# Committee on Government Operations

**Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session**

**Agenda for Friday, February 15th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.**

**3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union Rita Laden Senate Chamber**

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

1. MINUTES

The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 19th, 2018. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 19th, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 21st, 2018. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 21st, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

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

The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 17th, 2018. The committee will discuss the minutes from October 17th, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 24th, 2018. The committee will discuss the minutes from October 24th, 2018 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

1. REPORTS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MOORE

The Attorney General will provide a report regarding upcoming projects, legislation, etc.

1. 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.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Election of a Vice Chair

The Committee will nominate and elect a Vice-Chair for the Committee on Government Operations.

1. S.B.86- An Act To Amend The Constitution To Eliminate Gender Pronouns

Senator McKinney submitted this piece of legislation to the Committee on Government Operations for review.

1. Committee Goals

The Committee will create goals for the upcoming legislative session.

1. Senator Updates

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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1. ADJOURNMENT
2. 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]

86th 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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February 11th, 2019

Submitted by Senator McKinney to the Committee on Government Operations

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A Bill

An Act to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate All Gender Pronouns

*Whereas,* Under the University of Nevada’s Office of Diversity Initiatives it is stated: “The Office of Diversity Initiatives represents the University’s commitment to realize and sustain a diverse, inclusive and welcoming environment for all…”;

*Whereas,* Gender Pronouns are non-inclusive and leave non-binary students, faculty, and community members feeling excluded from the community as a whole;

*Whereas,* According the American Bar Association*: “*Research shows that masculine terminology skews perception about who should seek and hold certain jobs and who may aspire to leadership positions”;

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

*Whereas,* State legislators from Connecticut, Montana, North Dakota, and California have begun efforts to eliminate gender pronouns from all state level legislation;

*Whereas,* The University of Nevada should follow this precedent that is presented by these other states in order to further act as a catalyst for gender equality;

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

1. A question Seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2019 General Election as follows:

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

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

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