Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

87th Session, 2019-2020

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS TO REPLACE THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENT TO HOLD ASUN OFFICE

Bill Number: 27

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Sponsored By: The Committee on Government Operations

Whereas, grade point average is defined as "the average obtained by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of credits attempted;"[1]

Whereas, the current Grade Point Average (GPA) is "2.75" according to the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno;

Whereas, within the Constitution it states you must "maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average;"[2]

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas grade point average for appointed and elected officials is 2.5 which is stated in their Constitution;[3]

Whereas, the University of Berkeley, California eligibility for membership within their Association is just being a person who is enrolled as a student for with fall or spring semester;[4]

Whereas, the University of Davis, California states in their constitution that their undergraduate members must be in good academic standing based on Grade Point Average to be eligible to hold office in ASUCD Senate;[5]

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[1] https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/grade%20point%20average
[2] http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/14090844/asun_constitution_11.5.18.pdf
[3] https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page_files/27/Constitution2016.pdf
[4] https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qk565835nTJFky68YxK6bwRzsPLE1zRjK0a1psF2_9o/edit
[5] https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18xcQmmnrWqqS87JLS56QSqZng0IGXCXq

Whereas, according to the University of Davis, California registrar office, good academic standing is 2.0 and above;[6]

Whereas, one of the University of Nevada, Reno's current legislative priorities are diversity, equity, and inclusion;[7]

Be it enacted, by the Senate of the Associated Students that a question seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2020 General Election as follows:

- "Shall the minimum cumulative grade point average qualification to hold office be changed in the ASUN Constitution to require all members of the government of the association, at the time of their election or appointment and throughout their term, to maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average instead of a 2.75 cumulative grade point average;"

Be it further enacted, by the Senate of the Associated Students that That pursuant to the passage of the ballot question by the student body, the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno be updated to replace the grade point average from 2.75 to 2.5 as reflected in Addendum A.

Adopted in Senate on February 26th, 2020

Attest:

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Savannah Hughes, Speaker of the Senate

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Anthony Martinez, President of the Associated Students

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

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Bre Czerlanis, Legislative Clerk

[6] https://registrar.ucdavis.edu/records/transcripts/academic-standing
[7] http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/05163511/12-11-19-Senate1.pdf

Addendum A

ARTICLE I—THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1.

This Association shall be known as the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno, hereinafter referred to as the ASUN, the Associated Students, or the Association.

MEMBERSHIP — Membership in the Association is automatic for students registered for at least one undergraduate credit.
QUALIFICATIONS TO HOLD OFFICE — All members of the government of the Association, at the time of their election or appointment and throughout their terms, shall meet the general qualifications as follows:
(1) Maintain a minimum 2.5 ~~2.75~~ cumulative grade point average.
(2) Be enrolled in at least seven undergraduate credits.

ELECTION AND TERMS — A general election shall be held on the Wednesday and Thursday on or preceding March 15 and those elected shall take office on the Wednesday closest to April 15.

(d) LIMITATION ON HOLDING OFFICE — No person shall hold more than one office, elected or appointed, at any one time
(e) COMPENSATION — The elected members of this government shall receive a compensation to be set by law. Any increase in compensation will take effect after the next intervening general election, which shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the students voting in the election on that question.