to provide an additional $3,874.03 for the remainder of the year. This amount, combined with the remaining funds available and resources generated by upcoming fundraisers, will allow us to continue to provide services.

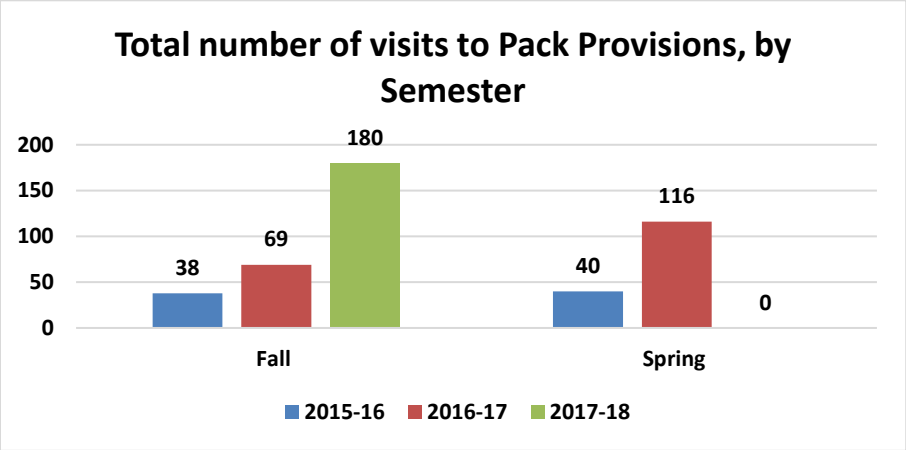
-$6,000.00	Amount needed for 300 more WinCo cards
$757.72	Remaining Pack Provisions funds
$1,368.25	Fundraising target for Spring 2018
-$3,874.03	Requesting from ASUN

Supporting Information

Fundraising/Outside Contributions

- September fundraiser drive with the Wolf Shop yielded $488.12.
- Planning another drive in January/February with a goal of $1368.25 to reach the $1,856.37 amount that was budgeted this year (awaiting confirmation from the Wolf Shop)
- Searching for additional fundraising opportunities

Pack Provisions Usage Data



*Fall 2017 data includes July 1 – October 30

As you can see, Pack Provisions total visits have nearly tripled since last fall, with more than a month still remaining in the semester. The total visits in fall 2017 will exceed the total from the entire Fiscal 2017.

$20 WinCo Gift Cards Given Out, by Semester

		2016-17	2017-18
Fall		50	221
Spring		129	
Total		179	

July 1 – November 17 (Projected 270 cards in fall 2017) (Spring 2018 projected 300 cards)

Reasons for the increase

We attribute this increase in usage to our efforts to raise awareness of the program:

- The campus-wide Wolf Pack Civic Engagement survey conducted in spring 2016 showed that 21% of students on campus were experiencing food insecurity sometimes or often, and there was still significant stigma associated with receiving assistance from the program.

- The Center for Student Engagement remodel, completed at the end of spring 2016, sought to increase visibility of Pack Provisions.
- Over the past 18 months, the program has focused extensively on outreach campaigns working with Inkblot to create a video and a new brochure to pass out on campus.
- Pack Provisions has also developed additional opportunities to provide educational programming on campus, such as the Mobile Monday initiative, showing the documentary *A Place at the Table*, and events in observance of Hunger Action Day and Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week.

What Pack Provisions visitors receive

Each visitor to Pack Provisions receives an assistance package that includes:

- Non-perishable food items and non-food items in our storage
- 5 meal swipes at the Downunder Café (limit to 10 total per person per semester)
- $40 in gift cards to purchase fresh items at WinCo foods (limit to $80 per person per semester)*

*The amount of WinCo cards issued to visitors of Pack Provisions is based on research conducted through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Feeding America. In October 2017, due to the extreme increase in visits to Pack Provisions, we reduced the WinCo allocation to only give $20 per visit and $40 per semester. Ideally, in the spring semester, we will revert back to giving $40 per visit.

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S. B. 85-

AN ACT TO RELOCATE THE ASUN RETREAT AND ASUN BANQUET LINE ITEMS IN THE ASUN OPERATING BUDGET FY18

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 29, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR KUYKENDALL TO THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

A BILL

An Act to Relocate the ASUN Retreat and ASUN Banquet Line Items in the ASUN Operating Budget FY18

Whereas, the ASUN Retreat and ASUN Banquet line items under the Budget and Finance Committee account (1702-105-0102) are currently out of place in the ASUN Operating Budget FY18;

Whereas, the aforementioned line items and their balances are to be utilized by the Chief Presidential Aid as deemed by a previous SAS change;

Whereas, the Chief Presidential Aid operates through the Executive Board account (1702-105-0104);

Whereas, in order to be fiscally transparent, the aforementioned line items must be located under the same account as the officer utilizing them;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, the ASUN Retreat and ASUN Banquet line items under the Budget and Finance Committee account (1702-105-0102) be moved with their respective balances of $3,000 and $2,000 to the Executive Board account (1702-105-0104);

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S. RES. 85-

To support HOUSE RESOLUTION 2709 OF THE 1ST SESSION (2017) OF THE 115TH CONGRESS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

CO-SPONSORED BY SENATORS PANINGBATAN AND TOOL AND SUBMITTED BY INTERN LAUREN LIM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

A Resolution

To support HOUSE RESOLUTION 2709 OF THE 1ST SESSION (2017) OF THE 115TH CONGRESS

Whereas, the title of H.R. 2709 reads "To increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry.";

Whereas, "According to the National Academy of Sciences, STEM education at the undergraduate level is vital to developing a workforce that will allow the United States to remain the leader in the 21st century global economy" (HR2709.II.01a);

*Whereas, "*According to the 2013 American Community Survey Report on disparities in STEM employment, women comprise about half of the United States workforce but only make up 26 percent of STEM workers" (HR2709.II.01a);

Whereas, in this act "the term "minority" means American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin), Asian (including underrepresented subgroups), Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander origin subgroup, or other ethnic group underrepresented in science and engineering" (HR2709.II.01e);

Whereas, "The Director of the National Science Foundation shall award grants to eligible entities, on a competitive basis, to enable such eligible entities to carry out the activities described in subsection (d), in order to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics" (HR2709.II.b);

Whereas, the University of Nevada's vision is "to be a nexus for research and creativity that focuses on vital issues of our time; and to serve as a catalyst for the betterment of our society";

Whereas, the University of Nevada's mission "recognizes and embraces the critical importance of diversity in preparing students for global citizenship and is committed to a culture of excellence, inclusion, and accessibility";

Be it resolved that, The Legislative Affairs Department of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the approval of House Resolution 2709;

Be it further resolved that, a copy of this resolution be sent to ASUN Director Schultz of Legislative Affairs, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, and Senator Dean Heller.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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S. B. 85-

An Act to Amend the ASUN Constitution

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 22, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MARTINEZ TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

A BILL

An Act to Amend the ASUN Constitution

Whereas, the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada II.1.b reads, "Each college and school shall have at least one seat. Thereafter, the seats shall be apportioned among the colleges and schools proportionally according to their respective enrollment numbers."

Whereas, the University of Nevada has recently reorganized their academic colleges;

Whereas, The Division of Health Sciences will be splitting into three academic colleges: The Orvis School of Nursing, the Division of Health Sciences, and Community Health Sciences;

Whereas, the Speech Pathology program will now report directly to the School of Medicine;

Whereas, what is currently nine academic colleges will now become twelve;

Whereas; by using the Huntington-Hill Method as prescribed in the Statutes of the Associated Students I.101.12, conducting reapportionment based on the current enrollment numbers would result in both the College of Science, Interdisciplinary Programs, and the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources to losing senate representation;

Whereas; the addition of three additional seats would accommodate for the reorganization and addition of academic colleges;

Whereas; the Associated Students of the University of Nevada should accommodate for the reorganization and addition of academic colleges in order to provide adequate representation for all students;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Associated Students, upon the passage of this bill, a question seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2018 General Election as follows:

"Shall the Senate of the Associated Students increase the maximum number of senate seats from twenty-two to twenty-five, in order to accommodate for the addition of three academic colleges?"

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that pursuant to passage of the ballot question by the student body, Article II, Section 1 (a), will read as follows:

"COMPOSITION AND TERM.—The Senate shall be composed of the Speaker and not more than twenty-five Senators, who shall be elected to a term of one year."