

# COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session

Agenda for Friday, March 13th at 8:30 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 heard 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

S. R. 87- A Resolution Against Anti-Semitism On Campus And In Nevada

The Committee will discuss and consider favorable recommending the legislation.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

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## 9. ADJOURNMENT

## 10. NOTES

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2019-2020

**S. R. 87-**  
**A RESOLUTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM**  
**ON CAMPUS AND IN NEVADA**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR SUPPLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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**A Resolution Against Anti-Semitism on Campus**

1        *Whereas*, anti-Semitism is defined as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as  
2        hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward  
3        Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and  
4        religious facilities”<sup>1</sup>;

5        *Whereas*, there are reports of at least sixteen (16) anti-semitic acts on campus in the 2019-2020  
6        academic year at the University of Nevada, Reno. Such incidents include drawing swastikas or writing  
7        anti-Semitic messages;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.state.gov/defining-anti-semitism/>

1       *Whereas*, after the 1900's, the swastika has been a symbol of the Nazi Party in Germany that  
2 orchestrated the deaths of over six million (6,000,000) Jews and continues to invoke “terror into Jews  
3 and others deemed enemies of Nazi Germany”<sup>2</sup> included homosexuals, citizens of the Soviet Union,  
4 prisoners of war, Serbians, people with disabilities, Romani, Jehovah’s Witnesses, etc.;

5       *Whereas*, Hillel of Northern Nevada is a group of Jewish students on our campus and across  
6 other campuses of Northern Nevada that aim to make campus a safe place for Jewish students away  
7 from home;

8       *Whereas*, Jacky Rosen, Senator for the state of Nevada, released a statement against anti-  
9 Semitism in the state of Nevada and in the United States<sup>3</sup>;

10       *Whereas*, anti-Semitism is not disappearing in the United States with 1,879 anti-semitic acts  
11 reported in 2018 and an increase in physical violence towards Jewish people, Jewish schools,  
12 synagogues, and on college campuses<sup>4</sup>;

13       *Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno Campus Climate Survey recorded that 71% of the  
14 population feels comfortable on campus. However, it is also recorded that minorities feel less  
15 comfortable than other groups on campus, making up the other 29% of the student population<sup>5</sup>;

16       *Whereas*, there are no known anti-semitic groups present on campus, but rather it is assumed  
17 that there are individual students who have been committing acts of anti-Semitism on campus;

18       *Whereas*, in 2019, the University of Nevada was named as one of the top universities of “Neo-  
19 Nazi Incidents”<sup>6</sup>;

20       *Whereas*, safety, diversity, equity, and inclusion were deemed legislative priorities for the 87<sup>th</sup>  
21 session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada;

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<sup>2</sup> <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/history-of-the-swastika>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.rosen.senate.gov/node/271>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.adl.org/what-we-do/anti-semitism/anti-semitism-in-the-us>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.unr.edu/main/pdfs/verified-accessible/divisions-offices/president/truth/climate-study-final-report.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://stopuniversitiesupportforterrorists.org/news/epidemic-jew-hatred-campus-top-ten-neo-nazi-incidents>

1        *Whereas*, Jewish students do not feel safe with reoccurring incidents of anti-Semitism on  
2 campus;

3        *Be it Resolved*, The Associated Students of the University of Nevada do not condone acts of anti-  
4 Semitism at the University of Nevada, Reno nor in the state of Nevada;

5        *Be it Further Resolved*, The Associated Students of the University of Nevada encourage action to  
6 be taken in our community, as well as on a state and national level;

7        *Be it Further Resolved*, this resolution be sent to

- 8            • Hillel Director, Atty Garfinkel-Berry
- 9            • The Nevada Anti-Defamation League
- 10           • The Speaker of the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate of the Associated Students
- 11           • The President of the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Associated Students
- 12           • US Senator for Nevada, Jacky Rosen
- 13           • Editor in Chief of the Nevada Sagebrush, Olivia Ali
- 14           • Vice President of Student Services, Shannon Ellis
- 15           • University President, Marc Johnson
- 16           • NSHE Board of Regent Cultural Diversity Committee Chair, Sam Lieberman
- 17           • Chairman of the NSHE Board of Regents, Jason Geddes