

# Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session  
Agenda for Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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- A Bill to Amend Chapter 205 of the Statutes of the Associated Students**

The committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

### b. **S.B. 87- A Bill to Amend Chapter 701 of the Statutes of Associated Students**

The committee will discuss and considerably favorably recommending the legislation.

### c. **S.B. 87- An Act to Create the Appeal to the Campaign Deposit**

The committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

### d. **S.B. 87- A Bill to Change the Club Membership Minimums in the Governing Documents**

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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.

**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.



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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2019-2020

**S. Bill. 87-**

**A Bill to Amend Chapter 205 of the Statutes of the Associated Students**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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NOVEMBER 15, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MURPHY TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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**A Bill**

**To Amend Title II, Chapter 205 of the Statutes of the Associated Students**

1     *Whereas*, Title II, Chapter 205 of the S.A.S outlines the creation and duties of the Attorney  
2     General;

3     *Whereas*, Title VII, Chapter 701 of the S.A.S, Elections, contained duties of the Attorney  
4     General not found in the Attorney General’s section: Title VII, Chapter 205, Section 02: Duties;

5     *Whereas*, the differing job duties for the Attorney General found in both Chapters 701 and 205  
6     need to be placed in one location, Title II, Chapter 205, Section 02: Duties;

7     *Whereas*, having the duties of the Attorney General in one location will help with issues of  
8     accountability and transparency;

9     *Be it enacted*, that Senate of the Associated Students amend the Statutes of the Associated  
10    Students Title II, Chapter 205 to reflect the changes in Addendum A.

## CHAPTER 205: ATTORNEY GENERAL

### SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby an Attorney General, appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate.

### SECTION 02: DUTIES

The duties of the Attorney General are:

- a) The Attorney General shall issue advisory opinions concerning the law, legislation, or any other act of the Association.
- b) Copies of the Attorney General's opinions will be distributed to the President, Vice President, and all Senators. The opinions are to also be made available to anyone upon request.
- c) All requests for the Attorney General to issue advisory opinions must be made in writing except those made on the Senate floor.
- d) To update and distribute the Constitution for the purpose of engrossing any Constitutional Amendments as passed by the Association and approved by the Board of Regents. The Attorney General is designated the responsibility to publish current editions of the Associated Student's Constitution.
- e) The Attorney General shall act as President if, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability, or failure to qualify, there is no President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, Director of Clubs and Organizations, or Director of Programming to act as President.
- f) The Attorney General shall investigate alleged violations of the Election Code and prosecute offenders before the Judicial Council.
- g) The Attorney General shall prosecute any case, at the Attorney Generals **or Judicial Council's** ~~own~~ discretion, filed by a third party, even in cases where the plaintiff seeks to dismiss the charge.
- h) The Attorney General shall act as the representative **of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education** ~~of the Commission~~ before the ASUN Judicial Council.
- i) The Attorney General shall ensure that all regulations concerning petitions are followed fully.
- j) The Attorney General shall deliver **and provide for** all petitions **(for each election) or for initiative and referendums** to the President of the Associated Students **and the Director of Elections and Democratic Education** before the Candidates' Meeting.
- k) The Attorney General shall assist any student interested in writing a petition for initiative and referendum.
- ~~l) The Attorney General shall provide all of the petitions for each election to the Director of Elections and Democratic Education before the Candidates' Meeting~~
- ~~m)~~ **l)** The Attorney General shall certify that a petition question is an impartial and accurate description of the proposal and shall assign the petition an Official Name and Number, to, if the petition creates a law, prepare an Official Summary of the petition, to confer with the office of Legal Counsel or designee for approval of language on questions of student fees, and to create the petition and return to the Primary Proponent three (3) copies of the petition.
- ~~n)~~ **m)** The Attorney General shall verify that there are a sufficient number of valid signatures on each petition, by checking the student status of each person who signed the petition, to immediately notify the Primary Proponent(s) if the verifying official discovers that the

petition submitted lacks sufficient valid signatures, and to preserve the petition for the same time period as the Director of Elections and Democratic Education preserves the ballots for the election for which the petition qualified or attempted to qualify for placement on the ballot.

- ⇒ n) The Attorney General shall notify Candidates and all others cited of charges during elections.
- ⇒ o) The Attorney General shall supervise ballot tabulation.
- ⇒ p) The Attorney General shall release the election results as soon as possible.
- ⇒ q) The Attorney General shall attend or send a representative to all physical polling locations and places where ballots are kept and tabulated, provided such representative is not a candidate or agent in the election.
- ⇒ r) To carry out other functions and duties as required under the constitution and laws
- ⇒ s) The Attorney General shall not prosecute any case to which the Attorney General is a party or in which the Attorney General has an interest in the outcome as described in subsection 3, Title III, Chapter 302, Rule 3a. When such a conflict occurs, the Chair of Government Operations shall act as a special prosecutor to act as and perform the elections duties of the Attorney General insofar as the Attorney General's conflict is concerned.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
2019-2020

**S. Bill. 87-**

**A Bill to Amend Chapter 701 of the Statutes of the Associated Students**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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NOVEMBER 15, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR MURPHY TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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**A Bill**

**To Amend Title VII, Chapter 701 of the Statutes of the Associated Students**

1       *Whereas*, Title VII, Chapter 701 of the S.A.S outlines the ASUN Elections;

2       *Whereas*, the establishment of the elections was not explicitly outlined in the S.A.S. under Section 3  
3 01: Establishment;

4       *Whereas*, many of the job duties of the Attorney General outlined in this chapter were repeated from  
5 Chapter 205, the origin of their stated duties, and were therefore not needed to be repeated;

6       *Whereas*, Section 03: Composition of this chapter only reflected the duties of the Attorney  
7 General with no respect to the position of Director of Elections and Democratic Education, even though  
8 that position is explicitly mentioned many times in the S.A.S.;

9       *Whereas*, the Director of Elections and Democratic Engagement position is a position hired by the  
10 Center for Student Engagement Staff;

1       *Whereas*, Section 04: Composition of Duties shown in Addendum A now outlines the duties for the  
2 Director of Elections and Democratic Education so the transparency of the position can be states in  
3 ASUN governing documents;

4       *Be it enacted*, that Senate of the Associated Students amend the Statutes of the Associated Students  
5 Title VII, Chapter 701 to reflect the changes in Addendum A.

# TITLE VII: ELECTIONS

## CHAPTER 701: ELECTIONS

### SECTION 01: ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established elections of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

~~The facilitation of elections of the Association shall be implemented collectively by student employees of the Center for Student Engagement as well as the Attorney General of the Association.~~

### SECTION 02: MISSION

The mission of the facilitation of elections is to provide for a fair and efficient election for the Association. The facilitation of elections provides an avenue for motivated Nevada students to start their understanding of a career in public service. Students become engaged locally as well as nationally and are instilled with a deep sense of leadership and civic responsibility that contributes to the development of engaged citizens.

### SECTION 03: ~~COMPOSITION~~ FACILITATION

The facilitation of elections of the Association shall be implemented collectively by Director of Elections and Democratic Education hired by the Center for Student Engagement as well as the Attorney General of the Association.

~~The Attorney General shall have the following duties with respect to elections:~~

- ~~a) To investigate alleged violations of the Election Code and prosecute offenders before the Judicial Council.~~
- ~~b) To prosecute any case, at the Judicial Councils discretion, filed by a third party, even in cases where the plaintiff seeks to dismiss the charge.~~
- ~~c) To act as the representative of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education before the ASUN Judicial Council.~~
- ~~d) To ensure that all regulations concerning petitions are followed fully.~~
- ~~e) To deliver all petitions for initiative and referendum to the Director of Elections and Democratic Education before the Candidates' Meeting.~~
- ~~f) To carry out such other functions and duties as required under the constitution and laws.~~
- ~~g) The Attorney General shall not prosecute any case to which the Attorney General is a party or in which the Attorney General has an interest in the outcome as described in subsection 3, Title III, Chapter 302, Rule 3a. When such a conflict occurs, the Chair of Government Operations shall act as a special prosecutor to act as and perform the elections duties of the Attorney General insofar as the Attorney General's conflict is concerned.~~

**SECTION 04: COMPOSITION OF DUTIES**

The Attorney General shall be involved in the ASUN Election Process with their following duties outlined in Chapter 205: Attorney General.

The following shall be considered the duties of the Director of Elections and Democratic Education:

- a) To execute the facilitation of the elections that are in accordance to the Election Code and the Association's Constitution.
- b) To facilitate the logistics of elections, including but not limited to outreach, planning workshops, building coalitions for the betterment of the elections, interpreting the SAS and Constitution, and ensuring elections are fair, equal, inclusive, and democratic.
- c) To plan all dates, deadlines, finance dues, marketing, and initiatives pertaining to elections.
- d) To create programming and initiatives that aims to educate students about democratic engagement in local, state, and national politics.

This position is to be hired by the Center for Student Engagement Professional Staff.

Updates to duties in their position shall be reflected and amended in this section.

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S. B. 87-

AN ACT TO CREATE THE APPEAL TO THE CAMPAIGN DEPOSIT

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DAVENPORT AND SENATOR HALL ON BEHALF OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MOORE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS LITTLE, AND DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS  
HALL TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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**A BILL**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE APPEAL TO THE CAMPAIGN DEPOSIT

1           *Whereas*, 65 percent of undergraduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno receive  
2 financial aid to attend the institution;<sup>1</sup>

3           *Whereas*, 7 out of 10 college students feel stressed about their personal finances according to a  
4 national survey;<sup>2</sup>

5           *Whereas*, Almost 60 percent of college students said they worried about not having enough  
6 money to pay for school and monthly expenses;

7           *Whereas*, Students affected by financial barriers feel like they can't run in the ASUN elections;

8           *Whereas*, there is currently no aid given to students in the Associated Students of the University  
9 of Nevada's (ASUN) elections process;

10           *Whereas*, College students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds are at a higher risk of  
11 accruing student loan debt burdens that exceed the national average;<sup>3</sup>

12           *Whereas*, the campaign deposit is a barrier to students of low socioeconomic status, hindering  
13 their ability to run for a position in the ASUN elections;

14           *Whereas*, No Walls 2025 has a goal of breaking down the "civic wall" and to do that we must  
15 "Increase voluntary civic engagement opportunities for students and student groups";<sup>4</sup>

16           *Whereas*, in order to increase voluntary civic engagement opportunities, we must rid of any  
17 barriers that hinder such opportunities;

18           *Whereas*, in order to promote equity within the association, creating an appeals process will make  
19 it fair for students regardless of socioeconomic status to run for a position in the ASUN elections;

20           *Whereas*, Title VII: Elections Code, section 7, subsection d, item 1, gives another option to the  
21 campaign deposit;

22           *Whereas*, Title VII: Elections Code, section 7, subsection e, establishes the Campaign Deposit  
23 Appeal;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid/frequently-asked-questions>

<sup>2</sup> <https://news.osu.edu/70-percent-of-college-students-stressed-about-finances/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.apa.org/pi/ses/resources/publications/education>

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

1       *Whereas*, Title VII: Elections Code, section 7 subsection e, item 1 gives all candidates the ability  
2 to be eligible to apply for a campaign deposit appeal;

3       *Whereas*, Title VII: Elections Code, section 7 subsection e, item 2 establishes the duty of the  
4 Associate Director for the Center of Student Engagement to have access to student information  
5 granting them permission to be considered for an appeal;

6       *Whereas*, Title VII: Elections Code, section 7 subsection e, item 3 establishes that it is the duty  
7 of the Director of Elections, Attorney General, and Chief Justice to choose who is granted an appeal;

8       *Whereas*, Title VII: Elections Code, section 7 subsection e, item 4 declares that the Center for  
9 Student Engagement has the authority to charge the candidate’s student account in an instance of  
10 noncompliance with the elections code;

11       *Whereas*, Title VII: Elections Code, section 7 subsection e, item 4 declares that the candidate  
12 must submit their request for an appeal by the given deadline or will forfeit their eligibility for the  
13 appeal;

14       *Be it resolved*, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada adopt Addendum A to  
15 the Statutes of the Associated Students.

16       *Be it further resolved*, that this legislation be sent to the Director of Elections, Associate Director  
17 of the Center for Student Engagement, and the Director of the Center for Student Engagement.

## Addendum A

### 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 Election 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 Election.
- d) DEPOSIT:
  - 1) The Candidates for all positions shall be required to submit a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) deposit, **unless granted an appeal.**
  - 2) The deposit shall be used to coerce compliance by the candidates of the provisions contained within the Election Code.
  - 3) Some or all of the deposit may be withheld due to noncompliance of the Election 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 Election 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.

e) DEPOSIT APPEAL:

1. The Candidates for all positions will be eligible to submit a campaign deposit appeal request.
2. A candidate's eligibility to be considered for an appeal will be up to the discretion of the Associate Director of the Center for Student Engagement.
3. A candidate's eligibility to be granted an appeal will be up to the discretion of the Director of Elections, Attorney General, and Chief Justice.
4. In a case of noncompliance with the Election Code, the Center for Student Engagement has the authority to charge the candidate's student account given the proper sanction.
5. Any candidate that fails to submit a request for a campaign deposit appeal by the designated date will not be eligible for the appeal.

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
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**S. B. 87-**  
**A Bill to Change the Club  
Membership Minimums in  
the Governing Documents**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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NOVEMBER 15, 2019

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DOYLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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**A Bill**  
**To Change the Club Membership Minimums in the Governing Documents**

1       *Whereas*, the current club membership minimum to be recognized as an official club or  
2 organization is 10 students;

3       *Whereas*, when looking at other peer institutions, the average club membership minimum is  
4 anywhere between 5 to 7 members;

5       *Whereas*, by reducing the minimum number of members needed to create and maintain an active  
6 club, more students will be able to participate in clubs and organizations;

1       *Whereas*, according to student feedback collected by the Department of Clubs and Orgs, when  
2 creating a new club, finding the current requirement of ten members can be difficult;

3       *Whereas*, first-year and incoming students may feel less inclined to create a club due to the  
4 possibility of not having enough members to fulfill the requirement;

5       *Whereas*, according to *No Walls 2025: A Student Vision for the University of Nevada*, “Additional  
6 efforts should be made to increase the number of clubs and [the] amount of students involved in  
7 them, and should also assist in club development to improve their quality;”<sup>5</sup>

8       *Whereas*, by lowering the minimum number of students required to maintain or create a club,  
9 more students will be able to start clubs and organizations, which creates more options and chances  
10 to get involved for the students at the University of Nevada, Reno;

11       *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, the club membership minimum be reduced from  
12 10 members to 7 members;

13       *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that the Department of Clubs and  
14 Organizations Procedure Manual reflect **Addendum A**;

15       *Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, the Statutes of the Associated Students  
16 (SAS) reflect **Addendum B**

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<sup>5</sup> <http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/02142829/No-Walls-2025-AStudentVisOnForTheUniversityOfNevadaReno1.pdf>

Addendum A

**TITLE VII. STANDING OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Chapter A. Recognition and Approval of New Clubs and Organizations**

*Section 2* Recognition shall be based on the following:

- vii. Clubs or organizations must have no less than seven (7) undergraduate students, enrolled in seven (7) or more credits, as members, and officers shall be undergraduate student members.

**Chapter B. Renewal of Clubs and Organizations**

*Section 1* Clubs and organizations shall update officer contact information, reconfirm advisor(s), and register seven (7) students on the club or organization's GivePulse page on or before Prep Day in the Spring semester (in preparation for the upcoming Fall semester).

Addendum B

**SECTION 08: RECOGNITION OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- a) Any group of at least seven (7) undergraduate students enrolled in at least seven (7) credits may petition for the recognition by ASUN. Recognition shall be granted based on the club or organization's compliance with the following terms and conditions:
  - 6) The club or organization must have at least seven (7) undergraduate students enrolled in at least seven (7) credits to become members on the club or organization's GivePulse page.