

Committee on Public Affairs

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session
Agenda for Friday, November 30, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union in the 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**

There are no minutes to be discussed at this time.

5. **REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

The Director of Legislative Affairs will provide a report regarding upcoming projects, legislation, etc.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Readings of Legislation**

- a. **S. Res. 86.- A Resolution in Support of Creating a Reno College Council**
- b. **S. Res. 86. – A Resolution in Support of making the Nevada System of Higher Education more Affordable**

b. **Chair Updates**

The Chair will provide updates to the committee on various projects, the Committee on Oversight and other matters relating to Public Affairs.



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c. Senator Updates

The Committee will provide updates to the committee on various projects and other matters relating to Public Affairs.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

10. NOTES.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION
2018-2019

**S. R. 86-
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
CREATING A RENO COLLEGE
COUNCIL**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 17, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR ALVAREZ TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution in Support of Creating a Reno College Council

- 1 Whereas, 22 commissions and committees exist within the City of Reno government;
- 2 Whereas, representation of students at a city level are essential to create better relationship
- 3 between the Reno City Council and make policy recommendations, be able to adopt resolutions on
- 4 their own, and would be able to organize projects based on whether or not they receive
- 5 appropriations;
- 6 Whereas, the Reno City Council is made up of seven people elected to make policy decisions
- 7 Reno City government. The City Council sets priorities, approves the budget, and addresses issues
- 8 facing our community;

1 Whereas, policy decisions made the City of Reno government directly impacts students who
2 currently attend the University of Nevada Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College,
3 regardless of their initial place of residence;

4 Whereas, these Reno College Council would consist of individuals from public institutions that
5 currently reside and are impacted by all policies and initiatives by the City of Reno government, such
6 as the University of Nevada, Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College;

7 Whereas, the Reno College Council aligns with the idea of No Walls 2025 and builds the
8 student and city relationship further;

9 Whereas, No Walls 2025 has been a main priority of the City of Reno and the Univeristy of
10 Nevada, Reno;

11 Whereas, it will be the responsibility of the City of Reno government to work with the
12 respective student governments of the University of Nevada, Reno and Truckee Meadows
13 Community College to establish the structure of the Reno College Council;

14 Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, the Associated Students of the
15 University of Nevada, Reno is in support of establishing a Reno College Council to serve with the
16 City of Reno government;

17 Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, a copy of this resolution be sent
18 to University President Marc Johnson, Vice President of Student Services, Shannon Ellis, Dean of
19 Students, Kim Thomas, Mayor Hillary Schieve, Councilman David Bobzien, Councilwoman Jenny
20 Brekhus, Councilwoman Naomi Duerr, Councilman Oscar Delgado, Councilwoman Bonnie Weber,
21 and Councilwoman Neoma Jardon.

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S. Res.86-

**Resolution in Support of making the Nevada System of Higher
Education more Affordable**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 26, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR AMAYA, SENATOR AHMED AND SENATOR LEMUS TO THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution

**Resolution in Support of making the Nevada System of Higher
Education more Affordable**

1 *Whereas*, the current price of education has been rising and therefore creating a barrier for
2 students to attend higher education;

3 *Whereas*, making education more affordable would dramatically affect enrollment rates for all
4 students including nontraditional students, as Nevada ranks third lowest in the nation for 2-Year
5 college participation rates for students from low income families at just 6.4%;

6 *Whereas*, our 2018 Campus-Wide Civic Engagement survey data shows that within our university
7 a food and housing insecurity exists that directly relates to financial costs;

8 *Whereas*, financial aid offers the Silver State Opportunity Grant (SSOG) which requires a student
9 be enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate, be enrolled in at least 15 credit

1 hours, be college ready based on placement or completion of entry-level, college-level mathematics
2 and English, be classified as a resident, meet institutional Title IV financial aid, complete the FASFA
3 and have an EFC of 85000 or less;

4 *Whereas*, a BDR proposed by the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and
5 Affordability of Higher Education supports amending the requirement of enrollment in 15 credit
6 hours each semester to 30 credits over Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters combined per year;

7 *Whereas*, a 30 credit load total over the Summer, Fall, and Spring Semesters instead of a 15 credit
8 load during each the Fall and Spring semesters would lead to slightly lower credit loads and thus
9 increased graduation rates, as students who took between 12 and 14.5 credits had higher persistence
10 and graduation rates over students who enrolled in 15 credits per semester or students who enrolled
11 in less than 12 credits per semester

12 *Whereas*, a BDR proposed by the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and
13 Affordability of Higher Education supports establishing a separate, state-funded grant program for
14 qualified students enrolled in four year universities within NSHE with a similar structure and
15 qualifications as the SSOG Program;

16 *Whereas*, the establishment of a program similar to the SSOG Program at four year universities
17 would offer additional paths to the affordability of higher education for students, especially of low
18 income status, as Nevada ranked 44th in the nation for overall college participation rates for students
19 from low income families in 2012

20 *Whereas*, the Millennium Scholarship Program requires a student maintain a 2.75 GPA
21 starting the semester the student earns 30 or more credits. If this requirement is not fulfilled in
22 any semester, the student two strikes. After the first strike, the scholarship is suspended;

23 *Whereas*, a BDR proposed by the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and
24 Affordability of Higher Education supports amending the GPA requirement from 2.75;

25 *Whereas*, changing requirements for GPA from 2.75 to 2.6. Mention the two strike policy.
26 Implemented July 2020;

1 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support the SSOG
2 program and Millennium scholarship to make requirement changes to make higher education more
3 affordable.

4 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Committee to Conduct a Study
5 Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education and President Marc Johnson.

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