

# Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 86<sup>th</sup> Session  
Agenda for Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 pm  
Room #420, fourth Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

## 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER\***

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Secretaries

## 2. **ROLL CALL\***

Roll Call must be listed by Secretaries

## 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 **August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**. The committee will discuss the minutes from **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 **September 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**. The committee will discuss the minutes from **September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018** 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 **September 21<sup>st</sup> 2018**. The committee will discuss the minutes from **September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018** 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 **October 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**. The committee will discuss the minutes from **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- e. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from **October 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**. The committee will discuss the minutes from **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018** and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.



Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, Mathewson- IGT Knowledge Center, and online at [www.nevadaasun.com](http://www.nevadaasun.com).

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Speaker Martinez at [Speaker@asun.unr.edu](mailto:Speaker@asun.unr.edu)

## **5. REPORTS**

The Committee on Oversight shall hear reports from the following, to include but not be limited to: goals for their committees, projects and legislation being worked on, and announcements:

- a. Secretary of the Senate – Andrea Godoy
  - i. In accordance with the 85<sup>th</sup> Session Rules of the Senate Rule II.d, “The Secretary will report the attendance of individual Senators during his or her report to the Committee on Oversight.”
- b. Speaker Pro Tempore – Senator Hughes
- c. Chair, Committee on Academics – Senator Collins
- d. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance – Senator Grant
- e. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement – Senator Feil
- f. Chair, Committee on Government Operations – Senator McKinney
- g. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs – Senator Alvarez
- h. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Mata
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight – Speaker Martinez

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on reviewing the Statutes of the Associated Students

Each member of the committee will present on a specific Title of the SAS and whether there are any changes that need to be addressed.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion Legislative Internship Program
- b. Discussion Elections Data
- c. **S.B. 86** – An act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate all Gender Pronouns

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT\***

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## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

## **10. NOTES.**

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

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2018-2019

**S. B. 86-**  
**AN ACT TO AMEND THE**  
**CONSTITUTION TO ELIMINATE ALL**  
**GENDER PRONOUNS**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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OCTOBER 12, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MCKINNEY AND SENATOR HUGHES TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
OVERSIGHT

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**A Bill**  
**An Act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate All Gender Pronouns**

1       *Whereas*, under the University of Nevada’s Office of Diversity Initiatives it is stated: “The Office  
2 of Diversity Initiatives represents the University’s commitment to realize and sustain a diverse,  
3 inclusive and welcoming environment for all...”;<sup>1</sup>

4       *Whereas*, gender pronouns are non-inclusive and leave non-binary students, faculty, and  
5 community members feeling excluded from the community as a whole;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unr.edu/diversity>

1        *Whereas*, according the American Bar Association: “Research shows that masculine terminology  
 2        skews perception about who should seek and hold certain jobs and who may aspire to leadership  
 3        positions”;<sup>2</sup>

4        *Whereas*, The University of Nevada should encourage every individual, regardless of gender to  
 5        succeed within the same job fields and aspire for the same leadership positions;

6        *Whereas*, many state legislators have begun efforts to eliminate gender pronouns from all state  
 7        level legislation such as: Connecticut, Montana, North Dakota, and California;<sup>3</sup>

8        *Whereas*, The University of Nevada should follow this precedent that is presented by these other  
 9        states in order to further be the catalyst for gender equality;

10       *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*

11       a) A question Seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2019 General  
 12       Election as follows:

13       “Shall the Associated Students of the University of Nevada eliminate all gender  
 14       pronouns from the Constitution of the Organization in order to be more inclusive to  
 15       all of the students on the University of Nevada campus?”;

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

17       a) That pursuant to passage of the ballot question by the Student Body, the Constitution  
 18       of the Associated Students at the University of Nevada, be updated to eliminate all  
 19       gender pronouns.

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[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/women/gender\\_neutral\\_language.authcheckdam.pdf](https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/women/gender_neutral_language.authcheckdam.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180ACR260](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180ACR260)