

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Agenda for Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union 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 approved at this time.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **S.B.87- An Act to Amend the Eligibility Requirements to Receive ASUN Stoles**

The committee will consider favorably recommending the legislation.

b. **An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Associated Students to Replace the Grade Point Average Requirement to Hold ASUN Office**

The committee will consider favorably recommending the legislation.

c. **Legacy Box: Government Operations**

The committee will discuss what information to pass on to the next government operations chair and committee members to include in the 87th session Legacy Box.

d. **Changes to the SAS**

The committee members will discuss potential changes to the SAS

e. **Senator Reports**

Senators sitting on the committee will report their work on projects and creating legislation.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

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8. ADJOURNMENT

9. 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.



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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87th SESSION
2019-2020

S. B. 87-
An Act to Amend the
Eligibility Requirements
To Receive ASUN Stoles

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HARVEY AND PROGRAMMER FINKLER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A Bill

An Act to Amend the Eligibility Requirements to Receive ASUN Stoles

Whereas, the purpose of the ASUN stole is to recognize and commend graduating students who have served the student body by assuming an officer position within the association;

Whereas, per the Statutes of the Associated Students, an officer is eligible to receive an ASUN stole if they hold an elected position, were appointed by the president, were appointed by a director and served for three whole sessions or were hired by the Center for Student Engagement¹;

¹ Title XXVII: http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/09113038/53996411_87-sas_12.04.2019_191.pdf

Whereas, the duration of time an officer has served should not negate the amount and quality of work they have done within their position;

Whereas, the current eligibility requirements can be exclusionary to officers appointed into vacant elected positions, transfer students who are unable to fulfill the three-session minimum for some appointed positions, students who graduate early, etc.;

Whereas, the current eligibility requirements create an unnecessary hierarchy that places more value on elected and presidentially appointed positions than others;

Whereas, providing stoles to all ASUN officers acknowledges the value of all positions and ensures equitable recognition of officer work;

Be it Enacted, the Statutes of the Associated Students reflect the changes in Addendum A for the 88th Session;

Be it Further Enacted, that a line item for ASUN Stoles be created in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement account for the 88th Session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada;

Be it Further Enacted, this bill be sent to the President of the Associated Students.

TITLE XXVII:ASUN STOLES CHAPTER 2701: ASUN STOLES

SECTION 01: ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive an ASUN Stole under this section, an officer must:

- a) Be elected or appointed for a position within the Association or,
- b) Be a Center for Student Engagement staff member.

~~a) Be elected to any of the following positions while a member of the Association and serve a full term in that role: President, Vice President, or Senator.~~

~~b) Be appointed by the President to any of the following positions while a member of the Association and serve a full term: Chief of Staff, Director of Programming, Director of Clubs and Organizations, Director of Legislative Affairs, Director of Sustainability, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Director of Campus Wellness, Director of Campus and Public Relations, Attorney General, Chief Justice, or the Center of Student Engagement Staff.~~

~~c) Those appointed within the association for three sessions and serve those three sessions by their graduation date will be awarded a stole~~

SECTION 02: DISQUALIFICATION

Despite satisfying one or more of the eligibility criteria contained in Section 01 of this chapter, an officer will be disqualified from receiving a stole if one or more of the following provisions apply:

- a) The officer or employee did not serve the entirety of the term that the officer or employee were was elected or, appointed or hired to due to resignation, termination, impeachment, or recall.
- b) The officer did not serve for a minimum of six months before the start of the succeeding session in the position of which the officer held.
- c) The employee was not employed at the Center for Student Engagement the semester of their graduation.

SECTION 03: MAINTAINING INVENTORY

- a) There shall be a minimum inventory of forty (40) sixty (60) stoles in the ASUN offices.
- b) The inventory must be replenished within three weeks after the spring and winter commencement ceremonies, if necessary.
- c) Stoles will be distributed no earlier than three weeks prior to commencement
- d) The president will sign off on all officers receiving stoles

SECTION 04: AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the purchase of stoles. Notably, the stoles awarded to those who serve for three sessions will come from the ASUN Center for Student Engagement account.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87th SESSION
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S. B. 87-c

**An act to Amend the Constitution of
the Associated Students to Replace
the Grade Point Average
Requirement to Hold ASUN Office**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR AMPIÉ AND SENATOR DAVENPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A Bill

**An act to Amend the Constitution of the Associated Students to Replace
the Grade Point Average Requirement to Hold ASUN Office**

- 1 *Whereas*, Grade point average is defined as” the average obtained by dividing the total number of
2 grade points earned by the total number of credits attempted”²

²<https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/grade%20point%20average>

1 *Whereas*, the current Grade Point Average (GPA) is “2.75” according to the Associated Students
2 of the University of Nevada, Reno;

3 *Whereas*, Within, the Constitution it states you must “maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade
4 point average”;³

5 *Whereas*, The University of Nevada, Las Vegas grade point average for appointed and elected officials
6 is 2.5 which is stated in their Constitution;⁴

7 *Whereas*, The University of Berkeley, California eligibility for membership within their Association is
8 just being a person who is enrolled as a student for with fall or spring semester;⁵

9 *Whereas*, The University of Davis, California states in their constitution that their undergraduate
10 members must be in good academic standing based on Grade Point Average to be eligible to
11 hold office in ASUCD Senate;⁶

12 *Whereas*, according to the University of Davis, California registrar office, good academic standing
13 is 2.0 and above; ⁷

14 *Whereas*, one of the University of Nevada, Reno’s current legislative priorities are diversity, equity,
15 and inclusion;⁸

16 *Whereas*, by changing the grade point average requirement we are being inclusive to those
17 students who are qualified to run but have this barrier against them;

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

³ http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/14090844/asun_constitution_11.5.18.pdf

⁴ https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page_files/27/Constitution2016.pdf

⁵https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qk565835nTJFky68YxK6bwRzsPLE1zRjK0a1psF2_9o/e_dit

⁶ <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18xcQmmnrWqqS87JLS56QSqZng0IGXCXq>

⁷ <https://registrar.ucdavis.edu/records/transcripts/academic-standing>

⁸ <http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/05163511/12-11-19-Senate1.pdf>

- 1 a) a question seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2020 General
2 Election as follows: “Shall the minimum cumulative grade point average qualification to
3 hold office be changed in the ASUN Constitution to require all members of the
4 government of the association, at the time of their election or appointment and
5 throughout their term, to maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average instead of a
6 2.75 cumulative grade point average”;

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

- 8 a) That pursuant to the passage of the ballot question by the student body, the
9 Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno be updated
10 to replace the grade point average from 2.75 to 2.5 as reflected in Addendum A;

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.