



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

86th Session, 2018-2019

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASUN CONSTITUTION TO ELIMINATE ALL GENDER PRONOUNS

Bill Number: 18

Authored By: Senator Mckinney

Sponsored By: Committee on Government Operations

Whereas, Under the University of Nevada’s Office of Diversity Initiatives it is stated: “The Office of Diversity Initiatives represents the University’s commitment to realize and sustain a diverse, inclusive and welcoming environment for all...”;

Whereas, Gender Pronouns are non-inclusive and leave non-binary students, faculty, and community members feeling excluded from the community as a whole;

Whereas, According the American Bar Association: “Research shows that masculine terminology skews perception about who should seek and hold certain jobs and who may aspire to leadership positions”;

Whereas, The University of Nevada should be encouraging every individual, regardless of gender, to succeed within the same job fields and aspire for the same leadership positions;

Whereas, State legislators from Connecticut, Montana, North Dakota, and California have begun efforts to eliminate gender pronouns from all state level legislation;

Whereas, The University of Nevada should follow this precedent that is presented by these other states in order to further act as a catalyst for gender equality;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,

- a) A question Seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2019 General Election as follows:

“Shall the Associated Students of the University of Nevada eliminate all gender pronouns from the Constitution of the Associates Students of the University of Nevada in order to be more inclusive to all students on the University of Nevada campus?”;

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

- a) That pursuant to passage of the ballot question by the Student Body, the Constitution of the Associated Students at the University of Nevada, be updated to eliminate all gender pronouns.

Adopted in Senate on February 27th, 2019

Attest:

Anthony Martinez, Speaker of the Senate

Hannah Jackson, President of the Associated Students

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

Andrea Godoy, Secretary of the Senate