

86th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

3. **ROLL CALL***

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **January 23rd, 2019**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **January 23rd, 2019**. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- b. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **January 30th, 2019**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **January 30th, 2019**. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
- c. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from **February 6th, 2019**. The Senate will discuss the minutes of **February 6th, 2019**. and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

5. **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 Speaker may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

- a. **Tory L. Morris**, Facility Supervisor, Facility Recycling

6. **RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SENATE AND REFERRAL**

There are no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

7. **REPORTS OF ASUN OFFICERS**

The Speaker shall recognize any senior officer of the Association, including the Secretary, to offer a report on his or her official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements he or she deems necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. President of the Associated Students, Hannah Jackson
- b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Carissa Bradley
- c. Chief Justice, Kate Groesbeck
- d. Chief of Staff, Matthew Dutcher

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- e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Luke Bittar
- f. Director of Event Programming, Austin Lensch
- g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Katie Worrall
- h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Arezo Amerzada
- i. Director of Sustainability, Sierra Jickling
- j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Mapuana Andrade
- k. Director of Campus Wellness, Brennan Jordan
- l. Attorney General, Omar Moore
- m. Speaker of the Senate, Anthony Martinez

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES*

The Speaker shall recognize the chairperson of each standing committee, in alphabetical order, and then each special committee, in alphabetical order, to report for no longer than five minutes on the committee's activities since the previous meeting

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics- Senator Collins
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance- Senator Grant
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations- Senator McKinney
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs- Senator Alvarez
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs – Senator Green
- g. Speaker Pro-Tempore- Senator Hughes
- h. Chair, Committee on Oversight- Speaker Martinez

9. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The Speaker shall recognize in turn senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes. The total time for Comments and Announcements before the first reading of legislation shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK APPOINTMENTS

The motion to fast track a resolution or appointment confirmation shall be in order if recommended by the committee of relevant jurisdiction.

There are no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF SENATORS AND ASUN OFFICIALS

The Senate will consider the following nominations for Association office. When the Senate has concluded its deliberations, the Senate may approve the nomination, reject the nomination, or take no action upon the nomination.

There are no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

12. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Senate may reconsider acts vetoed by the ASUN President if they are returned by the President with his objections.

There are no veto messages at this time.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

The Speaker shall sequentially proceed through such acts of legislation that have been previously been placed on the consent agenda. Such acts shall be considered adopted by consent, unless a single senator rises in objection thereto. All acts so objected are immediately placed on the end of the agenda for second reading.

There was no legislation filed for the Consent Agenda.

14. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support Expanding the Silver State Opportunity Grant to Increase Higher Education Affordability
- b. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support of Creating a State-Funded Grant Program for University Students
- c. **S.R. 86** – A Senate Bill to Make Appropriations for The Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program
- d. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program Proposed by NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group

15. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

A senator may move that legislation under item 16 of this agenda be considered at this meeting. Such a motion shall only be in order provided that a one-day notice has been given to the speaker. The motion shall be decided without debate and shall require the consent of a two-thirds majority of the senate. There is no legislation to be read now.

There are no items to be heard under this agenda item at this time.

16. REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

The Speaker shall refer all legislation read the first time and not fast tracked to committee.

There is no legislation to be considered for referral at this time.

17. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions will receive their second reading and may be considered:

- a. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support Expanding the Silver State Opportunity Grant to Increase Higher Education Affordability
- b. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support of Creating a State-Funded Grant Program for University Students
- c. **S.R. 86** – A Senate Bill to Make Appropriations for The Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program

- d. **S.R. 86** – A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program Proposed by NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group

18. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution

b. Senator Reports

The Senate will share progress they have made in ASUN-related activities that they have been working on.

19. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The Speaker shall recognize in turn Senators requesting the floor for a period not to exceed two minutes.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT*

The Speaker may elect to take public comment on items on or off this agenda. The Speaker may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda items are action items upon which the Senate may take action.

Action items may be taken out of the order to be presented at the discretion of the Chair.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION
2018-2019

S. Res. 86-

A Resolution in Support Expanding the Silver State Opportunity Grant to Increase Higher Education Affordability

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR AHMED AND SENATOR AZIZ TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution

In Support of Expanding the Silver State Opportunity Grant to Four Year Universities

1 *Whereas*, the current price of education at public institutions has risen 34% from 2005-06 to
2 2015-16 (U.S. Dept. of Education, *Digest of Education Statistics*, 2018)
3 *Whereas*, Nevada is ranked 44th in the nation for overall college participation rates for students
4 from low income families in 2012;
5 *Whereas* effective affordable education policies would benefit nontraditional students, as Nevada
6 ranks third lowest in the nation for 2-year college participation rates for students from low
7 income families at just 6.4% (“College Affordability and Completion.” U.S. Department of
8 Education, 30 Aug. 2018);

1 *Whereas*, the 2018 Campus-Wide Civic Engagement Survey shows that 22% of students who
2 surveyed are facing food and housing insecurity, making the pursuit of their education even
3 more expensive;

4 *Whereas*, the Silver State Opportunity Grant (SSOG), currently requires a student be enrolled in
5 community college or state college;

6 *Whereas*, students currently receiving the SSOG must be enrolled in at least 15 credit hours per
7 semester, be college ready based on placement or completion of entry college-level mathematics
8 and English, be classified as a Nevada resident, meet institutional Title IV financial aid,
9 complete the FAFSA and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 85,000 or less;

10 *Whereas*, the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher
11 Education proposed changing the requirements of the SSOG from enrollment in 15 credit
12 hours each semester to 30 credits over Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters combined per year;

13 *Whereas*, a 30 credit load total over the Summer, Fall, and Spring Semesters instead of a 15 credit
14 load during each the Fall and Spring semesters is consistent with the credit requirement for a
15 four year degree;

16 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the expansion of
17 the SSOG criteria to allow 30 credits per school year as investigated by the Committee to
18 Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education;

19 *Be it further resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada strongly urge all
20 elected officials within the State of Nevada to explore other scholarships, grants, and other
21 policies that can make higher education more affordable;

22 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Nevada
23 Legislature's 80th Session, all members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of
24 Regents, Governor Sisolak, and President Marc Johnson.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION
2018-2019

S. Res. 86-

A Resolution in Support of Creating a State-Funded Grant Program for University Students

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR AHMED AND SENATOR AZIZ TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution

In Support of Creating a State-Funded Grant Program for University Students

1 *Whereas*, the current price of education at public institutions has risen 34% from 2005-06 to
2 2015-16 (U.S. Dept. of Education, *Digest of Education Statistics*, 2018)

3 *Whereas*, making education more affordable would dramatically affect enrollment rates for all
4 students;

5 *Whereas* effective affordable education policies would benefit nontraditional students, as Nevada
6 ranks third lowest in the nation for 2-year college participation rates for students from low
7 income families at just 6.4% (“College Affordability and Completion.” U.S. Department of
8 Education, 30 Aug. 2018);

1 *Whereas*, the 2018 Campus-Wide Civic Engagement Survey shows that 22% of students who
2 surveyed are facing food and housing insecurity, making the pursuit of their education even
3 more expensive;

4 *Whereas*, a proposal by the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and
5 Affordability of Higher Education supports establishing a separate, state-funded grant program
6 for qualified students enrolled in four-year universities within NSHE with a similar structure
7 and qualifications as the SSOG Program;

8 *Whereas*, the establishment of a program similar to the SSOG Program at four year universities
9 would offer additional paths to the affordability of higher education for university students,
10 especially of low income status, as Nevada was ranked 44th in the nation for overall college
11 participation rates for students from low income families in 2012;

12 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada supports the creation of a
13 state-funded grant program for university students by the Committee to Conduct a Study
14 Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education;

15 *Be it further resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada strongly urge all
16 elected officials within the State of Nevada to explore other scholarships, grants, and other
17 policies that can make higher education more affordable;

18 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Nevada
19 Legislature's 80th Session, all members of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of
20 Regents, Governor Sisolak, and President Marc Johnson.

**OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT**



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

FROM: Hannah Jackson, President
Associated Students of the University of Nevada

TO: The Senate of the Associated Students

CC: Hayden Grant, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance

DATE: February 4, 2018

RE: Menstrual Hygiene Product Pilot Program

To the Senate of the Associated Students:

Upon entering an agreement with the Joe Crowley Student Union and Facilities services, I am requesting that \$500.00 be removed from the Executive Board General Operating line item, and added to a new line item titled "Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program" in the Executive Board Operating (PG03996-30) account.

Respectfully,

Hannah Jackson
President
Associated Students of the University of Nevada

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S. B. 86-

A SENATE BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PILOT PROGRAM

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HUGHES TO THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

A BILL

A SENATE BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PILOT PROGRAM

1 **Section 1: Purpose**

2 *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno (ASUN) is
3 pursuing a pilot program with the Joe Crowley Student Union (JCSU) and Facility
4 Services to implement a twelve-month pilot program offering menstrual hygiene products
5 (pads and tampons), free of cost to students, in pre-existing dispensers;

6 *Whereas*, these products will be offered in the four female bathrooms currently
7 present in the Joe Crowley Student Union;

1 *Whereas*, if and when the current supplies in stock through the JCSU and Facility
2 Services runs out, ASUN will provide additional funding to purchase additional products
3 in order to continue the supply of these products for the duration of the pilot program;

4 **Section 2: Background**

5 Facility Services has 800 tampons and 200 liners that will be allocated to this
6 program;

7 JCSU has 393 tampons and 373 sanitary napkins that will be allocated to this
8 program;

9 One box, containing 500 tampons costs \$63.32 with the JCSU provider and \$139.79
10 from the Facilities provider;

11 One box, containing 250 sanitary napkins costs \$31.78 with the JCSU provider and
12 \$35.05 for the Facilities provider;

13 The appropriated number is based on the costs of these products;

14 **Section 3: Appropriations**

15 *Whereas*, the President of the Association is hereby authorized to make
16 appropriations not to exceed a total of \$500 per fiscal year.

17 ***Be it enacted;*** that the agreement attached (Addendum A) is hereby approved.

18 ***Be it enacted;*** that \$500 be removed from the Executive Board General Operating
19 (PG03996-30) budget and a line item titled, “Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program” will be
20 created with a budget of \$500 under Executive Board Operating (PG03996-30);

21 ***Be it further enacted;*** that this document be sent to Assistant Director of Operations
22 JCSU, Timothy Banks and Assistant Director of Building Services, Mikeal Carver, and
23 Dr. Shannon Ellis.

ASUN- Menstrual Hygiene Pilot Program

In order for ASUN to provide funding for menstrual hygiene supplies to supplement the ASUN, the Joe Crowley Student Union (JCSU) and Facility Services joint venture pilot program, the ASUN, JCSU and Facility Services agree to the following terms:

- 1) The ASUN shall market and provide marketing materials for the pilot program through Inkblot. These designs will be available for approval by all three parties.
- 2) An assessment will be made on the success of the program.
- 3) ASUN will provide a social media platform for students to leave comments and responses on the pilot program.
- 4) ASUN will share the information from line item 3 with JCSU and Facility Services.
- 5) The JCSU will keep track of the amount of product being utilized on each floor.
- 6) The JCSU will share this information (line 5) with ASUN on a monthly basis.
- 7) Facility Services will refurbish pre-existing dispensers to a no-cost setting that will allow for no cost dispersion of products.
- 8) Facility Services and the JCSU will utilize the pre-existing stock of 1,193 tampons and 573 sanitary napkins to supply the dispensers.
- 9) When/if the initial stock provided by JCSU and Facility Services is fully utilized, ASUN will provide up to _____ monies to pay the invoice of additional supplies.
- 10) This pilot program will continue for a duration of up to 12 months or until product and budget is fully utilized, whichever occurs first.
- 11) An assessment of the financial feasibility will be conducted at 3-month increments, at which point, any party can remove themselves from the agreement if the program proves to be financially infeasible.
- 12) A --- month notice must be made if funding is going to be discontinued.

Hannah Jackson, ASUN President

Assistant Director, Building Services, Mikeal Carver

Associate Director of Operations, Joe Crowley Student Union, Timothy Banks

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S. Res. 86-

**A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program Proposed by NSHE
Guaranteed Tuition Working Group**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 17, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR COLLINS

**A Resolution in Support of Option B Predictable Pricing Program
Proposed by NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group**

1 *Whereas*, in June 2018, the NSHE chancellor established a tuition guarantee working group with
2 members appointed by the President of each teaching institution composed of one business officer
3 and one student affairs representative from each institution.

4 *Whereas*, the working group’s goal was to establish a policy for a Nevada tuition guarantee
5 program and create other policy options to provide pricing predictability and support affordability
6 for students and families.

7 *Whereas*, option A, known as the Tuition Guarantee Program, would have front-loaded costs.
8 For example, the guaranteed cost for the entering 2019-20 cohort is the average of fees for 2019-20,
9 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23. The working group assumed 4 percent increase to the base
10 registration fee for 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24.

1 *Whereas*, option B, known as the Predictable Pricing Program, establishes a predictable pricing
2 protocol whereby registration fees and non-resident tuition for undergraduate and graduate students
3 will automatically increase every year based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).

4 *Whereas*, option B would make increases in tuition and fees predictable and managed so that the
5 quality of education is not compromised to the extent this is feasible. Once approved by the Board
6 for specific years, the registration fees and nonresident tuition rate shall not be changed for or during
7 the specific years except in emergency situations or extreme circumstances.

8 Whereas, the Board of Regents, Presidents, and student government leaders will be notified
9 each year by the Chancellor of the HEPI rate and the corresponding tuition and fee rates such that at
10 any given point in time four years of rates will be established.

11 Whereas, option B's HEPI would have a six percent cap on tuition and fee increases.

12 *Whereas*, option B is equitable to all students as it applies to all students regardless of when they
13 enroll, what program they enroll in or when they graduate, supports affordability as historically the
14 HEPI adjustment has been generally lower than Board approved tuition and fee increases, and is
15 easier to communicate to all students including prospective and part-time students.

16 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support option B of the
17 NSHE Tuition Guarantee Program proposal.

18 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to President Marc Johnson, Vice
19 President of Student Services Shannon Ellis, NSHE Board of Regents, **NSHE Chancellor Dr.**
20 Thom Reilly, NSHE Chief of Staff Michael Flores, and the chair of the Nevada Student Alliance.