# Committee on Public Affairs

**Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session**

**Agenda for Friday, February 9th, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.**

**Joe Crowley Student Union President’s Conference Room**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER\*
2. ROLL CALL\*
3. 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 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

1. MINUTES

a. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 23rd, 2017. The Committee will discuss the minutes of October 23rd, 2017. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

b. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 2nd, 2017. The Committee will discuss the minutes of November 2nd, 2017. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

c. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from November 29th, 2017. The Committee will discuss the minutes of November 29th, 2017. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

d. The Committee will consider the approval of the minutes from January 26th, 2018. The Committee will discuss the minutes of January 26th, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Committee may choose to approve the minutes.

1. OLD BUSINESS
2. The is no old business to be discussed at this time.
3. NEW BUSINESS
4. Election of a Vice Chair

Due to the resignation of Committee’s Vice Chair, the Committee will appoint a new Vice Chair of the Committee on Public Affairs.

1. Presentation of a Bill from Senator Paningbatan

Senator Paningbatan will the present a bill to the Committee.

1. Presentation of a Resolution from Senator Paningbatan

Senator Paningbatan will the present a resolution to the Committee.

1. High School Outreach Project Update

The Committee will discuss the progress of the High School Outreach Project collaboration with Director Walberg.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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1. ADJOURNMENT
2. NOTES.

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all items are action items upon which the Senate may take action. 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 Speaker of the ASUN at (775) 784-6589 in advance so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

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S. Bill 85-

**A Bill Supporting Accessibility for Condoms Through vending machines**

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In the Senate of the Associated Students

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JANUARY 23, 2018

Submitted by Senator Paningbatan and Senator Becker to the committee on Public Affairs

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**A Bill**

**A Bill Supporting Condom Accessibility**

*Whereas,* an estimated 1.1 million people in the United States have HIV with 8,405 individuals diagnosed in the state of Nevada;

*Whereas,* the number of new HIV diagnoses in 2015 for Nevada was 485 cases with most infections concentrated in Clark County and Washoe County;

*Whereas,* an estimated 485 young adults were diagnosed with HIV in Nevada ranking 21st amongst the 50 states in new HIV diagnoses for 2015;

*Whereas,* age group 13 to 24 account for 23% of all new infections in 2015, and of those 72% were transmitted through sexual contact;

*Whereas,* college students in general fall within the 13-24 age group;

*Whereas,* over 50% of college students consider themselves sexually active and have multiples sex partners;

*Whereas,* 137 individuals who were diagnosed with HIV in Nevada have died in 2015;

*Whereas,* condoms are the most effective form of contraception in preventing HIV and other STD’s/STI’s.

*Whereas,* the Center for Disease Control affirms that condom distribution programs are an effective, and proven way to reduce HIV/STD rates within a community.

*Whereas,* the university offers free condoms at the student-health center and other health-related events.

*Whereas,* the student-health center is only opened from 8-5 PM;

*Whereas,* accessibility can be limited due to the hours of operation and other factors not listed;

*Whereas,* vending machines are great tools for providing accessibility to different products and materials;

*Whereas,* there is a vending machine already located in the 1st floor of the Knowledge Center;

*Whereas,* there are currently no spaces in the vending machines designated for condoms and other contraceptives.

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, a spot for condoms shall be reserved for the vending machine located on the 1st floor of the Knowledge Center.

*Be it further enacted,* condoms will be added to future and appropriate vending machines maintained by the Wolf Shop/ASUN.

*Be it further enacted,* a copy of the bill be sent to the campus student health center, Dean for the School of Community Health Sciences, student health services, and the Nevada Wolf Shop.

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S. Res. 85-

**A Resolution Supporting a Mandatory student bus fee**

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In the Senate of the Associated Students

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January 24, 2018

Submitted by Senator Paningbatan to the committee on Public Affairs

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**A Resolution**

**A Resolution Supporting a Mandatory Student Bus Fee**

*Whereas,* the Parking and Transportation Services provide essential services to keep the campus friendly and accessible;

*Whereas,* one of the services funded by the department are the bus lines – Blue Line/Silver Line – running on both sides of campus;

*Whereas,* there are currently two buses running on both sides of campus during hours of operation;

*Whereas,* the university campus is approximately 3 miles in distance around the border;

*Whereas,* the approximate wait time for students is no more than 15 minutes for stops;

*Whereas,* about 324,000 rides have been given annually for both fall and spring semester;

*Whereas,* the Parking and Transportation Services completely fund the Blue Line running on the west side of campus;

*Whereas,* the Parking and Transportation Services partially fund the Silver Line on the east side of campus;

*Whereas,* the Silver Line is partially subsidized by apartments/businesses located on the Northeast side of campus;

*Whereas,* the current operational budget for both bus lines are unsustainable;

*Whereas,* the current operational budget is running on a $300,000 deficit;

*Whereas,* one option proposed by the Parking and Transportation Services is to offer a “Basic Service” which essentially reduces the effectiveness of the university bus system;

*Whereas,* the Basic Service reduces the amount of bus running to 1 for both lines;

*Whereas,* the Basic Service increases stop wait times to 20+ minutes;

*Whereas,* the alternative option is to extend services and modify the current structure and bus route;

*Whereas,* the alternative option will be partly subsidized by student support;

*Whereas,* the alternative will separate the bus routes into “main line” located on the west side of campus and “express line” located on the east side of campus;

*Whereas,* the alternative will reduce stop wait time to 9.5 minutes for the main line and 13 minutes for the express line;

*Whereas,* the proposed alternative will cost $257,000 in student fees;

*Whereas,* the new bus fee will amount to $12 per students ($6 per semester).

*Be it resolved that,* The Associated Students of the University of Nevada fully support a mandatory student bus fee to subsidize the university bus system;

*Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent University President Marc Johnson, Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, and the university Parking and Transportation Services.