

Committee on Oversight

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Agenda for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 8:30 AM
President's Conference Room, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Secretaries

2. **ROLL CALL***

Roll Call must be listed by Secretaries

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**

- a. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from August 28th, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from August 28th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- b. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 11th, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 11th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
- c. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from September 18th, 2019. The committee will discuss the minutes from September 18th, 2019 and may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**



Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Ansari Business Building, Mathewson- IGT Knowledge Center, and online at www.nevadaasun.com.

If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Speaker Hughes at Speaker@asun.unr.edu

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of Increasing the ASUN Fee From \$5 per Credit to \$6.10 Per Credit Hour
- b. Discussion of liaison positions

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.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87th SESSION
2019-2020

S. Res. 87-

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING ASUN FEE FROM \$5/CREDIT TO
\$6.10 PER CREDIT HOUR**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER, 26TH, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR PREMPEH TO THE ASUN SENATE

A Resolution in Support of ASUN Fee Increase

1 *Whereas*, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) is to
2 provide resources and services to ensure students succeed personally, academically, and
3 professionally;

4 *Whereas*, currently all students that are a part of the Association are currently paying \$5 per
5 credit hour;

6 *Whereas*, the per-credit ASUN fee charged to undergraduates has remained at \$5 since the
7 NSHE Board of Regents approved that amount in 2008. The ASUN per-credit fee has not been tied
8 to inflation. This is despite the fact that average prices in 2019 are nearly 20% higher than they were a
9 decade ago;¹

1 *Whereas*, During the 2008-2009 school year, the per-credit registration fee for the University
 2 of Nevada was \$129.50. 2018-2019 school year, it was \$224.2 This represents a 72.97% increase over
 3 10 years;

4 *Whereas*, Cost of homes has increased by 81% increase over 10 years.³ This trend is present
 5 in rent prices as well. According to the Northern Nevada Business View, there was “nearly a 60
 6 percent increase” in rental rates from 2012-2018;⁴

7 *Whereas*, In April 2019, Nevada had one of the highest average gas prices in the United
 8 States.⁵ This affects ASUN services that rely on vehicular transportation (such as Campus Escort,
 9 and the connect shuttle used for volunteerism) Both relied on by thousands of students;

10 *Whereas*, In the 2008-2009 school year, UNR’s student population was around 16,867. In
 11 2018-2019, the population was 21,463;⁶

12 *Whereas*, those amounts include graduate students but still show a significant increase over
 13 the past 10 years in the number of students the association serves;

14 *Whereas*, the Association provides events, resources, and services for undergraduate students,
 15 graduate students, and faculty and staff

16 *Whereas*, ASUN Senators, by vote of the entire student body via referendum, received
 17 permission for a pay raise in 2010. Funds have never been available for that pay raise. The President
 18 and Vice President have not received and increase in pay for at least 20 years. Student officers are
 19 holding down 1 - 2 more jobs while still carrying out the 10-20 hours of public service. All while gas,
 20 rent, tuition, etc. have skyrocketed;

21 *Whereas*, Student Publications funding has remained stagnant or diminished over the last
 22 decade;

23 *Whereas*, the \$1.10 increase would allow the association to continue to fund current initiatives
 24 at a 2020 level;

¹<http://www.in2013dollars.com/us/inflation/2009?amount=1>

²<https://nshe.nevada.edu/tasks/sites/Nshe/assets/File/BoardOfRegents/Agendas/2014/mar-mtgs/bor-refs/BOR-19c.pdf>

³<http://renorealtyblog.com/resources/historical-median-sold-data>

⁴<https://www.nnbusinessview.com/news/reno-sparks-apartment-rents-soaring-monthly-average-tops-1300-in-q2/>

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⁶<https://www.unr.edu/ia/enrollment-projection>

1 *Whereas*, this includes programs such as Campus Escort, Technology, Student Publications,
2 Clubs & Organizations, Diversity Initiatives, Student officer wages;

3 *Whereas*, these current programs have either been cut, received no increase or received a
4 minimal increase since 2009 when the fee was initiated and no new initiatives are being started;

5 *Be it resolved that*, the Senate of the Associated Students show support in favor of the
6 \$1.10/credit hour fee increase;

7 *Be it further resolved that*, the Association investigate the possibility of anchoring the fee to an
8 index for controlled incremental growth;

9 *Be it further resolved that*, this resolution be sent to Vice President of Student Services, Shannon
10 Ellis, Associate Vice President of Student Life Romando Nash, University President Marc Johnson
11 and the Nevada System of Higher Education;

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