

Committee on Academics

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session
Agenda for Friday, September 7th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
3rd Floor 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

4. MINUTES

- a. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from April 27th, 2018. The committee will discuss the minutes from April 27th, 2018 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 May 4th, 2018. The committee will discuss the minutes from May 4th, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.



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If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Senator Collins at senatorcollins@asun.unr.edu.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Committee Senator Reports

The Committee will discuss what each member has been working on over the Summer break with regards to the committee on academics.

b. Liaison Positions Updates

1. **Faculty Senate – Senator Wilcox/Wilday**
2. **Office of Provost – Senator Hughes/Sewell**
3. **Office of Administration and Records – Senator Hughes**
4. **Libraries – Senator Wilday**
5. **Help centers/tutoring – Senator Wilday/Sewell**

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Assign Projects and Deadlines

The Committee will assign projects to each senator sitting in on the committee and establish deadlines for when to report back with a progress report on the project.

b. Discussion on S. Res. 86 – A Resolution to Increase the Accessibility of the Engineering Computing Center

Senator Hughes submitted this piece of legislation to the committee on academics. The committee will look over and discuss this piece of legislation.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

9. NOTES.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION
2018-2019

S. Res. 86-

**A Resolution to Increase the Accessibility of the
Engineering Computing Center**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST --, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HUGHES,
COSPONSORED MY SENATOR SEWELL AND SENATOR WILCOX

A Resolution

To Increase the Accessibility of the Engineering Computing Center

1 *Whereas*, Through the College of Engineering differential fees of \$85 per credit are
2 charged to students for 300 level and up classes to purchase state-of-the-art lab equipment
3 or software, remodel labs, provide club support, hire teachers and staff, grant scholarships,
4 and award graduate fellowships. Registration fees for residential students are \$224 per
5 credit, therefore adding \$85 per credit means that upper level engineering majors are
6 paying an additional 37.9% for tuition. For a student in his/her third or fourth year, only
7 taking engineering classes, this equates to an additional \$2,550 per year. *This is based off*
8 *of a 15-credit fee breakdown on the University of Nevada, Reno Tuition and Fees page.*

1 *Whereas*, the majority of engineering classes, even at the 100 level, require or prefer
2 the use of computer software that costs hundreds of dollars. For example, an Autodesk
3 AutoCAD 1-year subscription with advanced support from the Autodesk Store costs
4 \$1,575.00. This is a program integral to engineering disciplines and practice.

5 *Whereas*, these programs are available at the Engineering Computing Lab or ECC. As
6 it stands the ECC is not open on Saturdays, and the days that it is open, only three of the
7 six rooms are open to general student access.

8 *Whereas*, many engineering-based projects are done in group settings and team
9 collaboration is essential for success. Due to classes and other obligations occurring during
10 the week, several students are forced to work on these projects during the weekends.

11 *Whereas*, While the ECC is open on Sundays, this creates an unfair burden on students
12 with religious affiliations or students who have other commitments on this day. The limited
13 access to these programs disproportionately affect nontraditional students on our campus
14 that may not have as much freedom in their schedule.

15 *Whereas*, As the Knowledge Center is open seven days a week, the ECC which offers
16 essential programs that are not readily accessible, ought to, at minimum, satisfy the same
17 standard that the Knowledge Center has for the general student population.

18 *Be it resolved that*, the Engineering Computing Center will be open seven days a week
19 during times of regular operating periods during the Fall and Spring Semesters.

20 *Be it further resolved that*, the Engineering Computing Center strive to accommodate
21 for the same amount of time the Knowledge Center is open.