

85th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, February 21st, 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 February 7th, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of February 7th, 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 February 7th, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of February 14th, 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.

There are no petitions to be read at this time.

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

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- 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.

There are no appointments to be considered 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.

There are no appointments to be considered at this time.

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 Amend the ASUN Constitution

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 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.

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 Amend the ASUN Constitution
- b. S.R. 85 – A Resolution to Build a Free Speech Structure in Democracy Plaza

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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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 be amended to read, "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."

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S. R. 85-

A RESOLUTION TO BUILD A FREE SPEECH STRUCTURE IN DEMOCRACY PLAZA

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR FLANGAS TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIC AND ENGAGEMENT

A RESOLUTION

A Resolution to Build a Free Speech Structure in Democracy Plaza

1 *Whereas*, the resolution of the 83rd session of Senate which
2 named the area in front of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge
3 Center ‘Democracy Plaza’, did so with the intent to: “connect
4 the university’s foundational value of learning with the
5 democratic process”;

6 *Whereas*, the Center for Student Engagement has created the
7 iLead initiative to create a campus culture of democratic civic
8 engagement opportunities;

9 *Whereas*, building a free speech structure would provide a
10 platform, both physically with a microphone and granite
11 structure, and metaphorically, for students to exercise their first
12 amendment right to free speech and assembly, essentially

1 fulfilling the commitment to involving students in the
2 democratic process and allowing for democratic civic
3 engagement whenever students deem necessary;

4 *Whereas*, this University has always created an environment for
5 raising challenging questions and the discussion of significant
6 issues, and this platform would allow for students to do just that;

7 *Whereas*, this structure would further allow for students to
8 specifically speak out about any issue, person, decision, policy
9 which they deem important, and we, as the Associated Students
10 of the University of Nevada, will pledge to listen to the students
11 who use this platform and, to our best ability, write bills and
12 resolutions which reflect these sentiments;

13 *Whereas*, this structure will also provide students a platform to
14 speak directly to the administration and community and will
15 further promote the ideals of No Walls 2025, where the students
16 are: “actively involved in the system of shared governance at the
17 University of Nevada,” and students “are holding their
18 representatives and administrators accountable for their
19 decision-making, whether it’s at the system, city, state or national
20 level[, and the students] are framers of the... experience of the
21 university”;

22 *Whereas*, the benefit of this instillation, Democracy Plaza, will last
23 for as long as the structure stands and is maintained on campus;

24 *Whereas*, this structure will be paid for by the Associated Students
25 as it is a service for the students, the direct mission of ASUN,
26 therefore, the ASUN logo will forever be engraved on the
27 aforementioned structure in Democracy Plaza;

28 *Whereas*, the structure will consist of granite, an engraving of the
29 quote: “That much like mortar binds together the multi-colored
30 and textured materials to create a strong foundation for this

1 artwork, it is the freedom of speech that binds together a diverse
2 society and is a foundational element to our democracy.”, the
3 plaque defining the area as “Democracy Plaza,” and a specific
4 podium which has a microphone/speaker system allowing
5 students to speak to the masses, noting that this podium will be
6 ADA accessible with a ramp;

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that the
8 construction of the Free Speech structure be executed, when
9 and/or if it is funded, as dictated with the specifications
10 aforementioned;

11 *Be it further resolved*, that this resolution be sent to President Marc
12 Johnson, Dr. Shannon Ellis, Sean Goldrick, Vic Redding, Denise
13 M. Baclawski, John C. Walsh, the Committee on Budget and
14 Finance and Chair Justin Kuykendall.