

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session
Agenda for Tuesday, December 3, 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 To Amend Section 7 Of The Elections Code in the Statutes of the Associated Students**

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**

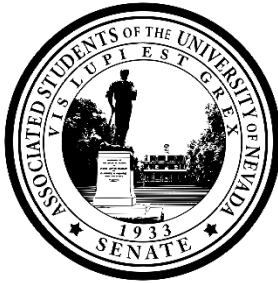
Senators sitting on the committee will report their work on projects and creating legislation.

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8. ADJOURNMENT**9. NOTES.**

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87th SESSION
2019-2020

S. B. 87-

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE IN THE STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATED
STUDENTS

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 17th, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DAVENPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

A BILL

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE IN THE STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATED
STUDENTS

1 *Whereas*, The Statues of the Associated Students, Title VII, Chapter 702, Section 7,
2 Subsection A, details the Candidate Filing period for applicants applying for a Senate position;

3 *Whereas*, The Candidate Filing period is only open five (5) days from 8am Monday to 5pm
4 Friday;

5 *Whereas*, The Candidate Filing period should be more aligned with open vacancies of
6 Senate positions throughout a session;

7 *Whereas*, In the Senate Rules for the 87th Session, Rule II: Membership of Senate, Section C, it
8 details the appointment to fill vacant seats;

9 *Whereas*, In Section C it states that an open Senate seat must be advertised for two (2)
10 consecutive weeks;

11 *Whereas*, Open Senate seats are open for a minimum of two (2) weeks to get applicants to apply
12 for the vacant position;

13 *Whereas*, Extending the Candidate Filing period to align with the vacant Senate seat minimum
14 timeframe of two (2) weeks would be beneficial to future Senators;

15 *Whereas*, Two (2) weeks would give applicants more time to apply for all vacant Senate
16 positions;

17 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, Addendum A is added to the Statues
18 of the Associated Students.

Addendum A

CHAPTER 702: ELECTIONS CODE

SECTION 07: CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

a) TIME FRAME

- 1) The Filing Period for candidates shall open at 8 a.m. on the **seventh eighth** Monday before General Elections commence.
- 2) The Filing Period for candidates shall close at 5 p.m. **on the second** Friday after the Filing Period opens.

b) CANDIDATE FILING FORM:

- 1) Each candidate shall file a Candidate Filing Form with the Director of Elections and Democratic Education during the Filing Period. Candidates for all positions must indicate their desire to run by completing an official Candidate Filing Form during the Filing Period.
- 2) The Candidate Filing Form shall be provided by the Director of Elections and Democratic Education and made available to the public.
- 3) Candidate Filing Forms may be filed online via the ASUN official website.
- 4) The Candidate Filing Form shall include:
 - i. The candidate's name as it is to appear on the election ballot;
 - ii. The office the Candidate is seeking;
 - iii. Contact information of the candidate; iv. A list of campaign managers or individuals who are directly affiliated with the candidate's campaign;

Eligibility Requirement Verification:
An electronic signature or acknowledgement that informs the candidate giving permission only for the Associate Director of **the** Center for Student Engagement, or designee, to verify the candidate's GPA and credit load to determine whether that candidate is eligible for elections.

 - v. Candidate Platform or Statement
 - vi. A statement relating that the candidate is responsible for all information contained in the Elections **s** Code and the information that will also be presented at the Candidates' Meeting.

c) DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWAL:

- 1) Candidates may withdraw their name from the election by filing a written notice with the Center for Student Engagement Staff stating their withdrawal.
- 2) The deadline for withdrawing from the Primary Elections shall be the end of the Candidates' Meeting.
- 3) The deadline for withdrawing from the General Elections shall be five (5) business days prior to the General Elections **s**.

d) DEPOSIT:

- 1) The Candidates for all positions shall be required to submit a **fifty-dollar** (\$50.00) **campaign** deposit
- 2) The deposit shall be used to coerce compliance by the candidates of the provisions contained within the Elections **s** Code.
- 3) Some or all of the deposit may be withheld due to noncompliance of the Elections **s** Code.

- 4) The remainder of the deposit will be returned to the candidates following the certification of the election results if no cases are pending due to noncompliance of the Elections Code.
- 5) Any candidate that fails to submit their campaign deposit to the designated location by the designated date and time may be removed from the election effective immediately per the authority of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education.