

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session
Agenda for Thursday, September 6th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
Matthewson-IGT Knowledge Center room 523

CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

ROLL CALL*

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

MINUTES

The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from May 3rd, 2018. The committee will discuss the minutes from May 3rd, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates on work done over the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss Senate Outreach Hours

The Committee will discuss the logistics of Outreach hours and how the hours should be carried out for the rest of the 86th session.

b. Updates on Inclusive Language Project for the SAS

The Committee will discuss and update about the pages the committee members were assigned for the SAS.

c. S.B. 86- An Act To Update The SAS For The Department Of Legislative Affairs

Senator McKinney submitted this legislation to the Committee of Government Operations in order to update the SAS for the Department of Legislative Affairs.

d. S.B. 86- An Act To Increase The Number of Government Relations Interns

Senator Green submitted this legislation to the Committee on Government Operations in order to increase the number of interns under the Legislative Affairs Department.

e. S.B Res. 86- A Binding Resolution To Strike The WTF Nevada Manager From the 86th Session Rules Of The Senate Of The Associated Students Of The University Of Nevada

Senator Hughes submitted this legislation to the Committee on Government Operations in order to strike the WTF Nevada Manager from the Rules of the Senate.

f. Discuss Director of Sustainability being at all programming events and other ways to make all events more sustainable.

The Committee will discuss the possibility of ensuring sustainable measures for the future of all ASUN events.

g. Senator Updates

Each Senator will give a report on their actions since the last meeting and what they have been working on.

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ADJOURNMENT

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.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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S. B. 86-
**An act to update the SAS for the
department of Legislative Affairs**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 26, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MCKINNEY ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR WORHALL TO THE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A Bill
An Act To Update The SAS For The Department Of Legislative Affairs

Whereas, It is the job of a Senator in order to ensure the consistent update of the SAS for all departments of ASUN;

Whereas, The Department Of Legislative Affairs is constantly changing thus, the SAS needs to reflect these changes;

Whereas, lines were added to Section 02.A, Section 0.2.B and Section 05.A.2 in order to expand the reach of the Legislative Affairs Department to both the Global level and other governing documents that could affect students.

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Whereas,; Lines were added to Section: 03.C.3, Section 03.C.4, Section 05.A.1 and Section 05.B in order to make the language of the SAS more inclusive and more clear titles to the officers under the Associated Students.

Whereas, Under Section 05.B there was line item 3 that is added in order to provide further understanding concerning the job duties of the “Student Outreach Director”

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,

- a) Addendum A is added to the Statues of the Associated Students and serves as the new Title II. Chapter 208. Sections 1-6.

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CHAPTER 208: THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Addendum A:

SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established a Department of Legislative Affairs as an executive department of the Association.

SECTION 02: MISSION

The primary mission of the department is:

- a) To track local, state, federal and **global** legislation to ensure that students are represented fairly.
- b) To advocate on behalf of students to the Faculty Senate, University officials, City and County officials, the NSHE Office of the Chancellor, Nevada State Government and the Nevada Congressional Delegation and any other governing or **legislative body that could affect students.**
- c) To report to the President on legislative happenings of the aforementioned bodies, and offer possibilities for involvement or collaboration.
- d) To provide advice and recommendations to the President.
- e) To educate students about legislative issues that affects them.
- f) To execute general campaign strategies adopted by the Department of Legislative Affairs set forth on behalf of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.
- g) Other matters properly relating thereto.

SECTION 03: DIRECTOR

- a) **IN GENERAL:**
There is a Director of Legislative Affairs, appointed by the President, with consent of the Senate.
- b) **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:**
The Director is the head of the Department and shall have direction and authority over it.
- c) **FUNCTIONS:**
 - 1) The Director shall provide non-partisan advice to the President, and frame recommendations for the President to advance student interests.
 - 2) The Director shall coordinate with the Director of Governmental Relations for the University of Nevada.
 - 3) The Director may delegate any of the Director's functions to any other officer, employee, or organizational unit of the Department. All **other** officers shall be appointed by the **Director.**
 - 4) The Director must attend all Public Affairs meetings or must designate the Assistant Director to attend in **their** absence.
 - 5) The Director shall present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting if an executive appointment is

- reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on Oversight or if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or in the event that he or she is unable to find a qualified candidate within those two weeks, he/she must present himself/herself to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.
- 6) The Director shall act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, Director of Clubs and Organizations, Director of Programming, Attorney General, or Director of Public and Campus Relations to act as President.
 - 7) To have a report read or spoken into record at minimum every other Senate meeting.

SECTION 04: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

a) **IN GENERAL:**

There is an Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.

b) **DUTIES:**

The Assistant Director for Policy shall:

- 1) Help coordinate and oversee the logistics, programming, research and policy analysis of the Department.
- 2) Serve as support in conducting student-led lobbying efforts at all levels of government.
- 3) Act as the Director of Legislative affairs in the absence of or at the request of the Director.
- 4) Plan, organize, and execute the curriculum of the Government Relations Internship Program to include:
 - i. Producing the education components twice a semester to include sentiments such as: Policy Analysis, Student-led lobbying efforts, the Nevada Legislature and State Government Structure, Voter Registration, History of Nevada Politics, Policies that have impacted Higher Education, the Board of Regents, ASUN governing documents, data analysis, time management, and leadership skills.
 - ii. Presentations or guest speakers that increase the learning mission of the program.
 - iii. Coordinating a system where interns will report to the officer in the Department of Legislative Affairs that the Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs deems appropriate.

SECTION 05: DEPARTMENT COMPOSITION

a) **POLICY DIRECTOR AND POLICY ANALYST**

- 1) There is a Policy Director nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate, and a Policy Analyst, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.
- 2) The Policy Director shall develop strategic short-term and long-term policies for appropriate bodies to consider. The Policy Director shall keep

the Director of Legislative Affairs apprised of Local, State and Federal and **Global** policy as instructed by the Director of Legislative Affairs. The Policy Analyst shall research and analyze policy and provide data for the Policy Director and the Department of Legislative Affairs.

- b) **PROJECTS DIRECTOR AND Student Outreach Director**
- 1) There is a Projects Director, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate, and a **Student Outreach Director**, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.
 - 2) The Projects Director shall coordinate and organize any grassroots events, voter registration drives, and efforts to educate and empower students.
 - 3) **The Student Outreach Director shall facilitate and organize efforts to gauge students and interests and opinions on various issues. They should lead department outreach efforts such as but not limited to student town halls, tabling, and discussions. Additionally, they should assist the Projects Director to ensure events are representative and inclusive of all student's interests.**
- c) **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS INTERNS**
The Assistant Director shall oversee the Government Relations Internship Program responsibilities include: managing interns, creating and executing, the curriculum for the Government Relations Interns.

SECTION 06: AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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S.B. RES. 86-

A BINDING RESOLUTION TO STRIKE THE WTF NEVADA MANAGER FROM THE 86TH SESSION
RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEVADA

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 24TH, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HUGHES TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A Binding Resolution

To Strike the WTF Nevada Manager position from the 86th Session Rules of the Senate of the
Associated Students of the University of Nevada

Whereas, the WTF (What to Fix) Nevada Manager was originally implemented to oversee the WTF Nevada campaign. This was a campaign designated to reaching out to the student body in an effort to gain insight into what needed to be fixed at the University, specifically through the Associated Students of the University of Nevada. This was communicated through Facebook as well as through various campaign events.

Whereas, as ASUN has evolved we have identified new ways to communicate with constituents; therefore, WTF Nevada has not been utilized. As a result, a Manager has not been needed;

Whereas, as it stands, it is stated in the 86th Session Rules that a WTF Nevada Manager must be appointed, and by leaving this seat vacant, the Senate is violating the Session Rules.

Whereas, removing this rule will ensure up to date documentation and will also ensure the accountability and transparency of the Association.

Be it resolved that, within the Session Rules of the Senate, Rule XX Part C) WTF Nevada Manager be stricken and the Table of Contents will reflect this change.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION
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S. B. 86-
**An Act to Increase the Number of
Government Relations Interns**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 30, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR GREEN ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR WORRALL TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A BILL

To Increase the Number of Government Relations Interns

Whereas, the Government Relations Internship Program works to educate, empower, and encourage students to become involved in university, state, and national issues;

Whereas, the Department of Legislative Affairs is developing and expanding their projects and policy prospects;

Whereas, ASUN as a whole is growing as evident in an increased number of internship applicants in comparison to other years;

Whereas, Director Worrall has requested that the number of Government Relations interns be increased from 3 to 10 interns to assist with new projects and events that the Department of Legislative Affairs;

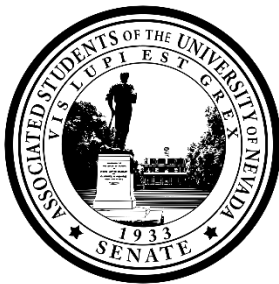
Whereas, this change would provide the Department of Legislative Affairs with more assistance in preparing for and executing events as well as with policy research and projects;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,

- b) The number of interns for the Government Relations interns be increased from 3 to 10;

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,

- a) Section 505: Government Relations Internship Program, Section 05, subsection d, be amended to read “The number of Government Relations Interns accepted into the program will be no more than (10) interns (at the discretion of the Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs.)”



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