

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Agenda for Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
3rd Floor Joe Crowley Student Union Room 323

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

2. **ROLL CALL***

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**

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **S.B. 87- An Act Establishing the Senior Associate Justice**

The committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

b. **Changes to the SAS**

The committee members will discuss potential changes to the SAS

c. **Senator Reports**

Senators sitting on the committee will report their work on projects and creating legislation.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

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8. ADJOURNMENT**9. NOTES.**

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87th SESSION
2019-2020

S. B. 87-

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2019
SUBMITTED BY SENATOR HALL ON BEHALF OF CHIEF JUSTICE HART TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A BILL

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

- 1 *Whereas*, the composition of the Judicial Council is incomplete and inaccurate;
- 2 *Whereas*, the Senior Associate Justice is referenced in the Statues of the Associated Students but has
- 3 not been an established position;
- 4 *Whereas*, lines were changed in Section 1 to include the Senior Associate Justice in the composition of
- 5 the Judicial Branch and to identify the appointment of the Associate Justice;
- 6 *Whereas*, Section 3 was created to hereby establish the duties required of the Senior Associate Justice;

1 *Whereas*, lines were added in Section 3, Subsection A, to allow the Judicial Council to have a successor
2 to assume the duties of the Chief Justice in an instance of absence;

3 *Whereas*, lines were added in Section 3, Subsection B, to allow orders to be executed fairly in a case
4 where the Judicial Council would need a successor in the instance of the Chief Justice having a
5 conflict of interest;

6 *Whereas*, lines were added in Section 3, Subsection C, to add a relevant position to the commission in
7 the case of an appeal to an election violation;

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students; Addendum A is added to the Statutes of the
Associated Students.

Addendum A

TITLE III: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

CHAPTER 301: JUDICIAL BRANCH COMPOSITION

SECTION 01: COMPOSITION

The Judicial Branch is comprised of four Associate Justices including a Senior Associate Justice, one Chief Justice and Judicial Interns, each appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada to serve a two-year term. The Senior Associate Justice will be the Associate Justice who has served the longest on the council. In an instance where all Associate Justices are appointed at the same time, it is up to the Chief Justice's discretion to appoint a Senior Associate Justice. The only qualification to serve in these positions is to be a member of the Association and fulfill the requirements laid out in the constitution.

SECTION 02: ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DUTIES

The Duties of an Associate Justice include, but are not limited to:

- a) Interpret the legal and governing documents of the Associated Students of the University of the Nevada.
- b) Hear all charges brought against the executive and legislative branches of the Association.
- c) Review past decisions of previous Judicial Councils in order to establish foundation for precedent.
- d) Meet no less than twice per semester to discuss and review matters of legality and constitutionality within the Association.
- e) Administer oaths of office as necessary to officers in the Association whenever the Chief Justice is not available.
- f) The Chief Justice shall oversee the Judicial Internship Program responsibilities include: managing interns, creating and executing, the curriculum for the Judicial Interns.
- g) Ask to be relieved from all matters concerning a hearing if at any time the officer recognizes that the officer possesses a conflict of interest.
- h) Review all rulings made by the Chief Justice during a hearing if an objection is raised.

SECTION 03: SENIOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

In addition to all of the duties of Associate Justice, the duties of the Senior Associate Justice include, but are not limited to:

- a. Assume the duties of the Chief Justice in an instance of the Chief's absence.
- b. Act as the interim Chief Justice in a judicial hearing in an instance where the Chief Justice possesses a conflict of interest.
- c. Sit on the Elections Violations Appeal Commission.

SECTION ~~03~~ 04: CHIEF JUSTICE DUTIES

In addition to all of the duties of Associate Justice, the duties of Chief Justice include, but are not limited to:

- a) Delegate operating duties of the Judicial Council as defined in SAS 302 to Associate Justices.
- b) Determine operating procedures for the Judicial Branch not defined in the governing documents of the Association.
- c) Set guidelines for Judicial Council training
- d) Administer oaths of office as necessary to officers in the Association.
- e) Present a new appointment to the Senate within the following two weeks of said committee or Senate meeting if an executive appointment is reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on Oversight or if an appointee is not passed by the Senate, or in the event that the Chief Justice unable to find a qualified candidate within those two weeks the Chief Justice must present to the Committee on Oversight and explain the circumstances.
- f) **Administer the appointment of a Senior Associate Justice**
- ~~f~~ g) Ask to be relieved from all matters concerning a hearing if at any time the Chief Justice recognizes that the Chief Justice possesses a conflict of interest.
- ~~g~~ h) Assign a Justice to consult with the participants in a hearing regarding procedural matters and aid in the smooth progression of prehearing matters if the Council accepts a case.
- ~~h~~ i) Be responsible for calling all meetings, arranging all hearings of the Council, conducting all meetings, and maintaining order at hearings and to be generally responsible for all administrative functions of the Council.
- ~~i~~ j) Maintain attendance records of the Council, propose the Council's budget to the Senate, report to the Senate on the status of pending cases, and any other duties within Title III.302.1.
- ~~j~~ k) Review Judicial Internship candidates for eligibility with the assistance of the administrative faculty of the Center for Student Engagement.
- ~~k~~ l) Plan, organize, and execute the curriculum of the Judicial Internship Program to include:
 - 1) Produce the education components twice a semester to include sentiments such as:
reviewing past cases and discussing the pros and cons, finding an area of the legal documents that the interns are interested in and becoming an expert of that section, administering oaths, interpreting ASUN legal documents.
 - 2) Presentations or guest speakers that increase the learning mission of the program.

Coordinate a system where interns will rotate between the Chief and Associated Justices to achieve their highest potential and learn about all aspects of the Judicial Branch of the Association.