88th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday February 3rd, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.
Zoom Meeting: Email Hope Cronan at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu for details

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 May 13th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 13th, 2020 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 May 27th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 27th, 2020 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 June 10th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of June 10th, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
   - **d.** The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from June 24th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of June 24th, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
   - **e.** The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from July 8th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of July 8th, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
   - **f.** The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from July 22nd, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of July 22nd, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
   - **g.** The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 5th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of August 5th, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
   - **h.** The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 19th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of August 19th, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
   - **i.** The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from August 26th, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of August 26th, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.
   - **j.** The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from September 2nd, 2020. The Senate will discuss the minutes of September 2nd, 2020 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Senate may choose to approve the minutes.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

Due to Governor Sisolak's executive orders, attendance at public meetings is limited.

Members of the public may participate in the meeting without being physically present by submitting public comment via email to Hope Cronan at senatesecretary@asun.unr.edu or by providing comment during our weekly Zoom meetings. Please email Hope for the meeting details through the email listed above.

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. Director of Elections and Democratic Education Update, Kevin Finkler

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

The Senate will receive communications addressed to the Senate and, if necessary, refer each to the appropriate committee. No action will be taken on communications other than referring them to committee unless placed on the fast-track agenda.

a. Resignation of the Senator for the College of Science, Emily McElhoes

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, Dominique Hall
b. Vice President of the Associated Students, Austin Brown
c. Chief Justice, Paulina Pride
d. Chief of Staff, Demitri Bannoura
e. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Nolan Lanza
f. Director of Event Programming, Tara Okui
g. Director of Legislative Affairs, Alexa Rangel
h. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Priya Bajwa
i. Director of Sustainability, Elizabeth Guillen
j. Director of Campus and Public Relations, Kyla Kwan
k. Director of Campus Wellness, Parker Samuelson
l. Attorney General, Paige Flippin
m. Speaker of the Senate, Keegan Murphy

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. The Speaker Pro Tempore and Parliamentarian will also give reports.

a. Chair, Committee on Academics and Student Affairs--Senator Stoddard
b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance--Senator Huber
c. Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement—Senator Torres
d. Chair, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion--Senator Ribeiro
e. Chair, Committee on Government Operations--Senator Supple
f. Chair, Committee on the Safety, Sustainability, and Wellness--Senator Luers
g. Speaker Pro-Tempore--Senator Supple
h. Parliamentarian--Senator Harvey
i. Chair, Committee on Oversight--Speaker Murphy

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. VETO MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

There were no veto messages at this time.

11. 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.

12. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 17 of this agenda:

a. S.B. 88 – An Act to Allow Students with Multiple Majors to Vote in Their Respective Colleges In ASUN Elections
b. S.B. 88 – An Act to Amend the ASUN Constitution for Appointed Senators to be Recalled
c. S.B. 88 – An Act to Amend Title V of the ASUN Constitution
d. S.B. 88 – A Bill to Establish EdPass
e. S.B. 88 – An Act to Set the Minimum Grade Point Average to Run and Hold Office to Standard Academic Progress

13. 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 are no pieces to be fast tracked at this time.

14. 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.

15. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

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

a. S.B. 88 – An Act to Allow Students with Multiple Majors to Vote in Their Respective Colleges In ASUN Elections
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16. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee Changes and Additions
The Senate may make changes to committee assignments

- Committee on Budget and Finance
- Committee on Government Operations

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

c. Legislation Tracker Update
The Senators will update the Speaker and the Senate on the legislation they are working on.

17. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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

18. 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.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agendized 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. ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide accommodations to people with disabilities attending the meeting. Please email the Senate Secretary at SenateSecretary@asun.unr.edu as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodation.

Hi Keegan,

This is my letter of resignation as the Senator of The College of Science. I truly appreciate you being my mentor as I have learned a lot from you, and I wish you nothing but the best. I am resigning due to family reasons and to focus on my studies. Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do for you.

Best regards,

Emily McElhoes

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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S. B. 88-

AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE MAJORS TO VOTE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEGES IN ASUN ELECTIONS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 17TH, 2021

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR SUPPLE TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A BILL

AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE MAJORS TO VOTE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLEGES IN ASUN ELECTIONS

Whereas, ASUN elections allow for students to vote for senators to represent them based on their respective college;

Whereas, there are students at the University of Nevada, Reno who are enrolled in multiple majors in multiple colleges;

Whereas, ASUN elections currently only allowed students to vote in one college;

Whereas, being that a student is majoring in multiple colleges, senators from multiple colleges would represent them and see them as their constituent;

Whereas, as a constituent, those students should be able to vote for any senator that may represent them without having to decide which college they choose to represent them;

Whereas, decisions made by senators in multiple colleges will represent and likely effect their experience in that college;

Whereas, the Senate of the Associated Students is the one of the two forms of representation that students receive by other students at the University of Nevada, Reno;

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas's student government allows students enrolled in multiple colleges to vote for senators of multiple colleges[1];

Whereas, students in multiple colleges are allocated in the apportionment of all the colleges they are enrolled in;

Whereas, when voting online through canvas, students are only offered the vote for their primary college. If the student wishes to vote in the other college, they must go in person;

Whereas, with the COVID-19 pandemic, in person voting may make students feel unsafe and discourage them from voting in ASUN elections;

Whereas, the Office of the President stated that a maximum between 2.6 and 4 percent of students are on campus at any given time out of 20,700 students;

Whereas, the Office of the President stated that 1 in 9 active positive COVID-19 cases in Washoe County were associated with the University community, and the 18-24 age range continues to be the highest range of new COVID-19 cases;

Whereas, voting on canvas is a simple and accessible way for students to vote in ASUN elections;

Whereas, students should not have to choose which college they vote for because they will be represented by all the senators of the multiple colleges that the student is enrolled in;

Be it enacted; the Statutes of the Associated Students be amended in Title VII, Chapter 702, Section 8, d to state ""For legislative elections, students who are members of multiple colleges or

[1] https://www.unlv.edu/sites/default/files/page_files/27/CSUN-Bylaws-2020.pdf

schools before the spring semester shall be allowed to vote in all colleges or schools they are enrolled in"

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88th SESSION
2020-2021

S. B. 88-

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASUN CONSTITUTION FOR APPOINTED SENATORS TO BE RECALLED

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 27TH, 2021

SUBMITTED BY SENATORS LAMBERT, STANFILL, AND SUPPLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A BILL

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASUN CONSTITUTION FOR APPOINTED SENATORS TO BE RECALLED

Whereas, the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada V.II.b.1, reads, "PROCEDURES --- (1) A petition of half of the number of students who voted in the previous election of the officer or senator to be recalled is required to order a recall election." [1];

Whereas, appointed senators are not elected through ASUN elections;

Whereas, appointed senators fill a vacant seat in the Senate of the Associated Students if someone does not run for the position in ASUN Elections or if a senator resigns from their position;

Whereas, there is no number of constituents that voted for the appointed senator from ASUN Elections;

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

Whereas, from the ASUN Elections, there is a number of students who voted in that college;

Whereas, while the constituents were not able to vote for that senator, they were still able to vote for the appointed senator, they are still being represented by the appointed senator and they did engage in that democratic process;

Whereas, appointed senators serve the constituents of their college without being voted in;

Whereas, the constituents of an appointed senator must be able to recall any representative even if they were not the ones to directly vote them into that position;

Whereas, the number of signatures on a recall petition for an appointed senator should be half of the number of students in that senator's college who voted in the most recent ASUN Election;

Be it enacted, pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Associated Students, upon the passage of this bill, a question seeking approval of voters appear on the ballot for the 2021 General Election as follows:*,* "Shall the Associated Students amend the Constitution to add that any undergraduate student who is represented by the appointed elected official qualifies to sign a recall petition survey?".

Addendum A

Article V

SECTION 2. RECALL ELECTIONS

(a) All elected members of this government are subject to recall from office by election, but no person shall be recalled from office without first serving two months.

(b) All appointed senators of this government are subject to recall from office by election, but no person shall be recalled from office without first serving two months.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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2020-2021

S. B. 88-

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE V OF THE ASUN CONSTITUTION

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 27TH, 2021

SUBMITTED BY SENATORS LAMBERT, STANFILL, AND SUPPLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A BILL

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE V OF THE ASUN CONSTITUTION

Whereas, the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada V.II.b.1, reads, "PROCEDURES --- (1) A petition of half of the number of students who voted in the previous election of the officer or senator to be recalled is required to order a recall election." [1];

Whereas, the ASUN elections recall process calls for all voters who voted in the previous ASUN election to vote in the event of a recall election;

Whereas, for all of the voters who graduated after the election and are no longer students at the University of Nevada Reno are not able to vote;

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

Whereas, students who graduated are no longer students of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada and are not able to vote in a recall election;

Whereas, all the incoming freshmen and transfer students at the University of Nevada, Reno were not students at the time of the initial ASUN election making them ineligible to vote in the recall election;

Whereas, incoming freshmen and transfer students are students of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada are not able to vote in a recall election;

Whereas, the duties of an elected senate are to represent all student with majors in their college;

Whereas, the duties of the vice president and the president of the association represent all undergraduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno;

Whereas, the recall process does not include all undergraduate students of the University of Nevada, Reno;

Be it enacted, pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Associated Students, upon the passage of this bill, a question seeking approval of voters appear on the ballot for the 2021 General Election as follows: "Shall the Associated Students amend the Constitution to change who qualifies to sign a recall, initiative, and referendum petition to be any undergraduate student who is represented by the officer or senator in question?".

Addendum A

Article V

SECTION 2. RECALL ELECTIONS

(a) All elected members of this government are subject to recall from office by election, but no person shall be recalled from office without first serving two months.

(b) PROCEDURES —

~~(1) A petition of half of the number of students **who voted in the previous election** of the officer or senator to be recalled is required to order a recall election.~~

(1) A petition to order a recall election can be signed by any of the constituents of the officer or senator at the time of the recall. The number of signatures required is half the number of students who voted in the previous election of the officer or senator to order a recall election.

(2) If the petition qualifies, a special election shall be held within three weeks to recall the officer or senator.

(3) The concurrence of a majority of the students voting in the election shall be required to recall an officer or senator.

(4) A vacancy created by recall shall be filled by special election within two weeks of the recall.

SECTION 3. INITIATIVE

(a) Any item of enactment may be put to a vote of the students by petition. No measure repealing a prior action shall be done by initiative.

(b) PROCEDURES —

~~(1) A petition of half of the number of students **who voted in the previous election** of the officer or senator to be recalled is required to order a recall election.~~

(1) A petition for initiative can be signed by any undergraduate students at the time of the initiative. To place an item of enactment on the ballot, the petition must be signed by half of the number of the students who turned out to the polls at the general election

(2) A measure that qualifies shall be placed before the students in the next general election.

(3) A majority of the students voting on the question shall be required for its adoption.

SECTION 4. REFERENDA

(a) A referendum shall be used to repeal any item of enactment of the Senate.

(b) PROCEDURES —

~~(1) A petition of half of the number of students **who voted in the previous election** of the officer or senator to be recalled is required to order a recall election.~~

(1) A petition for referendum can be signed by any undergraduate students at the time of the referendum. To place an item of enactment on the ballot, the petition must be signed by half of the number of the students who turned out to the polls at the general election.

(2) A measure that qualifies shall be placed before the students in the next general election.

(3) A majority of the students voting on the question shall be required for its adoption.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88th SESSION
2020-2021

S. B. 88-
A BILL TO ESTABLISH EDPASS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATORS LUERS AND SUPPLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND WELLNESS

A Bill to Establish EDPASS

Whereas, EDPASS is a partnership between the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and higher education instutions to provide discounted public transportation to higher education students;

Whereas, public transportation is defined as a system of buses, trains, or subways, that are available to the general public, may require a fare, and run at scheduled times."[1];

Whereas, The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Washoe County's mission is to provide "quality transportation systems… that meet the community's present and future needs."[2];

Whereas, many college towns have incorporated EDPASS transportation programs, either university-run or in partnership with a local transportation service, in which they provide all students with access to the transportation system at a very low cost;

Whereas, institutions such as Northwestern University[3] , University of Utah[4] , UC Davis[5], Washington State University[6], and others provide local bus services to students free of charge[7];

Whereas, RTC Washoe began piloting a EDPASS transportation program with UNR on July 1, 2019;

Whereas, this pilot program, which provides all UNR undergraduate students with access to the entire RTC Washoe bus system, has been funded by a public grant received by RTC for the first year until comprehensive data and a source of student funding;

Whereas, among universities with EDPASS transit programs, "student transit ridership increased from 35% to 200%, and a corresponding decrease in auto usage that ranged from 20% to 70% in the first year of the program."[8];

Whereas, RTC ridership among undergraduate students at UNR has gone up 130% since the start of the pilot program on July 1st;*Whereas,* not only does EDPASS increase ridership, it also increases environmental sustainability and safety;

Whereas, according to a 2014 city-wide greenhouse gas inventory in partnership with the university, transportation accounted for 30% of climate-related emissions, 83% coming from vehicle use[9];

Whereas, for every passenger mile traveled, public transportation produces 95% less carbon monoxide, 92% less volatile organic compounds, and 50% less carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides[10];

Whereas public transportation is overall a relatively safe and secure mode of transport with about a tenth of the traffic casualty rate and lower overall crime rates than automobile travel[11];

Whereas, according to No Walls 2025 on breaking down the accessible wall, we must, "Work with the Reno Transportation Commission to ensure the Virginia Street Rapid Transit Expansion project is a success," "Create alternative transportation options for students to and from campus," and "Encourage and incentivize students to use alternative transportation options"[12];

Whereas, RTC is also planning to build a new bus station on the intersection of E Eighth St and N Virginia St;

Whereas, RTC is also conducting a transportation survey of the Gateway District to improve their services around the university[13];

Whereas, EDPASS programs are meant to benefit local transportation services rather than compete with them, improving the local transportation system is beneficial to the student body.

Whereas, the 2019 Campus Climate Survey indicated that nearly 50% of respondents have a commute time of ten minutes or longer to the university[14]; *Whereas*, the EDPASS system would provide an alternative mode of transportation for students who normally would not be able to commute to campus freely and idnependently;

Whereas, for future years, EDPASS will require a small amount of funding from the university with a subsidy from RTC;

Whereas, a simple $4 fee to undergraduate students would provide free transportation to any student for the semester;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that a question seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2021 General Election as follows:

- "Shall the students of UNR add a $4 per semester fee to pay for the EDPASS system?"

Be it further enacted that, pursuant to the passage of the ballot question by the student body, the fee will be brought to the Board of Regents for consideration at their December meeting.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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2020-2021

S. B. 88-
AN ACT TO SET THE MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE TO RUN AND HOLD OFFICE TO STANDARD ACADEMIC PROGRESS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

JANUARY 18TH, 2021

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR LUERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

An Act to Set the Minimum Grade Point Average to Run and Hold Office to Standard Academic Progress

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];

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

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected student circumstances regarding academics and overall grades;

Whereas, all NSHE institutions re-instated their Spring 2020 S/U grading policy[7];

Whereas, ASUN should also attempt to accommodate the many students who are struggling to learn online during the pandemic;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that a question seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2021 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 "Satisfactory Academic Progress" (SAP)?";

Be it further enacted 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 Standard Academic Progress 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 2.0 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.