

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2020-2021

**S. Res. 88-**

**A Resolution in Support of Legislative Topics**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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MONTH, DAY, YEAR

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR TAYLOR TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRATIC CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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1       *Whereas*, during the past two three sessions of ASUN, the senate has created a list of “legislative  
2 priorities” to guide the Department of Legislative Affairs and the Association in regards to public  
3 policy and initiatives;

4       Whereas, in order to continue this precedent and guide the Association, the 88<sup>th</sup> Session needs  
5 its own list of topics;

6       Be it resolved, the Senate of the Associated Students approves the list of legislative priorities as  
7 designated by Addendum A;

8       Be it further resolved, this legislation be sent to the following entities:

- 9           • Alexa Rangel, Director of Legislative Affairs
- 10          • Miranda Bennetts, Commissioner for Social Justice and Policy, Department of
- 11           Diversity and Inclusion.



## Addendum A

### 1. Mental Health

The University Campus Climate survey showed that of the students that wanted to leave the University, mental health and lacking a sense of belonging were the top two reasons for considering to leave. Nationwide, mental illness and health is a prevalent topic effecting people between the ages of 18 to 25.

### 2. Environment and Sustainability

Today, climate change will continue to effect the lives of students today and the future. According to our University's master plan, the University hopes to have a safe and sustainable campus that focuses on initiatives like single stream recycling. In order to pursue this topic, our Association should also focus on what local governing bodies are passing in regards to the environment.

### 3. Sexual Violence Prevention

According to the Campus Climate Survey, out of the 3,339 undergraduate students that responded, 12% stated they experienced unwanted sexual misconduct. This is in combination with the trend that most survivors of sexual assault and misconduct do not report. Currently, 1 out of every 6 college-aged girls have experienced some sort of sexual violence and 1 out of every 10 college-aged males have experienced sexual violence. In order to combat this issue, ASUN needs to lobby to local governing bodies for survivor rights.

### 4. Affordable Housing and Education

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students are facing extreme financial barriers with the University not providing reduced tuition and landlords still requiring rent. On top of these issues, the price of education and housing has steadily increased every year. In order to ensure our students can succeed, ASUN will lobby on behalf of affordable methods of living and learning.

### 5. Civil Rights

Massive social changes in regards to the Black Lives Matter movement has brought to the forefront a conversation about human and civil rights. As an Association, a resolution outlining the methods and actions ASUN would take to ensure that black students felt safe on campus was passed during the 88<sup>th</sup> session. In order to fulfill that resolution, ASUN will lobby to protect the civil liberties, rights, and protections affording to students.

### 6. DACA/International Students

At the University of Nevada, Reno, DACA students are protected and receive resources through the University. During the current presidential administration, student's with work permits and here for the purpose of studying have faced increased changes regarding eligibility, deportation, and the end of their

respective programs. In order to protect the rights and well-being of Nevada's DACA and international students, ASUN will lobby on behalf of the rights of these individuals, specifically to increase the longevity of the programs and the ability to enter them.