

87th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students

Agenda for Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Third Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

Call Meeting to Order must be listed by Senate Secretaries

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

3. ROLL CALL*

Roll Call must be listed by Senate Secretaries

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. The Senate will consider the approval of the minutes from April 24th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of April 24th, 2019 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 15th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 15th, 2019 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 May 29th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of May 29th, 2019 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 12th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of June 12th, 2019 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 August 7th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of August 7th, 2019 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 August 28th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of August 28th, 2019 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 September 18th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of September 18th, 2019 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 September 25th, 2019. The Senate will discuss the minutes of September 25th, 2019 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*

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. Scott Miklos, RTC Washoe, Discussion on UPASS
- b. Steve Smith, Vice Provost/CIO

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

- a. Resignation of Jakayla Hall from the position of Senator for the College of Business

7. 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

- a. Chair, Committee on Academics-Senator Harvey
- b. Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance-Senator Prempeh
- c. Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement-Senator Doyle
- d. Chair, Committee on Government Operations-Senator Supple
- e. Chair, Committee on Public Affairs-Senator Westerman
- f. Chair, Committee on University Affairs-Senator Rogers
- g. Chair, Committee on Safety, Sustainability and Wellness-Senator Komanduri
- h. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Senator Murphy
- i. Chair, Committee on Oversight-Speaker Hughes

8. 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.

9. FIRST READING OF LEGISLATION

The following bills and resolutions will receive their first reading and may be considered under item 16 of this agenda:

- a. S.R. 87- A Resolution to Condemn Racial Hair Discrimination
- b. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of the Counseling Services Fee Increase

10. MOTIONS TO FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION

- a. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of the Counseling Services Fee Increase

11. 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.

12. SECOND READING OF LEGISLATION

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

- a. S.R. 87- A Resolution to Condemn Racial Hair Discrimination
- b. S.R. 87- A Resolution in Support of the Counseling Services Fee Increase

13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Senator Reports

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

b. Senate Committee Changes

The Senate may make changes to committee assignments by resolution.

14. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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

15. 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.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

Unless otherwise marked by an asterisk, all agenda 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.

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Speaker Hughes,

I hereby resign from my position as College of Business Senator as of September 27, 2019. I am resigning for personal reasons. I wasn't able to do all that I wanted in my time as a senator but I know that there are some great senators here who will continue to carry out our mission. To those of you that I was able to get to know, I believe you will do wonderful things. To those of you that I didn't get to know very well, I hope that we still get the chance. Even though I am no longer a senator, I am still around and still more than willing to help you all out in any way I can. I wish senate all the best this year.

Thank you,

Jakeyla Hall

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

86th SESSION

2018-2019

S. R. 86-

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN RACIAL
HAIR DISCRIMINATION

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR ROGERS, SENATOR AMPIE, AND SENATOR VOLTRE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution to condemn Racial Hair Discrimination

- 1 *Whereas*, (a) “Race or ethnicity” includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic
2 background. (b) “Race” is inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair

1 texture and protective hairstyles. (c) “Protective hairstyles” includes, but is not limited to, such hairstyles as
2 braids, locs, and twists;¹

3 *Whereas*, California CROWN Act SB 188 CROWN Act (Creating a Respectful and Open Workplace
4 for Natural Hair) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of “traits historically associated with one’s race, such
5 as hair texture and protective hairstyles.” Was signed into law making California the first state to expressly
6 include natural hairstyles in its anti-discrimination law;²

7 *Whereas*, the CROWN Coalition, a national alliance comprised of the National Urban League, Western
8 Center on Law & Poverty, Color of Change, and Dove lobbied for this bill;

9 *Whereas*, the CROWN Coalition is also being supported by organizations such as: ACLU California,
10 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Anti-Defamation League, Black
11 American Political Association of California, Black Women for Wellness Action Project, Black Women
12 Organized for Political Action, California Black Chamber of Commerce, California Civil Liberties Advocacy,
13 California Employment Lawyers Association, California School Board Association, California Teachers
14 Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Equal Rights Advocates, Greenlining Institute, National
15 Association of Social Workers – California Chapter, National Council of Negro Women, National Women's
16 Law Center, The Links, Incorporated, The U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., and Women's Foundation of California;³

17 *Whereas*, New York was the second state to pass this type of law on July 12, 2019;

18 *Whereas*, The New York bill would update the definition of race used in existing law to be “inclusive
19 of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective
20 hairstyles.”; ⁴

21 *Whereas*, “Prohibits race discrimination based on natural hair or hairstyles; defines "race" for certain
22 specific purposes to include, but not be limited to, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic

¹ California Senate Bill 188

² California Senate Bill 188 (<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>)

³ <https://www.prnewswire.com>

⁴ Senate Bill S6209A (<https://www.nysenate.gov>)

1 background, and to include traits historically associated with race, including but not limited to, hair texture
2 and protective hairstyles; and defines "protective hairstyles" to include, but not be limited to, such hairstyles
3 as braids, locs, and twist;”

4 *Whereas*, Senate Bill 3945, A bill introduced in the New Jersey Legislature would ban discrimination
5 based on hair in the workplace, housing, and public schools; ⁵

6 *Whereas*, House Bill 156 in Tennessee which Creates a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural
7 Hair (CROWN) Act," which defines race and protective hairstyle for purposes of the Tennessee Human
8 Rights Act;⁶

9 *Whereas*, HB 4811 in Michigan, which is a bill to amend 1976 PA 453, entitled "Elliott-Larsen civil
10 rights act";⁷

11 *Whereas*, Wisconsin Assembly Bill 440 which makes changes to various areas of the law to prohibit
12 discrimination based on a person's hairstyle, including a “protective hairstyle,” further defined in the bill to
13 include braids, locs, and twists; ⁸

14 *Whereas*, this bill also defines “race” to include traits historically associated with race, including hair
15 texture and protective hairstyles;⁹

16 *Whereas*, Illinois House Bill 3884 amends the Illinois Human Rights Act providing that "race", as used
17 in the Employment and Elementary, Secondary, and Higher Education Articles, includes traits historically
18 associated with races, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locs,
19 and twists;¹⁰

20 *Whereas*, according to the fall to fall census date comparison, 689 students identify as Black, Non-
21 Hispanic ethnicity;¹¹

⁵ <https://legiscan.com/NJ/bill/S3945/2018>

⁶ <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1546&ga=111>

⁷ <http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

⁸ <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov>

⁹ <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov>

¹⁰ <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/1138516>

¹¹ University of Nevada, Reno HEADCOUNT, Fall to Fall Census Date Comparison

1 *Whereas*, according to that same study, 1,455 students identify as Multiethnic;¹²

2 *Be it resolved*, ASUN supports the Nevada System of Higher Education creating a policy against discriminating

3 on Hair;

4 *Be it further resolved*, ASUN urges and supports the creation of this anti-discrimination policy to be adopted by

5 the Washoe County School District, Congress, the Reno City Council, and Nevada Legislature.

6 Be it further resolved, this resolution be sent to President Marc Johnson, Vice President of Student Services

7 Dr. Shannon Ellis, Reno Mayor Hilary Schieve, NSHE Board of Regents Chairman Jason Geddes, Nevada

8 Legislative Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro.

¹² University of Nevada, Reno HEADCOUNT, Fall to Fall Census Date Comparison



FROM: Conner Doyle and Isabel Westerman, Senators for the College of Liberal Arts
TO: Savannah Hughes, Speaker of the 87th Session of the Senate
DATE: October 3rd, 2019
RE: Fast Track S. Res. 87- A Resolution in Support of the Counseling Services Fee
Increase

Dear Speaker Hughes,

This memo is to request that S. Res. 87- A Resolution in Support of the Counseling Services Fee Increase be fast tracked and sent to the Senate table instead of through committee. This is due that the fee increase for Counseling services is time sensitive and will be heard on October 15th. It is important that the Senate releases a resolution on the fee increase affecting students.

Thank you for your time,

Conner Doyle

Senator, College of Liberal Arts

Chair, Committee on Civic Engagement

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87th SESSION
2019-2020

S. Res. 87-

A Resolution in Support of the Counseling Services Fee Increase

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 25TH 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DOYLE AND SENATOR WESTERMAN TO THE SENATE OF THE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A Resolution

In Support of the Counseling Services Fee Increase

1 *Whereas*, in Fall 2019, Counseling Services advocated for a fee increase from \$50 per semester to
2 \$70 per semester for undergraduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno;

3 *Whereas*, the mission of the Counseling Services of the University of Nevada, Reno “is to
4 provide psychological services to University of Nevada, Reno students to support and facilitate their
5 personal and academic success and development. Counseling Services also develops and offers
6 prevention and consultation services to assist the university community in maintaining a safe and
7 supportive educational environment”;

8 *Whereas*, the fee increase would go to hiring more full-time employees, hiring a trauma specialist,
9 hiring case specialists, increasing the *Take 5* and *Let's Talk* programs, and invest in Teletherapy;

1 *Whereas*, the main reason students of the University attend Counseling is due to traumatic life
2 events, which creates a necessity for the hiring of a Trauma Specialist;

3 *Whereas*, according to Counseling Services' data collection, UNR students suffer from on
4 average more trauma than that of students at other universities;

5 *Whereas*, according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, "Telemental health
6 care can provide effective and adaptable solutions to the care of mental illnesses universally. While
7 being comparable to in-person services, telemental health care is particularly advantageous and
8 inexpensive through the use of current technologies and adaptable designs, especially in isolated
9 communities";¹

10 *Whereas*, according to the University of Nevada Counseling Service's data, in the 2018-2019
11 academic year 17, 021 students have participated in Counseling Service's outreach and prevention
12 programs, such as *Take5* or *Let's Talk*, and the fee increase would increase resources for *Take5* and
13 other outreach programs to further develop these prevention efforts;

14 *Whereas*, since the fee increase is directly affecting students, it is important that Counseling
15 Services remains transparent with the Associated Students with data and how the money is being
16 spent to best provide for the students of the University;

17 *Whereas*, while the university head count has gone up 7.7% in the past 5 years, Counseling
18 Services' data has shown a 44.7% increase of unique clients in the past 5 years;²

19 *Whereas*, according to US News, students of color are less likely to seek counseling services and
20 mental health care;²³

21 *Whereas*, According to Mental Health America, Nevada is currently ranked 51st in the nation
22 for access to health care and prevalence of mental illness;³

¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5723163/> Accessed 9.25.2019

² <https://www.unr.edu/ia/enrollment-projection>
<https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2017-08-31/nonwhite-students-slow-to-seek-mental-health-counseling-for-which-theyre-more-in-need> Accessed 9.26.2019

³ <https://www.mhanational.org/issues/ranking-states>

1 *Whereas*, it is important that the University expands services and outreach to improve the mental
2 care access and reduce the stigma for all students, especially the underrepresented groups and
3 minorities of the University of Nevada;

4 *Whereas*, in No Walls: 2025, one of the goals for the Associated Students of the University of
5 Nevada is to create graduates who are “well-rounded—they are professional, developed, and healthy
6 in the mind, body, and spirit;”⁴

7 *Whereas*, in order to create graduates that are “healthy in the mind” the University must have
8 advanced methods of counseling and psychotherapy;

9 *Be it resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada require that Counseling
10 Services report future and current data to the Senate body at least once a year;

11 *Be it further resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support the
12 outreach and increase of services, especially in terms of expanding services to underrepresented
13 groups and minorities;

14 *Be it further resolved that*, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada support the fee
15 increase of \$10 in FY 2020 and \$10 in FY 2021;

16 *Be it further resolved that*, this resolution be sent to Director of Counseling Services Jacqueline
17 Pisterello and the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

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⁴ <http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/02142829/No-Walls-2025-AStudentVisOnForTheUniversityOfNevadaReno1.pdf> Accessed 9.25.2019