

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 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**

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from April 18th, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of April 18th, 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 April 25th, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of April 25th, 2018 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 May 2nd, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 2nd, 2018 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 May 9th, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 9th, 2018 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 May 16th, 2018. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 16th, 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**

- a. Resignation of Alex Chau, Senator for the College of Interdisciplinary

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.

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ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY BEFORE THE MEETING

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- a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley
- c. Chief Justice
- d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher
- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar
- f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch
- g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall
- h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada
- i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling
- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
- l. Attorney General, Omar Moore
- m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez

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 Collins
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement- Senator Feil
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs- Senator Mata
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez

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.

There are no nomination to be heard 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.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Keep Families Together Act

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. There is no legislation to be read now.

- a. S.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Keep Families Together Act

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.R. 86 – A Resolution in Support of the Keep Families Together Act

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- b. **Senate Committee Changes**

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution

c. Senator Reports

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

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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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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Letter of Resignation

June 13th, 2018

Alex Chau

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Dear Speaker Martinez

I regret to inform you that I am resigning my position in Senate effective 6.13.2018. I wish Senate the best of luck moving forward and if you need anything further from me please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

Alex Chau

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION
2018-2019

S. RES. 86-

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE “KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER ACT”

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JUNE 20, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR ALVAREZ TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution

In Support of the Keep Families Together Act

1 *Whereas*, the legislation, S. 3036, introduced on June 8 by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, would ban the
2 separation of families at the border unless there is evidence that a child is being trafficked or abused
3 by his or her parents;

4 *Whereas*, the bill would allow separation only if a state court terminated an undocumented
5 person’s parental rights or an official from a state or county child welfare agency decided it was in the
6 best interest of the child to be removed, as in accordance to the bill itself under section 2;

7 *Whereas*, all 49 Democrats in Senate, medical and immigrant advocacy organizations, including
8 but not limited to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Kids in Need of Defense, and the Women’s
9 Refugee Commission, have all expressed support of the act;

1 *Whereas*, since early May, an estimated number of 2,343 children have been separated from their
2 parents after crossing the Southern U.S. border, according to the Department of Homeland Security;

3 *Whereas*, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered prosecutors along the border to “adopt
4 immediately a zero-tolerance policy” for illegally crossing the Southern U.S. border;

5 *Whereas*, this zero-tolerance policy included prosecuting parents traveling with their children;

6 *Whereas*, there is no formal process or clear protocol for tracking parents and children within
7 this system;

8 Whereas, this informal process and lack of record keeping make it difficult even to know which
9 facility a child might be kept at, thus making it much more difficult to discover children;

10 *Whereas*, adults arrested for illegally crossing the border are sent to federal court under the
11 custody of the U.S. Marshals Service and then placed in a detention center;

12 *Whereas*, children who have been obtained are transferred to the U.S. Department of Health and
13 Human Services for placement in a juvenile facility or foster care if no U.S. relative can be found;

14 *Whereas*, this bill will prohibit an agent or officer of a designated agency to remove a child from
15 his or her parent or legal guardian, at or near the port of entry or within 100 miles of the border of
16 the United States, as in accordance to the bill itself under section 2(a);

17 *Whereas*, this bill will also provide the parent or legal guardian of a child who was separated, a
18 status report on the monthly activities of the child, information about the education and health of the
19 child, including any medical treatment provided to the child or medical treatment recommended for
20 the child, information about changes to the child’s immigration status, other information about the
21 child, designed to promote and maintain family reunification, as the Secretary determines in his or
22 her discretion, as in accordance to the bill itself under section 6;

23 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada recognizes the injustice
24 done upon undocumented individuals and individuals who are seeking asylum and their children,
25 further believing in keeping families together regardless of their citizenship status.

1 *Be it resolved that*, the Association stand in favor of the “Keep Families Together Act” that will
2 prohibit the separation of families crossing the border.

3 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to University President Marc Johnson,
4 U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto, U.S. Senator Dean Heller, Governor Brian Sandoval,
5 Congressman Mark Amodei, Congresswoman Jacky Rosen, Congresswoman Dina Titus, and
6 President Donald Trump.